

Prevent Injuries:

Set up an environment for safe play. Use proper spacing for throwing, batting and other drills. Use cones or portable screens to create safe spacing.

ASBR coaches shall consistently talk with players about safety. For example: remind players that while running the bases, they should attempt avoid contact with players who are fielding a ball.

ASBR coaches should check catching gear on a regular basis to make sure equipment is working properly.

Attending to Injured Players:

For those emergencies that require immediate attention by a trained professional, coaches should call 9-1-1. Do not try to move the player if they cannot move on their own. If the injury is not major, take reasonable steps to attend to the injury. Whenever a player is injured, the coach should inform the parents or guardians of the injury even if it seems minor and the athlete is able to continue with the practice or game.

Heat Exhaustion:

Avoid heat exhaustion by having your players stay well-hydrated before and during the activity. Take plenty of breaks in the shade.

If a player shows signs of heat exhaustion, remove the player from activities, have them sit in the shade or bring them to air-conditioned space. Apply cold press to the back of the neck and wrists. Drink cold water.

What are signs of heat exhaustion?

- increased thirst.
- weakness.
- dizziness or fainting.
- muscle cramps.
- nausea and/or vomiting.
- irritability.
- headache.
- heavy sweating.