

TRI-CITY TRIDENTS

2027 Parent & Player Agreement

Faith • Family • Character • Baseball

1. Our Mission & Christ-Centered Foundation

At Tri-City Tridents, we believe baseball is about more than developing great athletes. Our mission is to help young men grow in character, confidence, discipline, responsibility, and leadership, both on and off the field.

We are a Christ-centered youth baseball organization where faith influences how we coach, compete, lead, and treat others. We welcome players and families from all backgrounds and beliefs. Participation does not require a specific religious belief, but we ask everyone to respect our Christian foundation and the values upon which our organization was built.

Our goal is to create a positive, competitive, and supportive environment where players, coaches, and families work together to develop strong athletes and even stronger young men.

2. Player Character, Conduct & Responsibility

Representing the Tri-City Tridents comes with the responsibility to demonstrate respect, effort, accountability, and good sportsmanship.

Players are expected to:

- Arrive on time, prepared, and ready to participate in practices and games.
- Give their best effort, remain coachable, and respect their coaches and teammates.
- Encourage teammates, take responsibility for mistakes, and respond to adversity with maturity.
- Show respect toward umpires, opponents, coaches, and others.
- Demonstrate self-control and avoid inappropriate language, bullying, taunting, or disrespectful behavior.
- Never throw bats, helmets, gloves, or other equipment out of frustration.

We teach our players the mindset **“Next pitch. Next play.”** Mistakes are part of baseball. What matters is how we respond, learn, and move forward.

When expectations are not met, coaches may address the behavior through appropriate corrective action, including conversations with the player and parents, reduced playing opportunities, or temporary removal from an activity, depending on the circumstances.

Our goal is not simply to correct behavior, but to help players develop character, accountability, and resilience.

3. Player Development & Position Opportunities

At Tri-City Tridents, we encourage players to take ownership of their development, work hard, and communicate directly with their coaches about their goals.

Players interested in learning or developing at a new position are encouraged to approach their coach **before or after practice**, rather than during games or active instruction.

We want players to respectfully share what they have been working on and how they would like to contribute to the team.

For example: “Coach, I’ve been working on my pitching, and I’d really like an opportunity to show you how much I’ve improved and how I can help the team.”

Our coaching staff values initiative, preparation, coachability, and a willingness to learn. Expressing interest does not guarantee playing time at a particular position, but coaches will consider each player's development, readiness, safety, and the needs of the team.

Our goal is to teach players to advocate for themselves respectfully, take initiative, and understand that opportunities are earned through preparation and a team-first attitude.

4. Playing Time & Team Commitment

At Tri-City Tridents, we believe every player deserves the opportunity to learn, develop, and contribute to their team.

As a competitive tournament baseball organization, playing time and defensive positions will not always be equal. Coaching decisions are based on player development, effort, attitude, preparation, safety, individual readiness, and the needs of the team.

Our coaching staff is committed to providing meaningful opportunities for every player throughout the season. However, equal playing time, specific positions, and participation in every game are not guaranteed.

We encourage players to earn opportunities through consistent effort, coachability, teamwork, and a positive attitude.

Our goal is for every player to finish the season having grown in skill, confidence, character, and understanding of the game.

5. Parent & Family Expectations

Parents and families play an important role in shaping our team culture. We ask everyone representing the Tridents to demonstrate respect, encouragement, and good sportsmanship.

Families are expected to:

- Cheer for and encourage all players while allowing coaches to provide instruction during practices and games.
- Respect umpires, opposing teams, coaches, players, and other families. Allow coaches to address game-related matters with officials.
- Remain in designated spectator areas unless there is an emergency or a coach specifically requests assistance.
- Keep parents, siblings, and other spectators out of the dugout. Authorized GameChanger volunteers may enter when needed to assist with scorekeeping.
- Refrain from inappropriate language, disrespectful behavior, or negative comments toward players, coaches, or officials.
- Support team expectations and help create a welcoming, positive environment for every family.

Gum and sunflower seeds are not permitted in the dugout.

We encourage families to cheer loudly, celebrate great plays, and support the boys while allowing coaches to do the coaching.

6. Communication & the 24-Hour Rule

We value open, respectful communication between families and our coaching staff.

If a parent has concerns regarding playing time, coaching decisions, player development, or other game-related matters, we ask that they allow a **24-hour cooling-off period following the game** before requesting a discussion.

After that period, parents may arrange a conversation with the coaching staff before or after practice or communicate through appropriate team channels, including GameChanger.

We encourage players to communicate directly with coaches about their individual development whenever appropriate.

Urgent concerns involving player safety, bullying, or misconduct should be reported immediately and are not subject to the 24-hour rule.

Our goal is to address concerns respectfully, constructively, and with the best interests of our players and team in mind.

7. Our Shared Commitment

The culture of the Tri-City Tridents is shaped by all of us—coaches, players, parents, siblings, and families.

We want to challenge our players, hold them accountable, encourage their growth, and celebrate their accomplishments. We ask families to support this mission by modeling respect, kindness, responsibility, and good sportsmanship.

Together, we can create an environment where players feel supported, challenged, and proud to represent the Tridents.

We are building more than baseball. We are shaping the future.

“Be an example to all believers in what you say, in the way you live, in your love, your faith, and your purity.” — 1 Timothy 4:12 (NLT)

Thank you for helping us build the culture and future of the Tri-City Tridents.

Tri-City Tridents Organization & Coaching Staff