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Dear Parents:

It's time to play ball!

My name is Gilbert, and I am coach of your child's team. I am looking forward to a fun filled season where your child will improve his/her skills and learn the values of teamwork, sportsmanship and fair play. My goal is to create a positive, supportive environment so that every player has a great experience. Regardless of ability, every member of the team deserves to be encouraged. Players should respect each other on the field as they engage in friendly competition and off the field as well. I look to you to help reinforce these important concepts. When you come to practices and games, please limit your contact with the children to positive support from a distance. During games, treat the officials, the other players, the opposing team and the families and spectators with respect. We are our children's most important role models. I'll set as good an example as I possibly can, and I'd greatly appreciate it if you could do the same.

Throughout the season we will update the www.azbaseballteam.com Web site. We use this for any changes in schedules and we also upload game pictures - it is a great tool and we hope that you will use it.

We have a few of our own "ground rules" I'd like to share with you.

- Being on time is critical. Always arrive at games 15 minutes before game time so we have ample opportunity for a team meeting and warm-up.
- Please notify us if your child will not be attending a game or practice.
- For the safety of our children, each child must have a parent (or responsible adult) present at all games and practices. Please do not enlist the coach(es). Individual kids cannot be monitored while the team is being instructed.
- Each player should bring a glove and water bottle and should wear sneakers with flat soles or soft cleat.
- All personal items must be labeled with your child's name.
- Please give your child a light meal before practices and games. There will be no food allowed in the dugout or on the bench. Also, no distractions (such as GameBoy, etc.) are allowed.
- The post game snack is an important element to the overall experience. Please let us know if your child has any food allergies.
- Encourage your child! If she is trying, always say "Nice try!" Praise your child's progress, and keep the focus on fun.

Let us know if there are any special needs, allergies, or concerns. We'll work together to make this season an enjoyable experience for your child.

If you have any questions or concerns, please do not hesitate to contact either of us.

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