

WILDCAT BASEBALL 2008

We want to welcome you and your family to the 2008 edition of the Wildcat Baseball Program. Being part of the Valdosta Baseball program will involve a commitment to hard work, dedication, and discipline. We hope you will experience much success and excitement playing baseball for the Wildcats.

We will expect your son to never do anything that will bring embarrassment to him, our school or our baseball program. We have many team rules that we will follow, our main rule is to, ***Do Right***. The following are some of the rules and regulations we will follow:

1. To promote team unity, players are required to ride the bus to and from all games.
2. Players are expected to always be on time. Tardiness will result in disciplinary measures.
3. Tobacco, Drugs, and Alcohol: the use of these substances is strictly prohibited and will be subject to school athletic department policy. The use of these substances will result in disciplinary measures.
4. We expect players to present a neat appearance at all times. Hair should be cut short and kept neat at all times. Players are expected to be clean-shaven with side burns short and neat, the coaching staff will determine this. You are not to wear a hat in the cafeteria or in other eating establishments.
5. Being part of the Valdosta Wildcat Baseball involves a year round commitment to the program, it is not just another field responsibility. Players are expected to conduct themselves in a gentlemanly manner at school and around the community. ***They should realize that the offenses at school and away from school are subject to disciplinary measures by the baseball program.***
6. There are very few reasons why missed practice should be excused. If your son ever has to miss practice, the player or his parents should inform the coaching staff of this ahead of time. This can be done in person or by telephone. Players are also expected to be at school all day, everyday.

We want to urge you to support your child and our entire baseball program. We do however want your support to be positive reinforcement. Remember, any negative comments about our program will, in the long run, only hurt your son. There will always be plenty of negative talk from others so we need to present a united front. We want to create a family atmosphere and we encourage you to become involved.

Our philosophy is to give everyone an opportunity to earn playing time. The coaches will determine playing time, what team they will play on, or how much they will play. Playing time will be based largely on the talent and ability level, those who work hard, and are coachable each day. Our door is always open to discuss ways to improve your son's baseball ability, playing time will not be discussed.

Sincerely,
Coach Shuman

