



Coaching Staff:

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Coaches: Hank Mattox

Uniforms:

As a member of the Stetson Hills Stealth you will pay a 250.00 start up fee. this will cover the costs associated with the purchase of the equipment below. Left over Monies from the initial fee will be placed into a fund for the coaches to purchase equipment for the team I.e, balls, practice aides etc.

2 Game Jerseys 1 yours to keep black 1 team owned white

1 Hat (yours to keep)

2 Practice jersey (yours to keep)

1 Mizuno Batting Helmet (your to keep)

2 Game pants yours to provide one pair of Grey one pair of White preferably Mizuno

Each player must wear BLACK cleats, socks and belt at all times any other baseball accessories must be black I.e, wrist bands.

Property of the SH Stealth must be returned before a release will be granted to the player. Please read the commitment portion for the rules regarding the return of SH Stealth Property.

Monthly Dues:

The SH Stealth monthly dues are 120.00 dollars. This money will fund tournaments, practice and scrimmages only. This fund will not be used for any other team needs. Tournaments vary in cost, an average tournament charge is about 500.00 each practice is approximately 30.00, scrimmages are approximately 50.00 per game. there are ways to save, and we will take advantage these ways by paying by check as opposed to online fees or entering with two other Stealth teams for group discounting etc. All money saved will be banked in the fund, so that dues will not have to be adjusted for the more expensive tournaments down the road. Monthly dues need to be paid by the first week of each month.

Other Financial Info:

In regards to your start up fee and monthly dues. It shall be understood that, your son has paid for expenses only. No manager coaches or assistants receive any compensation and all tournament fees are divided equally. Your son is here to learn and develop the advanced skills necessary to play club baseball, he did not pay to play.



Dear Stealth Parent(s)

The Stealth Coaches wanted to take this opportunity to put into writing our coaching philosophy and our goals for your child as well as the Stealth team for this season. Youth baseball can be an exciting and fun opportunity to learn new skills, make new friends and have fun while competing. As fun as it can be for your child, different expectations from the coaches, parents and the player can take away from the overall positive experience in a number of ways. As you read through this guide please make sure that our philosophy meets with your expectations of what you want for your child as well as your belief on how a team should be run. If not this is your opportunity to let us know.

Coaching Philosophy:

- We believe that kids gain confidence and a love for the game through positive feedback from parents, coaches and other players. Skill level develops at different rates for kids, but effort and having fun can always be achieved. We try to always provide positive feedback for effort received.
- We think that it is important that our coaches take more than a casual interest in the players. We strive to talk to all the players one on one at some point during practices and games. We want them to know that we are interested in what they have to say, we would like to create an environment that opens communication and leaves the players with an understanding that the coaches like them as a person.
- We believe in trying to make practices fun and entertaining for the kids as possible, while providing detailed instruction and following up with scenario based repetition to enhance their baseball skills. We have found that kids expect and respond well to structured and organized practices. Attention span is often limited at this age group, so we will keep them engaged by utilizing multiple instructional stations at each practice.
- Teamwork and developing friendships is an important part of any team sport. We always encourage the kids to be supportive of their teammates and stress the importance of a positive attitude towards one another.
- Competition is an important element of any sport and as kids grow they naturally become more competitive. Losing is part of the game. It is up to us as parents and coaches to help the boys develop the ability to deal with competition in a healthy way and it is important that we stress EFFORT and ATTITUDE is our focus. Knowing how to lose is as important as knowing how to win.

We will work on teaching the fundamentals and skills during practice, but we strongly believe the game belongs to the boys. We will give instruction during the game if we feel it will help with their performance, but in general we will try to let them enjoy the game. We understand the boys don't always respond well to be told what they did wrong during the game, however a more subtle or no approach at all will be taken during games. We hope as parents you will do the same. At this age one missed ground ball can ruin the game experience for some kids. If your child misses a ground ball, tell them how proud you were of the effort they put forth to get in front of it. Strive to make them feel good about their contribution. Our goal is to have every child feel that they played a great game that day regardless of the outcome.

"Talent Wins Games, Teamwork Wins Championships"

Objectives:

With this age group we have 5 primary coaching objectives which we believe are equally important.

1. Help your child develop the skills necessary to be successful at this level, while preparing you child for the next level.
2. To have fun and develop a love for the game.
3. Learn about the importance and practice the ideals of teamwork and sportsmanship.
4. Give positive reinforcement based on effort rather than results.
5. Provide a safe healthy environment for all the kids on the team.

Playing Time and Positions:

Our philosophy is to put the kids in a position where the SH Stealth coaching staff feels they, as well as the team will have the most success. Kids will typically play a variety of positions at this age and are always encouraged to learn more. This is a competitive youth baseball team and as such there are no guarantees made in regards to where your child may play. The dead stick rule, is the rule in which the lowest performing hitter(s) in the current tournament may be used as the substitute during the semi finals to enhance the Stealths opportunities to advance to the finals. The player(s) being the sub for the semis will be returned to the line up for the finals and may be subbed in during the semis as a courtesy runner, defensive player or back into the hitting line up at the Managers discretion.

Team Rules and Discipline:

Please see the attached documents for Player Code of Conduct as well as Parent Code of Conduct.



