



South Lake High School
A Blue Ribbon Exemplary School
21900 East Nine Mile Road
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BASEBALL/SOFTBALL INFORMED CONSENT

This school strives to protect each student from possible injury while engaging in school activities. The guidelines and/or practices identified below have been established for this activity in order to protect the student and others from injury and/or illness. Participants and their parents should recognize that conditioning, nutrition, proper techniques, safety procedures, and well-fitting equipment are important aspects of this training program. Each participant is expected to follow the directions/standards of the coach.

SAFETY RULES to be followed by all participants including but not limited to the following:

1. Travel, to and from off-campus facilities shall be in accordance with the directions of the activity coach.
2. Make certain that you wear all equipment that is issued by the coach. Advise the coach of any poorly-fitted or defective equipment.
3. Advise the coach if you are ill or have any prolonged symptoms of an illness.
4. Advise the coach if you have been injured.
5. Engage in warm-up activities prior to strenuous participation.
6. Be alert for any physical hazards in the locker room or in or around the participation area.
7. Advise the coach of any hazard.
8. Recognize your surroundings, i.e. batters warming up, thrown bats, batted or thrown balls, on deck circle (one person at a time).
9. Use hard hats while batting/running bases/hitting in batting cages (Baseball).
10. Familiarize yourself with surroundings and grounds, i.e., fences, field conditions such as holes, lips on infield edges, etc., when playing on away fields.
11. Be aware of the potentially serious injuries to your ankles, knees, and legs if you do not follow the correct procedures in base running. Sliding head first into bases should be avoided.
12. Follow instructions regarding communication between players, i.e., talking and calling each other off on "pop flies" and "Texas Leaguers," etc.

The above information has been explained to me and I understand the list of rules and procedures. I also understand the necessity of using the proper techniques while participating in the baseball/softball program.

I am aware that baseball/softball is a high-risk sport and that practicing or competing in baseball/softball will be a dangerous activity involving **MANY RISKS OF INJURY**. I understand that the dangers and risks of practicing and competing in baseball/softball include, but are not limited to, death, serious neck and spinal injuries which may result in complete or partial paralysis, brain damage, serious injury to virtually all internal organs, serious injury to virtually all bones, joints, ligaments, muscles, tendons and other aspects of my body, general health and well-being. I understand that the dangers and risks of practicing or competing in baseball/softball may result not only in serious injury, but in a serious impairment of my future abilities to earn a living, to engage in other business, social and recreational activities and generally to enjoy life.

Because of the dangers of baseball/softball, I recognize the importance of following coaches' instructions regarding techniques, training and other team rules, etc., and agree to obey such instructions.



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I, _____, am the parent/legal guardian of _____ (student). I have read the above warning and release and understand its terms. I understand that baseball/softball is a **HIGH-RISK SPORT** involving many **RISKS OF INJURY**, including but not limited to those risks outlined above.

In consideration of the school district permitting my child/ward to try out for the school baseball/softball team and to engage in all activities related to the team including but not limited to trying out, practicing or competing in baseball/softball, I hereby assume all the risks normally associated with baseball/softball and agree to hold the school district, its employees, agents, representatives, coaches and volunteers harmless from any and all liability, actions, causes of action, debts, claims or demands of every kind and nature whatsoever which may arise from such risks. The terms hereof shall serve as a release for my heirs, estate, executor, administrator, assignees, and for all members of my family.

 Athlete's Signature

 Date

 Parent's/Guardian's Signature

 Date