



**2021 PARENT / PLAYER CONTRACT**  
**Iowa Sticks Select 9U-12U**  
**Stick Baseball Academy 9U-14U**

The rules, philosophies, and procedures, Iowa Sticks Baseball will operate under are outlined in the following pages. Please read through each page closely, as we want you to be fully aware of what is expected of our players and parents.

**A. FINANCIAL OBLIGATIONS:**

Developmental and Training Fees: Each player (parent) is responsible for (3 payment options):

**If paid in full by September 15th**

\$1325

**If paid in full by December 1<sup>st</sup>**

\$1385

**Payment Plan (Deposit plus 7 auto withdraw installments (Oct -April)**

\$1460 (\$350 Deposit and pro-rata per month Oct-April)

\$350 non-refundable deposit required when the contract is submitted (will be applied to Training fees), this fee and contract must be submitted within 3 days of contract offer. Fee options are listed above for 2021. If the fee is not paid in full by the due date, the player will be removed from the team. The balance of fees owed and offsetting fundraising efforts must equal the total fee.

Training fees cover the expense of facility rentals, baseballs and various training equipment, coaches pay, training, developmental sessions, practices, practice field maintenance, insurance, indoor facility, and office/advertising expenses, D1 training sessions, banking fees and Director pay.

Tournament, League and Games Fees: Each player (parent is responsible for lump sum payment in the pro rata amount)

- Tournament fees due in full January 25<sup>th</sup>
- Fees cover: Tournament/League Registration, Coaches Travel including meals, lodging (if needed), fuel and pay.
- Expenses will vary greatly per team based on travel. Expect \$50 for a local tournament and up to \$100 or more for a travel event per event.

Additional Costs: Uniform costs, personal equipment costs will be paid per player in addition to the above mentioned player fees.

If your player chooses to leave the Sticks Organization, or is dismissed from the team due to rule violations; or disciplinary reasons, these fees are non-refundable.

When your team is playing out of town, each parent is responsible for all meals and lodging or makes other arrangements if they are unable to accompany their child on trips. It is not the coaches' responsibility to do so.

## **B. TRAINING AND COACHING ASSIGNMENTS**

1. Practices, camps and clinics will be conducted by the paid Sticks coaching staff. On occasion, as coordinators/coaches determine, practices may be held with the direction and assistance of the SportsPlex West staff.
2. Tournament and league games are conducted by the game coach. A member of the SPW staff may attend.
3. Game coaches are required to report the results of each game to the Director of the program. Playing time will also be reported at that time.
4. Game coaches will be selected by the Director. Each team is different based on the uniqueness of the team.

## **C. COACHES Expectations**

Our aim is to develop *citizenship, teamwork, and fundamental* play. Coaches will, at all times, have the safety and general well being of the players in mind. Our coaches will not intimidate players, embarrass them or ridicule them. Our coaches will treat the players with respect. All coaches will be held to the highest standard of child development and are ultimately responsible for answering to the Director.

1. All Head Coaches and Assistant Coaches are required to attend all baseball clinics and practices prior to the beginning of spring practice, enhancing their teaching of the sport to help improve the skills of their players and to learn from the staff at SportsPlex West.
2. All coaches are asked to utilize the talents and abilities of everyone associated with their team; this includes parents, and other coaches outside the Sticks Organization.
3. All coaches are expected to aid other Sticks teams and assist with all Sticks functions including, but not limited to: tryouts, winter work outs, fall & spring clean up of the practice field

## **D. PARENTAL PARTICIPATION – Expectations & Rules**

The success of the Sticks depends on the commitment of everyone in our organization. Parents are encouraged to attend practices and games. You may be called upon to help with practice drills, scorekeeping and other items. Game coaching responsibilities are assigned by the director to officially designated persons only.

