



FHTBA Community Engagement Model: A Guide for Rookie Ball Families

As we move into our first official games, we want to share how our Community Engagement Model works this season. At FHTBA, our league culture fosters a sense of community, ensuring every parent has the opportunity to be directly involved in the success of the game.

To create a focused environment for the children to develop their skills, we ask that all parents stay in the spectator area during the game. This boundary enables our coaches to provide consistent instruction while promoting each child's autonomy.

To support the team, we invite parents to **take turns** filling two official game-day roles, both located conveniently in the parent spectator area. The game cannot start until each team has both roles filled.

1. Team Sportsmanship Representative (The Vest Role)

- **The Purpose:** To ensure an emotionally safe environment for all players, coaches, and families.
- **The Task:** One parent on each team wears the designated high-visibility vest, provided by the coaches. Their role is to monitor the behaviour of all adults present and to step in if unsportsmanlike behaviour occurs. If an escalating conflict occurs, the Sportsmanship Representative, in agreement with their team's coaches, may ask a parent to leave the field.
- **The Rotation:** This role will ideally rotate among all team parents to foster a sense of community and ensure a shared commitment to our league values.

2. Parent Scorekeeper

- **The Purpose:** To record the team's runs scored during the game.
- **The Task:** One parent on each team keeps track of runs in the team's scorebook. They check in with the opposing team's scorekeeper partway through the game to ensure accuracy. At the end of the game, after players line up, they confirm the final score with their team's coaches.
- **The Rotation:** Like the Sportsmanship Representative role, this role will ideally rotate among all team parents to foster a sense of community and ensure a shared commitment to our league values.

Please let us know if you have any questions. Have a great season.

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