

**2019 Gershkoff Auto Body Auburn Post 20 Senior/Junior American Legion Baseball
And Gershkoff 15 U Baseball Club**

The following is a contract of all the team rules which all players and their parents must sign.

IF YOU CANNOT ACCEPT THESE RULES, THEN PLEASE DO NOT TAKE A SPOT ON THIS BASEBALL TEAM.

- **YOU MUST DISCUSS WITH US ANY CONFLICTS YOU HAVE WITH OUR SCHEDULE. THIS SHOULD BE DOCUMENTED ON YOUR PROFILE SHEET AND ALL CONFLICTS SHOULD BE RESOLVED BEFORE THE SEASON STARTS.**
- **Senior/Junior American Legion playoff rule: YOU CANNOT PARTICIPATE IN ANY OTHER TEAM, SHOWCASE, AND TRYOUT AND MISS A PITCH OF A LEGION PLAYOFF GAME. THIS INCLUDES TRAVELING FROM SUCH AN EVENT. If you do, you are disqualified for the remainder of the season and playoff. Please plan accordingly and do not sign up for any showcases during the playoffs from July 25th to the completion of the World Series Aug 20th for Senior Legion and the completion of the Regional Tournament August 11th. You must be fully committed to playing for these teams in playoffs. During our season, we DO NOT allow participation on travel teams.**
- If you have a major conflict which is unavoidable, you must let me know now in order to properly plan for the summer. Please begin to look for employment opportunities during the day M-F if you can.
- If an unplanned absence which is unavoidable should come up and you cannot make a game, call or text the head coach's cell only and leave a message. Senior Legion David Schiappa 742-1135. Junior Legion Steve Rush 243-4469. 15 U Sean Hart 787-6553. Do not message another coach. If you simply do not show and there is no call or text, YOU WILL SIT THE ENTIRE NEXT GAME.
- All players will get an opportunity to show their skills during the season. Everyone will play during the regular season and in the playoffs you will have designated roles which you will earn. Players are NOT guaranteed to play every inning of every game. You are TO ACCEPT THIS WHEN YOU AGREE TO PLAY. **Stay committed, be respectful, and play as a team.**
- Please refrain from talking to parents and friends during the game. We expect you to remain focused.
- PLEASE EVERYONE REMAIN POSITIVE: PLAYERS, PARENTS, and COACHES. Put downs are counterproductive and in order to succeed we have to do so together. Players and parents talking about each other about what should be done and could be done does not help create a positive atmosphere. Coach's decisions are made in the best interest of the team. **PARENTS ARE NOT TO APPROACH THE COACHING STAFF CALL OR TEXT THEM TO DISCUSS PLAYING TIME OR GAME DECISIONS. THIS WILL ONLY BE DISCUSSED WITH PLAYERS.**
- Pitchers will run poles after games. Strong legs will help pitchers at the end of the season.

- Each game, players should carry any equipment if any to and from coach's cars, clean both dugouts during home games. If this is not done, and all players leave, then the team will be expected to run before the next game. Players are to hit before every game as much as possible. We will use only the cages in the outfield at the stadium and West field if available.
- You MUST assist in getting foul balls during home games. If you on the bench, you should not only be in the game but take turns getting all foul balls. Cleats are not allowed on the football field at Cranston Stadium.

RULES TO FOLLOW AS GERSHKOFF BASEBALL PLAYERS ON AND OFF THE FIELD

By wearing the Gershkoff uniform, you are a reflection of Steve Gershkoff and Gershkoff Auto Body and he does a lot to make sure we have a great season of baseball. You are also a reflection of the Cranston community, Gershkoff coaches, and other players.

1. **RUN EVERYTHING OUT. POP UPS TURN INTO ERRORS. STRIKE THREE CAN BE IN THE DIRT. SINGLES CAN TURN INTO DOUBLES.**
2. **NO THROWING BATS, HELMETS, GLOVES. NO TWIRLING OF THE HELMETS. YOU WILL HUSTLE BACK TO THE DUGOUT AND PLACE YOUR BAT AND HELMET DOWN.**
3. **DO NOT ANSWER YOUR COACHING STAFF BACK. ACCEPT CONSTRUCTIVE CRITICISM AND IF YOU HAVE SOMETHING YOU DISAGREE WITH, TALK TO US AFTER THE GAME PRIVATELY. NEVER QUESTION A COACHES CALL ON THE FIELD OR ASK WHEN YOU WILL PLAY DURING GAMES.**
4. **DO NOT TAKE OFF YOUR CLEATS OR ANY PART OF YOUR UNIFORM BEFORE THE GAME IS OVER.**
5. **NO YELLING OF OBSCENITIES ONTO THE FIELD OR IN THE FIELD OF PLAY.**
6. **DO NOT ARGUE WITH EACH OTHER, OR PUT EACH OTHER DOWN.**
7. **DO NOT ARGUE WITH THE UMPIRE. ACCEPT THE STRIKE ZONE AND UMPIRE CALLS. IT IS NOT CHANGING. NO NEED TO GET EMOTIONAL BECAUSE IT WILL NOT CHANGE A CALL. LET COACHES ARGUE POINTS.**
8. **ABSOLUTELY NO FOOD IN THE DUGOUT DURING THE GAME.**
9. **ABSOLUTELY NO DRUGS, ALCOHOL, TOBACCO, E-CIGARETTES, CHEW ON OR OFF THE FIELD ON ROADTRIPS. REMEMBER, YOU ARE A REFLECTION OF YOUR SPONSOR, HIS BUSINESS, AND THE COACHES COACHING YOU. A LOT OF TIME AND EFFORT IS PUT INTO THIS SEASON. DO NOT RUIN THIS FOR ALL OF US. FAILURE TO COMPLY WILL RESULT IN IMMEDIATE SUSPENSION.**
10. **MOST IMPORTANTLY: BE PATIENT THIS SEASON. EVERYONE WILL HAVE THEIR OPPORTUNITY TO PLAY. WE ARE EVALUATING HOW EACH PLAYER CAN HELP THIS TEAM IN OUR YEAR END PLAYOFFS.**

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I _____ HAVE HEREBY READ THE ABOVE RULES AND REGULATIONS OF THE GERSHKOFF AUBURN POST 20 AMERICAN LEGION BASEBALL TEAM. I AGREE TO ALL OF THE ABOVE RULES AND WILL HONOR MY COMMITMENT TO THIS BASEBALL TEAM. YOU HAVE READ THIS CONTRACT AND IT WILL BE FOLLOWED SO WHEN QUESTIONING SOMETHING, YOU WILL BE REFERRED TO THE CONTRACT.

PLAYER SIGNATURE _____ DATE _____

PARENT SIGNATURE _____ DATE _____