

## Sample Letter to Parents of Collegiate Baseball Players

Dear Baseball Parents

I am extremely excited to get the season started. As with every baseball season, there will be adversity and how we handle that adversity will ultimately dictate the success of our season. It is the responsibility of the coaches, players and parents to stay positive if we hit a rough patch.

### **Home Games**

We want to make you aware that the days we have home games our players will be busy for approximately 30 minutes after the game. We will have a team meeting to discuss the game, meet with the press and do our daily jobs before being dismissed. We realize you want to say goodbye to your son however they have responsibilities so that everyone can get home in a timely manner.

### **Road Games**

What we do after a game on the road will vary depending on the facilities and travel plans. On trips that we are staying overnight please do not talk to your son until we get back to the hotel. Our players will be tired and hungry and we don't want them socializing outside the dugout or bus. The players will be able to go eat with their parents as long as there is no team function that night. WIU has paperwork that your son will have to sign if going out to eat with parents.

There is a NO alcohol policy on the road for our players. We will spend \$105,000 for bus, hotels and meals this Spring so we all have a responsibility to act in a professional manner. It is also my responsibility to keep your sons safe on the road.

If we are on the road and we are heading out of town immediately after the game we will make time for you to say goodbye to your son.

### **Expectations for Parents**

1. No talking to the players before, during or after the games until they have been dismissed by the coaching staff. (This includes between games on days that we have doubleheaders.) We will only have 20 minutes in between games and this will be your sons' time to get a snack and then get prepared to win another game.
2. Please understand that when we are on the road it is not a vacation for our players. (We are there to play baseball and improve.) There will usually be some free time to visit or go eat with your son after he is released from team activities.

Please feel free to contact me if you have any questions 309-255-7329. The only thing I won't discuss is playing time for your son. We have 31 players on our roster. Not everyone will get to travel due to travel limitations set by our University and the Summit League. We have had a great period of evaluation the last 4 months. Practice and workouts have given us a lot of information about the roles of our players.