



## **Carolina Combat Baseball Club - Parent/Player Contract**

*Welcome! The rules, philosophies, and procedures that Carolina Combat 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. This is a first class organization.*

**History:** Carolina Combat Baseball began in Columbia in 2010 with one team, and that team went on to have every player commit to play in college, which was unprecedented at the time. Since then Combat Baseball has held high standards and competed with the best programs in the state, southeast region, and even nationally. We have had players from New York to Florida come to us to play, but we have focused primarily on finding great people, who happen to be great players, from the Palmetto State. We've had several players drafted, a College World Series MVP, College All-Americans, and ESPN top 10 plays. We've also had college student body presidents, and players who have gone on to be successful lawyers, engineers, businessmen, teachers, coaches, husbands and fathers. We've sent players to virtually every school in SC, as well as some out of state. Even though we've had 250+ players go on to play college baseball since 2010, we have focused on quality over quantity. We never do more than one team per age group. Over 90% of our players that make it to the 17u level move on to college baseball, which is unrivaled. We offer top notch development and exposure, while playing in the best available events. Our fall scout team exclusively plays against colleges. We do camps and clinics featuring former major leaguers. We are well connected with colleges in SC and beyond. Many players come back after college and want to coach. We have several former coaches who got started coaching with us, and have gone on to coach in college, and even in the pros. We could have expanded to many more teams several times due to demand, but ensuring the quality is one of the reasons we are the longest running showcase/travel program in the capital city and state, and we want you to be a part of our tradition of success!

**Mission Statement and Purpose:** The Carolina Combat Baseball Club is a travel baseball program based out of Columbia, SC. The program consists of positive coaches with the right baseball experience, whose goal is to promote development and character so that players will be prepared to take their game to the collegiate level and beyond. Our name stands for combat

veterans and those that have served our country to protect our freedom, hence the name "Combat".

**Colors:** Our team colors/uniforms honor and are associated with USA and military styles. Our original colors in 2010 were dark green and vegas gold, we have also worn variations of camouflage. Our most recent teams have worn colors that represent the military or American Flag.

#### **A. FINANCIAL OBLIGATIONS:**

Player Fees: Each player (family) is responsible for:

High School Age Summer Showcase Teams (15u-18u) - \$1750

Deposit: \$250 (goes toward total fee)

Youth Age Developmental Teams (12u-14u) - \$1200 - \$1400

Deposit: \$200 (goes toward total fee)

\*Subject to change

The non-refundable deposit is required when the contract is submitted; it must be submitted within one weeks of contract offer to secure a spot on the roster. Fees are due in full by May 1st. The deposit will count toward your total fees. If the fee is not paid in full before the first practice/game, the player will be ineligible until their obligations are filled. Fundraising or financing options are available to cover all or some of this investment, the parent/player should inquire. Player fees cover the expense of tournament fees, league fees, facility fees, gear, baseballs and various training equipment, coaches pay, training, camps and clinics, practices, practice field maintenance, insurance, indoor facility use, and office expenses.

**Additional Costs:** Personal equipment costs such as personal helmets, gloves, etc. will be paid by the player/family. We strongly encourage players to wear our team gear colors or neutral colors that do not clash with our program's colors. Discounts are available on select brands through our organization. Travel expenses and meals are the responsibility of the player/family unless otherwise noted.

If your player chooses to leave the 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 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. In some instances such as any national/world series events, we may block rooms for our organization to stay at the same hotel, but it's the parents' obligation to fulfill the financial costs. We highly recommend AirBNB (app/website)

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

1. Practices, camps, and games will be conducted by the paid Combat coaching staff. Members of the organization will have access to the online VIP section of our site which contains many videos and trainings as well as team goals that can be accessed any time via [www.carolinacombat.org](http://www.carolinacombat.org). Passwords to the VIP section will be available upon receiving deposit. This training is to benefit you and not available to outsiders or other teams/programs, and players are responsible for knowing material.
2. Tournament games are conducted by the game coach. 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.
3. Game coaches will be selected by the Director. Each team is different based on the uniqueness of the team. Head coaching assignments may shift after the end of seasons.

### **C. COACHES Expectations**

Our aim is to develop players physically, mentally, and sportsmanship/character. 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, which is also the expectation of players to them. All coaches will be held to the highest standard of player 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 trainings prior to the beginning of practice, enhancing their teaching of the sport to help improve the skills of their players and to learn from the staff.
2. All coaches are asked to utilize the talents and abilities of everyone associated with their team; this includes parents(as needed), as well as other coaches within the organization.
3. All coaches are expected to aid other Combat teams and assist with all Combat functions including, but not limited to: tryouts, winter workouts, clinics, and other trainings.

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

The success of Carolina Combat Baseball depends heavily 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, take photos/video and other items. Game coaching responsibilities are assigned by the director to officially designated persons only.

Rules for Parents:

1. We want the Combat to continue to be known as a first 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 outside the field 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 Combat coach will be asked to leave the team. Verbal or physical abuse of coaches will not be tolerated.

