



Friends of Vintage Base Ball, Inc.

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Coltsville Vintage Base Ball League Sign Up Form

Note: By making application to the League, you are agreeing to comply with the League rules, summarized on the reverse of this page.

Name _____

Address _____ City _____ State _____ Zip _____

Home Phone _____ Work Phone _____

Cell Phone _____ Email Address _____

Interest (*check all that apply*): Player Umpire Field Volunteer (*set-up; break-down; hospitality tent, etc.*)

Team Preference (*if any*) Please insert the numbers 1 through 4 below:

_____The Nutmegs _____The Alerts _____Blue Boys _____Charter Oaks

Preferred position(s), if any _____

Any buddies you'd like to be on same team with? Who? _____

Are you a current or former member of a Vintage Base Ball Club? ___Yes ___No

If yes, which club? _____ and for how long? _____

Please circle your shirt size: M L XL XXL XXXL

Additional comments (*if any*) :

Coltsville Vintage Base Ball League Summary of Rules

The Coltsville Vintage Base Ball League (CVBBL) is a program of the Friends of Vintage Base Ball, Inc. (FoVBB), a nonprofit organization working with the City of Hartford and the Coalition to Strengthen the Sheldon/Charter Oak Neighborhood (CSS/CON) to build an authentic 19th century base ball field with grandstands at the Hartford Base Ball Grounds at Colt Meadows in Hartford, Connecticut. This location is within the Coltsville National Historic Landmark and is in application process to become a National Park.

The teams of the League—The Charter Oak of Hartford BBC, Billy Bernie's Blue Boys, The Alert Fire Hose Company and the Nutmeg BBC—are part of the identity of the League and, as such, team members shall abide by the following rules:

Club Uniforms

Uniforms must comply with the design and standards set by the League. Each player is responsible for the maintenance of his own uniform and shall do his best to keep it clean and in good repair.

Shoes and laces are all black with no visible logos or colors. Black spray paint or other shoe-blackening product will be used to cover any stripes, swooshes or other trademarks or logo, including on the soles.

Metal-spiked shoes are not allowed. Plastic-spiked shoes are allowed.

No team member will be allowed on the playing field without his bat, and bats are never to be worn backwards so that the brim is in the rear.

A standard black leather belt is authentic to the 1860s era and should be worn with the uniform at all times.

Leather straps or suitable alternative should be used to gather trousers at the ankle.

Shirts must be tucked-in at all times.

Team uniforms are to be worn only at Colt Meadows and at League-sanctioned games away from Colt Meadows, unless special written permission has been given. No exceptions.

Equipment

Bats, balls and other equipment necessary to play the game shall be supplied by the League. All equipment is to be stored in designated locked storage facility. Each team Captain shall have a key to the storage facility and be responsible for retrieving equipment immediately prior to, and returning equipment immediately after, each game day.

League equipment is to be used only at Colt Meadows and at League-sanctioned games away from Colt Meadows, unless special written permission has been given. No exceptions.

Should any team member wish to use his own bat, it must comply with the style authentic to the 1860s. No modern bats are allowed. Specifically, characteristics such as cupped ends, thin handles, taped knobs, or modern trademarks and logos on bats are not allowed.

The umpire and both team Captains will agree on and designate prior to the match which bats are appropriate for the day's event. The game umpire is empowered to make certain both clubs use appropriate bats in the conduct of the pre-determined era of play.

Matches

Matches shall begin at the designated start time. Players will arrive at the field and be ready to play by designed start time.

Two matches per game day shall be the standard. If the field is scheduled for play at a designated time after League matches, team Captains shall make certain that their games conclude at least twenty (20) minutes prior to the scheduled afternoon game(s).

At all times, the umpire has the authority to call a game.

Any individual that is struck in the head during play must immediately leave the field and be transported to a medical facility for evaluation. There are no exceptions, regardless of how well the individual may feel subsequent to the injury.

Members will be required to commit to a minimum of 75% participation of scheduled games for his team. If a player has committed to a specific date and cannot honor the commitment, it is his responsibility to find a suitable replacement for the game day.

All team members have the right to play their share of games and the team Captain will make certain that all who wish to play, have the opportunity to do so.

Modern Devices

The wearing of sunglasses on the playing field is not allowed.

The use of cell phones, Bluetooth devices, Blackberries, iPods, ear buds and other electronic devices is not allowed in the playing area, including the team bench. These items should be stored out of sight and/or in a secured location. Neither the FoVBB nor the CVBBL is responsible for the loss or damage of personal property on the field or in parked vehicles.

Conduct

Team members are representatives of the FoVBB, the CVBBL and the city of Hartford. As such, the conduct of each player while in uniform, whether on the field or off, reflects directly on the credibility of the program that is being built in Coltsville.

Players are expected to abide by the standards set forth by the League for gentlemanly play. This includes not speaking directly to an umpire, unless you are a team Captain, or unless directed to speak by the umpire. In any case, the umpire is to be addressed as 'sir.'

Swearing, cursing, badgering, yelling or intimidating any other player, volunteer or attendee at a game, either verbally or physically, is strictly forbidden and will result in expulsion.

Outbursts such as throwing of bat or other equipment is not allowed.

Games are publicized as family-friendly and it is imperative that, at all times before, during and after a match, team members should comport themselves as 19th century gentlemen, with respect for the game, team members, opponents, FoVBB volunteers and for all who attend the games.

The team Captain is responsible for his team, their appearance and behavior on game day, and has the authority to discharge any team member from the game for rules violation.

Should any team member have a grievance against a member of his team, he shall first attempt resolution through the Captain. If no resolution can be found, the member or his Captain shall have the right to contact the League Commissioner.

I have read and agree to these rules. Applicant's Initials _____