

GENERAL INFORMATION

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Please use email unless it is an emergency. If I do not answer, please leave a voicemail. On a practice night, I will not answer phone calls or text messages after 8:00pm. I will return calls the following day as soon as possible.

RAIN POLICY

Postponement decisions for games are normally made no later than 2 hours before a scheduled game. In most cases, we will try to make the game up on the following day.

ATHLETIC POLICY

All policies outlined in the PTHS handbook and Athletic Extracurricular Code Conduct hand book will be followed and enforced. These policies apply to all sports and all athletes.

PRACTICE TIMES

Practice time lengths vary throughout season. Practice after school for both JV and Varsity will begin at 4:30 pm. All players are expected to be at practice.

ATTENDANCE

We will not tolerate missing school or missing practice. Excused absences are personal illness or family emergency. A phone contact must be made prior to practice or game time on the day of absence. Unexcused absences will result in loss of game opportunities for the player.

SPRING BREAK

Yes, we will be playing and practicing during Spring Break. JV will be playing in the Henderson Tournament and Varsity will be at the Wills Point Tournament. The following week we start playing district opponents. **NEW RULE** - players that miss practice or games will be suspended from one game for every practice or game missed, unless it is an excused absence. (Personal illness or family emergency)

TRAVEL

All players, on all teams, are expected to travel to and from each contest with the team.

LOCKER ROOM

The PTHS Baseball Locker room is for coaches and players only unless a coach or school administrator has invited you inside.

TRYOUTS

Tryouts will be held on January 31st and February 1st.

We are a sport that makes cuts. Failure to attend both try-out days (minus an excused illness, family emergency or participation in another sport) will result in an automatic cut from the 2020 PTHS Baseball Program. All players competing in another sport must finish that sport before trying out. The day after their season ends, we will host tryouts for those players at 4:30pm.

During these two days, coaches will evaluate prospective players on the following:

1. Academics
2. Attitude and effort
3. Baseball skills (throwing, fielding, catching, etc.)
4. Baseball IQ

GAME CONDUCT

Profanity, vulgarity or any other disrespectful behaviors will not be tolerated towards opponents, umpires, fans or anyone else. Negative “expressions of emotions” will likewise not be tolerated. We will expect our players and fans to channel their enthusiasm toward our team.

Players are not allowed to leave during the game without a coach's permission. Parents, friends, and fans are discouraged from coming to the dugout to talk to a player, unless it is an emergency.

PLAYING TIME

It will be our goal to get **some** playing time for all JV players. **It will not be equal for all players.** At the varsity level, our goal is to win a district championship and a berth in the state playoffs. Playing time is earned, not granted. The issue of “playing time or other players” is **NEVER** open for discussion with a parent. Parents may schedule a meeting and WE WILL discuss what players need to work on. Decisions will be made on what is best for our team first and foremost.

INJURIES

Please consult with our trainers about all injuries or potential problems. Please do not go to the doctor without consulting our trainers first. It is the players responsibility to see the trainers before or after school. The training room opens at 7:00am. Missing baseball period or after school practice for treatment, will not be tolerated unless a coach or trainers give permission.

UMPIRES

One word, RESPECT. This is a difficult job, as most of you know. Players, not umpires, determine the outcome of the game.

QUESTIONS OR CONCERNS

If you have a question or concern, please take the time to think about what your question is. If it ultimately has to do with playing time or game strategy, keep it to yourself. Otherwise follow this process:

1. If upset, please allow yourself time to calm down before communicating. (24 hour rule) This will allow us to have a rational conversation.
2. Talk to your son about your question. What is your son's perspective? Can he solve the problem himself?
3. Set up a meeting with me if you still have questions. This many times can be done over the phone. Remember - I make decisions for the good of the team based upon practice, ability, attitude and chemistry. High school baseball is a competitive situation and it is my responsibility to put the best players on the field.
4. If the questions remain, I will set up a meeting with our athletic director.

THERE ARE FOUR SIMPLE GUIDELINES FOR THESE MEETINGS:

1. The conversation must be respectful and in a professional manner in regards to both language and conduct.
2. Everyone gets a chance to talk but everyone must listen as well.
3. Emotional control by all parties is critical.
4. Meeting WILL NOT occur on game day. They are held by appointment only.

What is proper to ask about?

It is fine to discuss the treatment of your child.

You are welcome to ask about how your son can improve.

Asking about your son's attitude and behavior are also acceptable.

THINGS THAT WILL NOT BE DISCUSSED:

1. PLAYING TIME
2. GAME STRATEGY
3. OTHER PLAYERS
4. YOU MAY NOT INSULT THE COACHES