4. Parents that 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. These are very busy times for coaches and they must stay on schedule.

\* Always follow proper chain of command if you have any issues: Player to Coach → Parent to Head Coach → Parent to Coordinator → Parent to Director

\* Never discuss other players when addressing a concern with a coach.

### **E. PLAYING TIME**

Playing time will be recorded by each coach. A record is kept of playing time inning by inning. It is the goal of the organization to develop our players in a number of ways, and expose them to quality competition.

The coach, with the direction of the coordinator and the director, will determine the best playing positions for each player. It is the goal of the organization to put players in the best positions in which we feel they will have the best opportunity for success.

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

Every member of the team should recognize that Carolina Combat Baseball is a 'First Class' organization. Combat Baseball will set the standard for a professionally ran youth sports program in South Carolina.

Rules:

1. Be on time, early is always better than late. Being absent or tardy without a minimum of 48 hour notification will create problems for you and the coaches, who account for each player in the practice/game plan.

2. Use positive language, no profanity or vulgar/negative remarks. (\*This has become a focal point of our Director due to encountering many teams that not only allow it, but teach players to use negative language and profanity (especially older ages). If you are looking for somewhere for your son to find new innovative ways to use profanity and negative language this is not the organization for you\*)

3. Be a part of the solution, not the problem (don't criticize, condemn, or complain). Always do your best (see definition of success below).

Cell Phones: We understand they are a part of every-day culture, however, we recommend you leave them outside the dugout, unless instructed otherwise. If you bring them in and we see or hear them whether it's in your hand or bag, they will be deemed a distraction, confiscated, and a parent will have to retrieve it from the coaches.

Player Expectations:

Definition of Individual Success: Peace of mind, the self-satisfaction of knowing you truly did the best you are capable.

Body Language: Always maintain positive body language, no matter what. Not cocky or over-confident, head up shoulders back, look coaches and teammates in the eye, positive.

Know our signs, calls, team goals, and routines by heart, players may be assigned specific duties to lead in practice/games. The online VIP section is helpful. More details will be available from your coaches.

Know Your Team Goals:

1. Pitching: Throw Strikes – 60% or better first pitch strikes, and 60% or greater overall strikes. This gives our defense a chance to play, and keeps pitch counts down. We can't defend a walk.
2. Fielders: Make routine plays - through the practice of repeating fundamentals consistently. Any "highlight reel" type plays are a bonus.
3. Hitters: Quality At-Bats, or "QAB". We do not track batting average, as QAB's are a better indicator of success of the individual hitter and team success. There are 9 ways to have a QAB.

NOTE: This organization has won all but one game when we accomplish 1, 2, and 3 in the same game. When we do all three it's literally a 99% win probability. In ten summers with HS aged teams the only game we did not win when hitting all three was against a national power travel organization, and we tied.

#### **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, and can be adjusted based on severity.

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 Carolina Combat Baseball Organization.

**H. BIRTH CERTIFICATE:** Players must have a copy of their birth certificate or photo ID available. Any team can challenge the age of a team member, if there is no record of birth certificate players can be removed from participating and games forfeited. We ask that you email a digital copy of the birth certificate/ID with this contract to [info@carolinacombat.org](mailto:info@carolinacombat.org) with the player's name and date of birth in the subject.

**WAIVER and RELEASE:** I hereby give permission to treat with medical attention. By turning in this signed form you hereby absolve Carolina Combat Baseball Club, its' staff, and all affiliates, from any injury or damage caused intentionally or unintentionally before, during, or after any organizational related activities. I KNOWINGLY AND FREELY ASSUME ALL SUCH RISKS, both known and unknown, EVEN IF ARISING FROM THE NEGLIGENCE OF THE RELEASEES or others, and assume full responsibility for my participation. Carolina Combat Baseball is not responsible for any injuries or damage to property.

**PARENT / PLAYER CONTRACT SIGNATURE FORM**

**\*\*\* (You may be digitally sign online via website for convenience and timeliness)\*\*\***

Please fill in and sign below. Return this page to:

Carolina Combat Baseball – 207 Tyborne Circle, Columbia, SC, 29210 as soon as possible after reading and agreeing to the terms of the contract.

\_\_\_\_\_ (Print Player Name)

hereby accepts the foregoing contract including items A. through H., and all terms and conditions thereof.

Date of Birth verification \_\_\_\_\_ (mm/dd/yyyy). On May 1st of the upcoming baseball season, this player will be \_\_\_\_\_ years old, and High School Grad Year is: 20\_\_\_\_

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

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

\_\_\_\_\_ (must have this checked) I have submitted my non-refundable deposit to make this contract official. I understand fundraising and financing options are available any/all player dues but it is custom for the parent to inquire about such options, please email:

info@carolinacombat.org .

Parent/Guardian Contact information

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

Address \_\_\_\_\_

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

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

**THANK YOU FOR CHOOSING CAROLINA COMBAT BASEBALL CLUB!**