

Koa Baseball

TEAM-FIRST PLAYING TIME POLICY — TRAVEL

Koa seeks to provide all athletes with the opportunity to have fun playing the sport they enjoy. Each player should know what it feels like to be a contributing member of a team and how to deal with failure and adversity.

GENERAL

1. Parents should not discuss playing time concerns with coaches. Please refer issues to the program director. Failure to do so will result in a one-weekend suspension for the parent.
2. Athlete to coach communication is always encouraged. As it is with many things, timing and approach is everything. Each player learns his role on the team when the lineup is posted. He is asked to actively support his teammates. When the lineup is not posted, he will refrain from asking his coach “can I play x, y, or z position...or can I stay at x, y, z.” If a player asks his coach one of these questions, the coach has permission to bench the player next inning.
3. Players can fall from favor because of diminished skills, lackluster energy, spotty attendance, or poor focus/attitude.
4. Koa coaches continuously evaluate players to determine playing time.

REGULAR SEASON

1. Everyone who shows will bat both games of a doubleheader.
2. Game 1 is for player development. Emphasis is on learning and investment in future results and an opportunity for players to play their secondary position.
3. Game 2 is played to win. Coaches will throw the best pitchers. Premium positions (P, C, SS, CF) will see little rotation.

TOURNAMENTS

1. How many will bat is at the coaches’ discretion.
2. We’re playing these games to win.
3. Pool play games can be treated differently than elimination games.

PLEASE NOTE: *It’s easy to play Monday morning quarterback. Hindsight is 20/20. Koa coaches are screened and trained to manage the full range of game situations. If you have constructive feedback to share, then we’d love to hear it!*

I deem that these statements and policies are fair. I offer my support as of today: ___ / ___ / ___

Player Name: _____

Parent Name: _____

Signature: _____

Signature: _____