



Jon Irvine

512-829-5099 H

512-962-8459 M

dsysabetterbaseball@yahoo.com

23 years - High School Baseball Coaching Experience

3A - Banquete High School - 7 years - 3 District Championships - Regional Finals twice

4A - Orange Grove High School - 1 year - 1 District Championship - State Championship

5A - Calallen High School - 8 years - 6 District Championships - State Championship twice

5A - Copperas Cove High School - 1 year

6A - Carroll High School - 6 years - 3 District Championships - Regional Finals once

Accomplishments

11 District Championships

10 Regional Finals

3 State Championships

Awards

The Texas Sports Writers Association Baseball Coach of the Year

Texas High School Coaches Association Coach of the Year

South Texas High School Coach of the Year

Philosophy

I started my High School coaching career in South Texas. During the summer I did volunteer coaching for the Padre Little League. After the season I organized a baseball club for players who wanted to better their baseball skills. Practice was held at the Padre Little League field in the morning four days a week. There were between 15 and 30 players each summer. Practice emphasized technique in the areas of throwing / pitching, fielding and hitting / bunting. My goal was to get the players to understand why the fundamentals are so essential and important in baseball. Coaching is teaching but the player - coach relationship must be a two way street. The coach must be knowledgeable of the information and the player must be open and willing to learn because there is a big difference between willing to learn and just going through the procedure. In other words baseball has more technique and structure involved than any other sport so the baseball field at times must be a classroom and not a play area or dumping ground. I explain my theory using football as an example. In football there is one quarterback. Sometimes its hard to find just one person to play this position - why. Because the quarterback must have unique skills and must be able to do what the other players are not athletic enough to perform. In baseball there are nine quarterbacks. All nine players must be athletic enough to perform the same skills (throwing, hitting, catching, fielding, ect). Now to make it a little more challenging one of those skills (hitting) is considered by experts to be one of the hardest to perform in any sport. This is why teaching the correct technique is so essential in order for a player to grow in this sport.