

JCAT Team Parent Guidelines and Notes

First and foremost, thank you in advance for considering becoming a JCAT Team Parent (or co-parent if you find a partner in crime.) It is a great way to help your team, coaches and the JCAT organization. This is a transition year with many new names, faces and responsibilities. Your assistance will be an integral part of keeping our program on track, organized and fun for players and parents alike.

THANK YOU!

Introduction:

- *Volunteer Round Up* – Look for an email soon asking for team parent volunteers
- *Kick Off conversation* - At a convenient time (tentatively first/last few minutes of a designated practice to avoid an extra trip) brief meeting/conversation between volunteer parents and coaches. Goal is to understand coach preferences, and meet other volunteers from your grade and partner grade (5A-5B/6A-6B and 7A-7B/8A-8B). Contact information will be shared to facilitate communication.

HELP Areas:

- *Gather contact info* (emails/cell phone numbers) for your team's parents. Potentially initiate a group text prior to tournaments to help with communication.
- *Obtain volunteers for 2 stat books and 1 scoreboard operator for every home game.* Up to you how you want to coordinate – volunteer week of game, day of game, online signup site like Volunteer Spot, or even flat out assignments. Long and short, coaches need to COACH day of game. Your assistance in coordinating volunteers to share these 1 hour responsibilities (however you want to go about it) gives coaches 1 less thing to do. Doesn't matter how you do it, as long as it gets done.
- *Share weekly schedule info, if necessary.* All information is posted on the website. Nice to send a shout out when tournament times are posted or schedules change. Work with coach for details.
- *Share season photographs* – All teams should get at least 1 group photo with coaches before end of season. Team pictures for successful tournaments also a plus. A few action shots at home and away games throughout the season make the end of the year slideshow exciting. Post pictures to share site (i.e. Shutterfly). If you are not a photographer, no big deal... DELEGATE. You don't need to do it, just find someone who will!
- *Distribute info pertaining to away hotel reservations.* Share contact info/dates/rates. While a team party is not required of the team parent, teams/grades may elect to try and gather for a lunch between games, for dinner, or in the evening. Team parent helps make this happen. Often it is hard to plan until schedules are announced. Just be conscience of the fact that the players have more fun when they are together and if you bring cookies or Gatorade, all the better!
- *End of the year appreciation coordination* (i.e. coach's gifts)
- *Encourage group opportunities* – JCAT community service, team events like tournament lunches/pizza
- *Assist coaches as necessary*
- *Involve other parents* – Not your responsibility to do it all, just help get it done.

The saying goes, many hands make little work.

Thank you for your assistance and for helping to get our other JCAT parents involved!

GO CATS!