

## Raleigh Hawks Baseball 2023

### Commitment Letter

All players and parents participating with Raleigh Hawks baseball are required to sign and submit this Commitment Letter to the Raleigh Hawks to be accepted onto the team. The commitment is for the 2019-20 school season.

While we understand that homeschoolers have other commitments and may have obligations to other events, players must make a reasonable effort to attend ALL the practice sessions and games, including post-season tournaments they are eligible for. If you have any specific questions about this portion of the commitment please address them with Coach Matt before signing this letter.

#### Players

- I agree to give 100% effort in all of my training, practices and games
- I understand that games and practices are mandatory, as well as post season tournaments; and that there may be game time consequences for absenteeism.
- I agree to be respectful of my coaches, teammates, parents, siblings, fans, umpires, opponents, equipment and facilities at all times.
- I agree to seek to put Christ first in my attitude toward my teammates and will be supportive of their efforts as brothers in Christ.

#### Parents

- I agree to be positive and supportive of my child and his teammates. I understand that they are making a significant commitment to the Raleigh Hawks and I will support that commitment in a positive way.
- I agree to respect the coaches' decisions with respect to my son's development and participation as a baseball player. I will not talk about the coaches behind their backs or engage the other parents in such discussions. I will address concerns directly with the coach or coaches I may have issue with.
- I agree not talk to or treat other players on the team negatively based upon their play, effort, etc.

I have read and understand the above:

Player \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

Parent \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

Parent \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

## Hawks Team Policies

### Court Time and Substitutions During Games

The Hawks are not an everyone-plays-every-game program. Payments and team fees do not constitute any guarantee of play time during games. Players earn game time by their ability to benefit the team while in the game. Coaches reserve the sole right to start or substitute players to best accomplish what is needed for the team to succeed at that particular time in the game. Though we understand the need for all players to benefit from game experience--and do substitute accordingly--in close contests, with equal or superior opponents, players are not substituted for that purpose but, rather, to strengthen the team's opportunity to win. The Hawks' program is designed to bring our boys to a higher level in their personal play and to develop the Christian male characteristics of leadership, excellence, courage, dedication and loyalty. Even with limited play time, we hope these characteristics are inspired through the hard work and fellowship with the team in practices and at games. We feel that game experience time is not only a fair reward for those who have excelled most in these areas but also motivates others to emulate the character and develop the skills needed to earn recognition as a needed participant for the team's success. If game time experience is your main concern for your son and you or he would not be happy with the experience of being a member of the Hawks should he not get consistent, regular playing time, you may want to reconsider your participation in our program.

### Ministry Roles

Hawks baseball is a father led ministry of The Christian Community. The purpose of the program is to encourage the sons through male mentorship to be strong leaders for Christ. We feel that church programs are biblically sound and get best results when dads are at the helm and the mothers in supportive roles. Therefore, positions of authority, coaching, and leadership are reserved for the men only. In order to encourage team fellowship and Christian maturity, players may be required to attend at least one Radical Wednesday event and one community service event.

I have read and understand the above:

Parent \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

Parent \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

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