

Cape Fear OPTIMIST CLUB

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<http://www.capefearoptimist.org>

TO: PLAYERS, COACHES, PARENTS, AND FAMILIES:

Welcome to the **2021 Cape Fear Optimist Club's Baseball and Softball Season**. This year promises to be an exciting and fun year for everyone! The Optimist Club of Cape Fear appreciates your continued support for these two special programs. Our optimist members have been asked to "become more involved" with these important character-building programs and now I'm asking you; the managers, coaches, parents and family members to do the same. We also have a NEW ONLINE web site for baseball & softball, you can get schedules, team info, weather update & emails about notices or changes.

This program is not about winning or losing! As adults and possibly former ball players, we sometimes lose focus on goals of this program. They are for the enjoyment of the children, win or lose. My goal as an Optimist is for this program to help develop a strong sense of sportsmanship, team concept and increased skill levels. Please remember; **"We lead by example because we set the example"**.

All of our manager and coaches are volunteers, with the majority having many years of experience as team leaders. They give their time and energy to these programs so that your child will have an opportunity to participate. However, during this season, if you perceive a problem or have other concerns with any of our coaching staff, I ask you to please use the following procedures to rectify these situations:

1. Talk to the manager and/or coach. Communication is very important. Many misunderstandings can be resolved if you discuss the situation with the Manager or Coach.
2. If you are unable to resolve the problem at the managers / coaches' level, please present your concerns to the League Commissioner. Ask any club member for the name of the appropriate League Commissioner. It can also be found on our web site.
3. If you are unable to resolve the problem at the Commissioner's level, you should contact either the Baseball Commissioner or the Softball Commissioner to review your situation.
4. After these steps have been taken, you may inform the Cape Fear Optimist Club's Board of Directors **in writing** of your problem or concern. The decision of the Board of Directors is final.

Again, as adults we are role models for our children. Our participation either, as a coach, parent, family member or friend should present a positive and caring image toward each child.

Parents, family members and friends will also be asked to **STEP UP TO THE PLATE.....and HELP out**. This might be serving as team Mom or Dad, helping at practice. Please support the managers, coaches, umpires & Cape Fear Club members when they ask for your help.....We are here for our **YOUTH !!!!**

Have a great season....PLAY BALL!!

Billy Sebrell President - Cape Fear Optimist

Donnie Pridgen Baseball & Softball Commissioner - Cape Fear Optimist

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BASEBALL



SOFTBALL