

You may join a Carolina Elite Baseball team mid-season (in the middle of our tournament, or your other team's tournament schedule) under the following conditions:

1. You are not a current member of another travel team that you have to quit to join a Carolina Elite team.
2. You are currently on another team, but their head coach gives you full permission to join Carolina Elite (I will verify this).

When you quit a team mid-season you are not just quitting on your coach, you are quitting on your teammates (which is more important). There are exceptions if your reason for leaving is appropriate, and your coach acknowledges this, and will allow you to leave (I will verify this with him/her). I will not, however, allow anyone to back-out on a commitment and leave their old team high and dry.

Quitting a team mid-season without an appropriate reason (coach is unfair and not playing my son enough doesn't qualify as an appropriate reason) is a *major* character issue in team sports. It can lead to behaviors down the road that will get you dismissed from a team (like choosing not to show up at a team function because you are angry about something). If I allow it, then I am condoning a behavior that will get you dismissed from a team in the future (I am not exaggerating – that is one of the biggest violations of an unwritten teammate code). Moreover, if you go behind someone else's back because you disagree with what they did, you will eventually do it to me when I make a decision, or decisions that you don't agree with.