



COACHES

ROLES and RESPONSIBILITIES

**A coach's SUCCESS in Youth Sports is
HOW MANY kids return the next year!**

Coaches Meeting: attend the Coaches Meeting March 20th

Schedule will be set for Parades, End of year, Patriots Game, and all the other activities. Communicate with your Team Parents and Coaches if you cannot make an Activity and make sure you have someone as the lead at these events.

Meet the Coaches Weekend will be March 29th (Rain Date March 30th). This will be a 1 hr - 1 ½ hour practice mattering what you feel like your kids can do. All Jersey's will be distributed on this day and Sign up for times will be at the coaches meeting for fields and times. T Ball will have a Clinic this day, the coaches and Commissioners can coordinate.

Teach these kids to love the game as you do. It is a huge responsibility to coach kids and we thank you for taking this on. We know it can be taxing at times but remember to make sure all kids from your best player to your worst improves with every game and practice. And comes out of the season with the love and respect for this game we know you have.

Communicate with your team on Practices, Games, RSVPing on Sports Engine, and overall what you are trying to have them do during games and practices.

Communicate with the Commissioner of your league on any problems or issues you may have with your team during the season. This can be the good, the bad or the ugly. Let them hear successes on your team as well.

Organize practices if you can during the season. We know this is tough, but practices are where the kids learn more than any game could. Talk with your other coaches and do combined practices to spread out the responsibilities. Request field access with your commissioner.

Supervise make sure the kids are supervised in the Dugout, elect an Assistant Coach or Team Parent for this task. NO bats in their hands unless they are on deck.

Ensure Pitch Counts are followed at upper levels.

- a. <https://www.mlb.com/pitch-smart/pitching-guidelines/ages-9-12>
- b. Work with other coaches and teams to do merging practices.

Baseballs/Keys—Each team's Head coach gets a #14 Key and 12 baseballs (except Minors, they get (2) 12 packs). These must be distributed to the coaches before the Meet the Coaches day. Tball/Farm = 1's Minors = 1's & 5's Majors = AD 100's. Balls will be used for practices and games. If they need more they must let you know.

Assistant Coaches:

1. Assist Manager in equipment distribution/collection
2. Help to ensure safety of players in dugout/on field/ social distancing
3. If manager is not able to attend game, steps in their place to run team

CALL UP LIST (Majors, Minors and Intermediate)

- At the conclusion of the second week of League games, each Manager will notify the Player Agent and Commissioner of those players on his or her team who should be included on a Call Up List.
- Players placed on the Call Up List will be eligible to play in games in the next age Division on an as-needed basis to ensure teams in the older Division have enough players for each game.
- No Player on the Call Up List may be called up more than once until all other Players on the Call Up List have been afforded an opportunity to play as a Call Up.
- This program will be in place for Rookie/Farm to Minors, Minors to Majors and Majors to Seniors /Intermediate Divisions.
- Players must be one age level lower to be called up. For example, in baseball 7 for Minors, 8 for Majors, and 10 for Intermediate. For Softball, the player must be one grade level lower/2nd year in division to be called up (ie 3rd Grade or 2nd year Minor Player to be called up to Majors)
- A player may not play in an older Division game which conflicts with a game scheduled for the player's primary MBS team.

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- Playoffs will be single elimination. Seeding will be based upon regular season records with the top seeded team playing the lowest seeded team
- The higher seed will be the home team.
- Participation rules will remain in effect during playoff games.
- No time limit rule applies in all division playoff games. All games are to be played to conclusion (daylight & safety permitting).
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