



Welcome to the Davenport Wildcats Youth Athletic Club Family

Dear Players and Parents,

On behalf of the Davenport Wildcats Youth Athletic Club Board of Directors, welcome to the Wildcats family!

If this is your first season with us, we are excited to have you join our organization and look forward to being part of your athlete's development both on and off the field. If you are a returning player and family, welcome back! We appreciate your continued trust and support as we continue to grow and improve the Wildcats experience.

We are especially excited to announce that all Davenport Wildcats teams are now united under one organizational umbrella through the Davenport Wildcats Youth Athletic Club. While our organization is growing, our mission remains the same: **to develop young athletes, compete at a high level, and prepare our players for what comes next.**

We are committed to teaching the game the right way, building confidence, developing strong character, and helping players become the best teammates and athletes they can be. Whether a player is just beginning their baseball journey or preparing for future opportunities at the middle school and high school levels, our goal is to provide a positive, competitive, and development-focused environment.

What Does This Mean for Your Family?

Expanded Coaching & Player Development • Additional coaches and instructors across the organization. • Greater collaboration between teams to support player development. • More opportunities for clinics, camps, training sessions, and organizational events. • Access to additional training tools and development resources.	Organizational Strength • A larger pool of players to assist teams when guest players or substitutes are needed. • Shared organizational equipment and future investments that benefit all Wildcats athletes. • Increased sponsorship, grant, and fundraising opportunities through our 501(c)(3) nonprofit status.
Davenport North Feeder Program • A committed feeder program for Davenport North High School athletics. • Improved access to training opportunities, facilities, and resources. • Preparing players for future opportunities while building strong fundamentals and a love for the game.	Communication & Support • Teams operate under the oversight of the Davenport Wildcats Youth Athletic Club Board of Directors. • Questions and concerns should first be addressed with the coaching staff. • Additional support is available through the Board when necessary.

Thank you for choosing the Davenport Wildcats Youth Athletic Club. We are honored to be part of your family's journey and look forward to a great season ahead.

Together, we are building more than baseball teams — we are building a program that develops athletes, strengthens families, serves our community, and prepares young players for success both on and off the field.

Thank you for being part of the Wildcats family.

Go Wildcats!

Sincerely,

**Davenport Wildcats Youth Athletic Club
Board of Directors**

Davenport Wildcats Youth Athletic Club

Player & Parent Agreement – 2026-2027 Season

Our Mission

The Davenport Wildcats Youth Athletic Club exists to develop young athletes both on and off the field through competition, sportsmanship, discipline, accountability, and teamwork.

Financial Responsibilities

7U & 8U Teams: \$450.00 per season. \$225.00 due by September 15 and the remaining balance due by January 31.

9U and Older Teams: \$800.00 per season. \$250.00 due by September 15 and the remaining balance due by January 31.

If a player voluntarily leaves the organization or is removed for disciplinary reasons, all fees paid are non-refundable.

Payment Methods

Payments may be made by cash, check payable to Davenport Wildcats Youth Athletic Club, or Venmo @dvpwildcats.

Payments made through Venmo must include an additional 1.5% processing fee.

When making a Venmo payment, please include the player's name, age division, and purpose of payment.

Team Fundraising

Trivia Night – Buyout: \$250.00 plus one silent auction item.

Raffle Fundraiser – Buyout: \$200.00.

Super Bowl / March Madness Fundraiser – Buyout: \$200.00.

Participation in fundraising efforts is expected from every family.

Parent Expectations

Parents and guardians play an important role in creating a positive environment for all athletes.

Parents and spectators are expected to:

- Support all players, coaches, and officials respectfully at all times.
- Support coaching decisions and allow coaches to coach.
- Refrain from coaching from the sidelines or interacting with players during games and practices unless requested by the coaching staff.
- Maintain respectful conduct at all practices, games, tournaments, and organizational events.
- Avoid abusive language, confrontational behavior, or actions that undermine the team environment.
- Address concerns constructively and privately through appropriate communication channels.
- Fulfill fundraising, volunteer, and financial obligations.
- Represent the Davenport Wildcats Youth Athletic Club positively both in person and online.

Parent Communication Policy (24-Hour Rule)

To promote productive communication and a positive team environment, parents should not approach coaches regarding playing time, positions, lineup decisions, or game-related concerns during or immediately following games.

Parents are asked to wait at least 24 hours before requesting a discussion regarding a concern.

Questions and concerns should first be addressed directly with the coaching staff. If a resolution cannot be reached, families may request assistance from the Board of Directors.

Coaches and Board members reserve the right to delay discussions until an appropriate time and setting are available.

Attendance & Commitment

The Davenport Wildcats Youth Athletic Club is a competitive travel baseball organization. Participation on a Wildcats roster requires a commitment to practices, games, tournaments, training opportunities, fundraising events, and other team activities. While we understand that family events, school activities, illnesses, injuries, and other obligations occasionally arise, families should not assume attendance is optional. Consistent attendance is essential to player development, team preparation, and overall team success.

