



# Thunder Baseball League



**Goal:** Our goal in Thunder Baseball League’s (“TBL”) Majors Level Competitive Division is to prepare our players for High School Baseball and beyond. Through hard work, persistence, and dedication to teach, coach, and play sound fundamental and aggressive baseball we will reach our goals. It is a collective effort on the part of the players, coaches, parents and the JCJBL (the “League”), which will bring about these obtainable results.

**Philosophy and Commitment to Majors Level Baseball:** This level may require all or part of the following criteria and commitment on the part of each player, parent and coach. If you choose to play, coach or be involved at this level it is understood that you have made that commitment. Please familiarize yourself with TBL’s ‘Rules and Regulations’ (“R & R’s”) as a supplement to this document and also review our codes of conduct contained in the R & R’s. Every Head Coach will be required to have a team meeting shortly after tryouts and before the season starts to outline and set the standards for the team, as prescribed herein.

**0 Level Expectations:**

1. Games begin in late March and may continue into early-August. It is TBL’s desire to prepare these players for High School Baseball.
2. Teams may begin practice in the late fall and practice 7-9 months of the year. Indoor workouts during the winter will be coordinated by the Head Coach to reduce conflicts with other sports.
3. Team fundraising (outside of TBL’s) may be a requirement in order to purchase equipment, pay for tournaments, etc.
4. Tournaments may be played on Memorial and/or July 4<sup>th</sup> weekend as chosen by the Coach or his staff. The Head Coach will set the number of tournaments.
5. The Head Coach and his assistants are there to help your children. Your support and assistance will only enhance his ability to accomplish this goal. Parents are asked to not engage their kids during games especially in the dugout environment, in order for the coaches to have their full attention. Players will remain in dugouts unless directed by a coach or assistants.
6. Parents will refrain from speaking to coaches, before, during or after games with respect to issues involving any player, including play time, position, other team members, strategy, conduct, etc. This is not considered healthy or productive. The proper time is before or after practice, a phone call, or at such time the coach deems appropriate. TBL encourages its players to discuss any concerns directly with the Head Coach.
7. Players/families not able to make a full commitment to the Majors Level environment may be better suited to play either AAA or AA baseball.
8. Playing time is strictly placed under the guidance and direction of the Head Coach and his staff. Players and parents understand that there is no guarantee of playing time, other than the rules as prescribed under the League as it pertains to batting the lineup present at each League game. Tournament and other events are left solely to the discretion of the Head Coach and his staff.
9. Parents can always contact TBL should an issue arise that is beyond the coach or parents’ ability to mediate or come to an equitable agreement.
10. Youth coaches who focus their kids and parents on having fun, learning and being competitive - rather than winning - will have more success this season.
11. Each player will be charged a registration fee at the time of registration. Unless approved by TBL, the registration fee must be paid in full at the time of registration. Tournament fees, player lodging, food and transportation are not included in the registration fee and the players/families will be responsible for these additional fees and expenses.

Coach \_\_\_\_\_ Parent \_\_\_\_\_  
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