Rules for Parents:

1. We want the Sticks to be known as a “Class Organization” We ask that parents, relatives, and friends attending the games **absolutely do not abuse umpires, opposing coaches or players as well as our own players in any way.** Allow the players to play the game as they have been coached. **This rule will be strictly enforced.**
2. During games, parents are respectfully asked to remain a good distance away from the dugouts unless asked by the coaches. Players are instructed not to talk to their parents and friends while a game is in progress. Please allow the only adult contact with your son during a game to be the coaching staff.
3. Any parent challenging the authority of a Sticks coach will be asked to leave the team. Verbal or physical abuse of coaches will not be tolerated.
4. The Sticks Baseball reserves the right to “suspend” parents from attending games at the discretion of the Director.
5. Parents that may have concerns or questions are required to follow proper procedure.
  - \*Never address the coach before, during or immediately following a game or practice. Make an appointment.
  - \* Always follow proper chain of command – Coach – Coordinator – Director
  - \* Never discuss other players when addressing a concern
  - \* Email is not for conflict resolution. It is simply for fact gathering.

## **E. PLAYING TIME**

It is the goal of the Sticks organization that the number of innings that a player sits over the season will be as equally distributed as possible over the length of the season. The Coach, with the direction of the coordinator and the director, will determine the best playing positions for each child. It is the goal of the Sticks organization to put players in positions in which we feel each child will have the most success. Playing all positions is not a goal of the program, however, the Sticks coaching staff feels that players should experience multiple positions numerous times throughout the season.

## **F. PLAYERS – Rules and Expectations**

Every member of the team should recognize that the Sticks organization is a ‘First Class’ organization. Sticks baseball will set the standard for a professionally ran youth sports program.

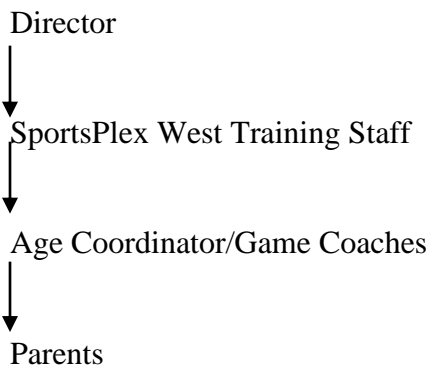
1. Players are not allowed to argue with coaches, parents or umpires for any reason.
2. Foul language and profanity are not tolerated at any time.
3. Good sportsmanship is a quality that is exemplified by our players. Taunting of your own, as well as opposing players, fans or umpires, will not occur.
4. Self indulgence by players, such as hanging one’s head after an error or mental mistake, pouting over personal failure, will have no place on the team.

## **G. ENFORCEMENT OF RULES AND VIOLATIONS.**

The rules and expectations listed herein are in place to ensure the quality development of our teams while maintaining the integrity of our organization. Any (parents or players) violations of these rules will be handled by the following manner.

1. A formal warning will be issued and documented
2. A suspension from participation in at least one (1) game but no more than two (2) weeks will be issued and documented.
3. Possible expulsion from the Sticks Baseball Organization.

## **H. ORGANIZATIONAL STRUCTURE**



**IOWA STICKS BASEBALL**  
**PARENT / PLAYER CONTRACT SIGNATURE FORM**

Please fill in and sign below. Return this page to Sticks Baseball Attn: Jason 890 SE Olson Dr. Waukee, Iowa 50263 as soon as possible after reading and agreeing to the terms of the contract.

\_\_\_\_\_ (Player Name) hereby accepts the foregoing contract, and all terms and conditions thereof.

Date of Birth verification \_\_\_\_\_ (mm/dd/yyyy). On April 30<sup>th</sup> of the upcoming baseball season,

this Sticks player will be \_\_\_\_\_ years old

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

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

\_\_\_\_\_ (must have this checked) **I have submitted my \$350 non refundable deposit** to make this contract official.

Parent/Guardian Contact information

Parent(s) Names \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

Home Phone \_\_\_\_\_ Cell \_\_\_\_\_

Primary Email(s) \_\_\_\_\_

**STICKS BASEBALL**  
**MEDIA CONSENT**

For the purpose of promoting the Sticks Baseball Club, I give consent for the above named player to have his image displayed on the SPW website or other promotional media used by the organization. Only team/club related information will be used in such promotions.

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

**THANK YOU FOR CHOOSING THE *Iowa Sticks!***