Players are expected to:

- Attend all scheduled practices, games, tournaments, and team functions whenever possible.
- Arrive on time and prepared to participate.
- Communicate absences, late arrivals, or early departures as soon as possible through a parent or guardian.
- Demonstrate commitment to their development throughout both the season and offseason.

Tournament availability must be communicated by deadlines established by the coaching staff or organization. Failure to provide availability by the requested deadline may impact tournament roster planning and participation.

Attendance and reliability may be considered when determining:

- Playing time
- Starting positions
- Pitching opportunities
- Tournament roster decisions
- Leadership opportunities
- Future roster consideration

Repeated unexcused absences, chronic tardiness, failure to communicate scheduling conflicts, or a demonstrated lack of commitment to team activities may result in disciplinary action as determined by the coaching staff and/or Board of Directors.

The coaching staff reserves the right to establish additional attendance expectations specific to individual teams based on roster size, tournament schedules, and competitive objectives.

Playing Time

The Davenport Wildcats are a competitive travel baseball organization.

Playing time is not guaranteed and is determined by coaches based on:

- Attendance
- Effort
- Attitude
- Preparation
- Development
- Team needs

All players will be provided opportunities to develop; however, not all roles on a team will be the same.

Coaches may utilize guest players when necessary to ensure competitive roster availability.

Players are encouraged to remain active in their development throughout the offseason. Coaches recognize and reward commitment, preparation, and a strong desire to improve.

Uniforms and Equipment

Players are responsible for providing a glove, cleats, protective equipment, and a USSSA-approved bat unless team bats are provided by the team.

Player Expectations

Players are expected to demonstrate sportsmanship, effort, accountability, and respect for teammates, opponents, coaches, officials, and facilities at all times.

Players are expected to:

- Give their best effort during practices, games, tournaments, and training opportunities.
- Maintain a positive attitude regardless of performance or outcomes.
- Show respect toward teammates, opponents, coaches, officials, and spectators.
- Avoid arguing with coaches, umpires, teammates, or opponents.
- Refrain from foul language, bullying, or unsportsmanlike conduct.
- Support teammates and contribute positively to the team environment.
- Take pride in their appearance, equipment, and preparation.
- Take ownership of their development by asking questions, working hard, and seeking improvement.
- Represent the Wildcats organization positively both in person and online.

Conduct & Disciplinary Action

Participation in the Davenport Wildcats Youth Athletic Club is a privilege, not a right. Players, parents, coaches, and spectators are expected to uphold the values of sportsmanship, accountability, respect, and teamwork at all times.

The following behaviors may result in disciplinary action:

- Unsportsmanlike conduct
- Disrespect toward teammates, coaches, officials, opponents, parents, or spectators
- Bullying, harassment, intimidation, or hazing
- Throwing equipment or damaging property
- Emotional outbursts that negatively affect the team environment
- Profanity, abusive language, or inappropriate behavior
- Failure to follow team, coach, or organizational policies
- Inappropriate conduct on social media or other public platforms
- Repeated attendance or communication violations
- Actions that negatively reflect upon the Davenport Wildcats Youth Athletic Club

Disciplinary action may include, but is not limited to:

- Verbal warning
- Meeting with the player and parent/guardian
- Removal from practice activities
- Reduced playing time
- Suspension from practices, games, tournaments, or team events
- Loss of leadership roles or team privileges
- Removal from the team
- Removal from the organization

The coaching staff and Board of Directors reserve the right to determine the appropriate disciplinary response based on the severity, frequency, and impact of the behavior.

In situations involving player safety, significant misconduct, repeated violations, or conduct detrimental to the organization, the Board of Directors may take immediate action without prior warning.

All disciplinary decisions made by the Davenport Wildcats Youth Athletic Club Board of Directors shall be considered final.

Social Media & Photo Release

Parents, players, coaches, and volunteers are expected to represent the Davenport Wildcats Youth Athletic Club in a positive manner online.

Negative social media posts directed toward players, parents, coaches, officials, teams, opposing organizations, or the Davenport Wildcats Youth Athletic Club may result in disciplinary action.

I understand and acknowledge that photographs and videos taken during practices, games, tournaments, camps, and other Wildcats activities may be used by the organization for promotional, fundraising, website, social media, and marketing purposes.

Organizational Authority

The Davenport Wildcats Youth Athletic Club Board of Directors reserves the right to amend policies and procedures, modify fundraising requirements, adjust player fees, establish organizational rules, make disciplinary decisions, and interpret and enforce this agreement. All Board decisions shall be considered final.

Emergency Contact Information

Emergency Contact Name:

Relationship to Player:

Phone Number:

Alternate Phone Number:

Acknowledgment

By signing below, both the player and parent/guardian acknowledge that they have read, understand, and agree to abide by the policies and expectations outlined in this agreement.

Player Name:

Date of Birth:

Team/Age Division:

Parent/Guardian Name:

Phone Number:

Email Address:

Player Signature:

Date:

Parent/Guardian Signature:

Date:

Parent/Guardian Signature:

Date:
