

# Tournament Notes

## Week Prior Communication

- Please do NOT let me know your availability for tournaments prior to the Monday before the tournament (I will not remember). The only exception to this is if you know that a number of players are going to be out for a weekend we have scheduled (rec opening day, school makeup day, etc...).
- The Monday prior to the weekend your team will play I will email out a tournament location, as well as a roster confirmation. Please respond to this email with your son's available for both days of the weekend (i.e. Jones Yes both days, or Jones Saturday-No, Sunday-Yes).
- After that Monday you will not hear from me again until Thursday, which is when I will send out the schedule link (where to go to see the tournament schedule), as well as the final roster confirmation for who's attending. Please reply immediately if you see a mistake (this is why I send the final rosters out - to catch any mistake before the weekend). You do NOT need to reply if what you see is correct for your family. ***I may or may not send out the schedule link Thursday in a prompt manner (not sure what my work schedule is, and my access to internet). Therefore, if you want the schedule information promptly make sure you are following your team's assistant coaches, and scorekeeper on twitter (they often "tweet" the schedule long before I'm able to email it out).***

## Late Withdrawal / Attendance / Communication Note

Any player that withdraws for any individual games, or days after final rosters, or any player that hasn't confirmed their availability prior to final rosters will be replaced for the entire weekend. Please do not panic if you sent a confirmation, and I didn't list you on final rosters (sometimes emails get lost between my phone and computer). If it is my mistake simply let me know, and I will add you. ***Therefore, there is no need to ask me to confirm receipt of your confirmation (again if I didn't receive it just let me know after final rosters).*** Lastly, please email your confirmation (do not text). I want to have all my confirmations in one location. If you text me I have to then email myself to get your confirmation in the location I need it for Thursday's final rosters.

## Uniforms

We will always wear black trim under the gray uniform on Saturday, and blue trim under the gray uniform on Sunday.

## Arrival Times

- Saturday's arrival time is 1 hour prior to the first game of the day. The 2nd game arrival time Saturday will be announced after the conclusion of the first game.
- Sunday's arrival time is 45 minutes prior to the first game of the day. The 2nd game arrival time Sunday will be announced after the conclusion of the first game.

## Late Policy

If you are going to be more than 15 minutes late for your arrival time at any tournament game you need to text 4 people ***with your ETA*** (the 3 people listed under your team in the cell phone list I emailed, as well as me). If you don't have the cell phone list in your email inbox let me know, and I will email it to you.

## Game Communication - Important!!!

Almost all of the communication for the specific teams is done through the assistant coaches, and scorekeepers twitter accounts. First, I am often unavailable to get this information out promptly (either due to my work schedule during the week, or my baseball schedule on the actual weekends). Secondly, I try to limit my "tweeting" to things that impact that entire program, so that I'm not unnecessarily spamming people's phones with information that is not relevant to them. Therefore, please make sure you are diligent in making sure you are following correctly (including having the cell phone icon checked to make sure the tweets are being texted to your phone) your specific team's assistant coaches, and scorekeepers. If you play on more than one Elite team you need to make sure you are doing this for both teams. If you don't know your assistant coaches twitter handles (that just means their twitter usernames) simply ask around - that information is easy to get. It happens every year that someone makes a 90 minute drive to a tournament that's been cancelled, because they weren't following their coaches, and scorekeeper, and therefore didn't get the information that the tourney was called off. For instructions on how to set up your twitter account copy and paste this link to your browser <http://www.carolinaelitebaseball.com/pdfs/notreceivingtexts.pdf>

## Playing Time When I'm Not There

It is very important that everyone understand the following about playing time when I'm not in attendance. I make the starting lineup for every game we ever play (regardless of whether I will be there). I have email, and text on my phone, and I am in constant contact with the coaches, and scorekeepers for all teams about the lineups, opponents, and upcoming game times. Moreover, my volunteer assistant coaches are under specific instructions from me that they are under no obligation to play those players that I have not started in that game. I do have conversations with them regularly about what players can contribute where, so they may opt to substitute based on that information, or the game situation. However, they are not obligated to substitute anyone, and therefore if your son doesn't get into a game that I am not at I was aware of that possibility, and I was okay with it.

**Bottom line - don't ask one of my volunteer assistants about playing time decisions, or what your son has to do to play more.** They don't make the lineups, and they don't have to put your son in if I didn't start him. They don't speak for me, and I have, and will continue to instruct them not to answer those types of questions. All questions, comments, concerns, criticisms, etc. are to be directed to me, and me alone.