

**Parents: Please review the important information below.**

Hello and Welcome to Downey Better Baseball (DBB)

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Communications: I (we) will be communicating mainly through group me there maybe some emails and or text.

Practices and Games:

- Team Practices: Usually, the team practices are held on Tuesday and Thursdays between hours of 5 pm to 9 pm, we have several designated practice locations based on the time of year the majority within the city of Downey. We will always make sure to let everyone know the location when it changes.
- We are a travel team and games can be anywhere in Southern, Norther CA but not limited to outside the US
- We practice every week some Saturdays maybe mandatory for practice.
- Please arrive 15-30 minutes before call time for practices and an hour and 30 minutes before games
- It is important that you let us know if you will not be able to attend a practice or game.

Bad Weather: For practices and games if there is rain or bad weather, please check email, text, or group me for change in location. If accessible, we will use batting cages as a team when fields are unavailable due to inclement weather. We DO play and practice in the rain provided conditions are safe for our players!

Uniforms: Parents are responsible for purchasing the players uniforms typically we get everything at the same location to get a deal for all kids on the team, Money will be collected by team mom(s). Uniform includes (2) Game jerseys, pants hat and 2 practice jerseys. All players are expected to show up in full baseball uniform to practice unless otherwise stated by staff. No earrings, jewelry, or casts of any kind (including pierced ears with tape) other than medical or religious items can be worn to practices and games. Players may wear shorts to cages and turf shoes.

Equipment:

- All players are responsible for their own equipment needed to perform to their highest capabilities such as bats gloves and protective equipment.
- All players are to follow tournament guidelines for equipment.
- All players are to follow any equipment guidelines set by DBB staff
- Any players using illegal equipment and or tampering with equipment including but not limited to shaving bats, rolling bats, banned bats during practice, scrimmages and or games will be on grounds for automatic dismissal from organization.

Spectator and Player Responsibilities: There are certain points we'd like to stress:

- Players and spectators are asked to clean up any trash before leaving the fields.
- Parents are not allowed in dug out.
- There is a unanimous opinion among coaching experts that parents yelling advice to their kids during games inhibits the learning experience of the child. Cheer loudly; however please limit your cheering to positive support for the team. Please do not coach your child or anyone else from the sidelines.

If you have any questions, please feel free to give me a call or send me an email.

See you on the dirt!

Jose L Rodriguez