It is an honor to be asked to write a letter of recommendation for Tanner Johnson. Tanner is a young man that I have had the pleasure to coach since he was 9 years old.

Tanner has shown tremendous growth as a ball player over the years. Tanner is one of the better infielders that I have coached in 15 years of coaching. He has learned to play both shortstop and second base at a high level. He has solid footwork around the bag and great hands that are on display with fielding groundballs, turning double plays, and making relay throws.

Offensively Tanner has been a top of the lineup type of guy his whole life. He bats lefthanded and learned to use the drag bunt as a tremendous tool. It also helps to have him in the 2nd spot in the lineup as he has some good barrel control and can take advantage of holes left by the defense. His dad was a baserunning coach for the hs and you can see those instincts on display when he has the opportunity to steal bases or gain an extra 90 ft.

As a player I have seen Tanner use his speed, vision, and instincts to be a leader on the field for most teams he has played on.

Please let me know if you have any other questions about Tanner

Thank you,

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