Stetson Hill Stealth 10u 2011-2012 Player / Parent Code of Conduct

Members of the SH Stealth 10u Baseball Club will conduct themselves in manner as outlined in the following Code:

1. **Playing time:** All players are here to learn concepts and fundamentals of advanced baseball. All players chosen to play on the Stealth are already considered to be elite players at their age level. Players are expected to continue to grow and develop at an above average pace. Players must be willing to put in the extra work at home to overcome deficiencies. Players will be awarded playing positions by the Manager that best suits the needs of the team. Players are expected to learn all positions and how it relates and interacts to the position they are playing. Each player is responsible for their attitude and commitment to playing hard and having fun, while maintaining a selfless team player mentality.
2. **Player Expectations:** The Stetson Hills Stealth strongly believe these in expectations at all practices and games.
 - Have fun and give your best effort at all times. 100 percent 100 percent of the time.
 - The Stealth, expect players to show coaches, parent and teammates respect at all times. We are one team dividing will not be tolerated.
 - Spend time outside of practice playing watching and learning baseball.
3. **Respecting the Game:**
 - We will cheer for the Stealth and their play and not harass the opponent's team or umpires for their performances before, during or after any game. We all represent the SH Stealth on and off the field and will strive to conduct ourselves accordingly.
 - Realize the umpires are attempting to do the best job they can do to call the game fairly, but it is up to the players and coaches to win or lose the game.
 - No OUTBURSTS of any kind at any time will be exhibited on the field or in the dugout! We win and lose as a team no one will individually place blame on themselves or any other member of the team at any time. pouting, crying, helmet throwing, bat slamming will be dealt with immediately and will be met with extreme consequence. Any player engaging in this type of behavior will be removed from the game until their mental state returns to normal. It is important to note, that it will not matter as to how important your role is at the time of the occurrence and if you let your team down as a result altering the outcome of the game a more serious look at the situation will be called for and could result in a 1 game suspension.
 - Understand that coaching is not a science and that all coaches will make mistakes or unpopular decisions, Stealth Coaches will act with the best intentions of the team and players at all times. Whether the player agrees or not, respect will be shown at all times.
 - Refrain from talking to your parents, grandparents or friends during practices or games.(stay in the dugout during games)
 - No eating in the dugout, parents please do not bring your child food during the game.

4. **Equipment:** Each player is required to be properly equipped at all practices. this includes full uniform with pants (not your game pants) practice jersey, cup, cleats and hats are to be worn at all times. game uniforms are to be clean upon arriving for the first game. The Stealth will wear grey pants on Saturdays and white pants on Sundays. Each player is also responsible for bringing his own water for practice and games.

5. **Player Concerns:** If the Player has any concerns or questions about playing status or any other questions or concern he may speak with the coach freely at practice at any time. (this is not the same for parents) during a game this is not the case for players they will have an understanding of what their role is and will be moved about accordingly they need not ask where they will be playing as it will be announced before each inning. At no time should a player ask to play a position he would not normally play. if a player is requesting the opportunity to play a new position or to work out for a new position this should be discussed after practice with the manager. It is important to note players on this team were selected for their unique talents moves may be very slow to be worked out or not at all.

6. **Parent Concerns:** If there are concerns or questions about your sons status with regards to the SH Stealth, dues or coaches decisions etc., we will follow this protocol. Call or email the manager with your question or concern. if need be a meeting will be set up so both parties can be informed and have a better or clear understanding of the situation and hopefully a resolve any conflict or confusion

7. **Attendance:** Players should be at practice 15 minutes early and are always to be at every game 1 hour early for warm-up. Missing practice is not acceptable, it is incredibly difficult and frustrating to work out the expectations of the players when they are not there. Not only does it hurt the individuals performance but the team as a whole suffers when you miss practice.

8. **Playing with other teams:** As a player for the SH Stealth you may not play for any other 10u club or travel team of any sanction during the course of the 2011-2012 season . If the player requests to play for an 11u team it must be made to the Manager of the SH Stealth and approved before doing so, in addition requests must not conflict with any Stealth practices or events.

9. **Playing other Sports:** Many players on this team have committed to playing baseball year round and have chosen this to be their # 1 sport. Variety is important in the development of athletes and we understand this, we ask that if you chose to play other sports that it not interfere with the ongoings of the SH Stealth.

10. **No Cow Bells:** Most of the rules written in this parent / player code of conduct are a direct result of experiences we have encountered during coaching. It is important to note that we may not have covered everything but some of it is implied. We may also encounter new challenges learn new challenges along the way and reserve the right to add change or alter this document.



Commitment:

By signing the commitment Document the Parents of the Player and the Player understand that the SH Stealth organization holds the players rights to play in USSSA , Super Series and Triple Crown Baseball events in the 10u division. The SH Stealth regard this time frame to be, through the end of Winter Nationals USSSA sanctioning. If the Player or Player's Parents opt to terminate this agreement at anytime, the player will be released 30 days from receipt of written notice to the Manager, provided any and all of SH Stealth property is returned within 7 days, in which case 30 days will commence from the later date. The SH Stealth reserve the right to terminate this agreement at anytime without notice or just cause, in this case an immediate release will be given to the Player.

Player Name _____

Player Signature _____ Date _____ / _____ / 2011__

Parents Name _____

Parents Signature _____ Date _____ / _____ / 2011__