

BURNET YOUTH SOFTBALL & BASEBALL ASSOCIATION

COACHES

Handbook



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WELCOME COACHES!



The game of softball and baseball is just a game. The number one reason (well documented in a number of studies) children participate in youth sports is to have FUN. If you take the fun out of sports, you take the child out of sports

It is detrimental to the player if there is too much pressure placed on them too early to achieve a result rather than simply experiencing the sheer joy of a youth game. As a coach you want to create a stress free relaxed environment for your team. Let your kids know that it is okay to make mistakes. Get to know your kids individually and determine what they need to be successful. For some kids it might be a specific skill. For others it might be encouragement or even something as simple as acknowledgment.

PHILOSOPHY

BYSBA is not about how many wins or losses are accumulated! Proper softball/baseball development is achieved by children participating in age appropriate activities so that they are able to experience, comprehend, and execute the game as it relates to where they are in their cognitive development.

It is achieved by all of the team members receiving equitable playing time. It is achieved by teaching the skills, rules and vocabulary of the game. Finally, it is achieved by teaching sportsmanship.

Learning about winning and losing, playing by the rules, and respecting an opponent are just as important as learning ball skills. BYSBA wants you to respect the game, respect the players, the opponents, the umpires, and the parents. Go about your teachings in a thorough, positive, yet humble manner.

Players should come out of their experience with the coach as better people and better citizens, not just better ball players.

ROLE OF THE COACH

As a coach in youth sports, one must assume the responsibility of ensuring that each participant has an enjoyable and safe experience learning Baseball or Softball.

To fulfill these responsibilities, a coach must wear many different hats. Listed below are some prominent roles a coach may take on.

- Set up the conditions and environment for learning. ☐
- Give only positive feedback (sarcasm and negativity should never occur).
- Encourage players to give each other positive feedback.
- Coaches should be enthusiastic, organized, patient, sincere, and fair.
- Practices should be conducted in the spirit of enjoyment and learning.
- De-emphasize winning and losing and emphasize sportsmanship and fun.
- Invite parents to help and participate.
- Be a Positive Role Model Work with all players equally.

**“THERE IS NO GREATER GIFT THAN THAT
OF A GOOD COACH”**

CODE OF CONDUCT

Expected Behavior:

- Maintaining a positive, helpful and supportive attitude.
- Exercising your authority/influence to control behavior of fans and spectators.
- Exhibiting gracious acceptance of defeat or victory.
- Accepting and adhering to all league rules and policies related to participation of adults and youth.
- Playing all players according to the equal participation rules established by the league and the follow the spirit of those rules.
- Fulfilling the expected role of a youth coach to adopt a "children first" philosophy.
- Allowing and encouraging the players to listen, learn and play hard within the rules.
- Placing emphasis on fun, participation and team.

I will honor the fact that youth sports exist for youth, not adults.

I will do my very best to make youth sports fun for my child and other children involved.

I will do my best to organize practices that are fun and challenging for all my players.

I will exercise good sportsmanship by demonstrating positive support for all players & officials at every game, practice or event.

PLANNING FOR THE SEASON

All Coaches are encouraged to establish effective lines of communication with the team parents early in the season by holding a parent/coach meeting.

This should take the form of a casual discussion at your first practice. The time you invest will pay dividends for all concerned throughout the season.

Purpose of a Parent Orientation Meeting:

- Enables parents to understand the objectives of the team.
- Allows parents to become acquainted with you, the coach.
- Articulate your expectations of them and of their children.
- Enables you to address any parents' concerns.
- Establishes clear lines of communication between you, parents, and players.
- Allows you to obtain parental support (assistant coaches, team parents, etc.). Designate a "Team Mom" to arrange a schedule for snacks.

You are responsible for all team communications regarding practices, schedules, etc. We highly recommend setting up a team chat using apps like Heja, Team Linkd, or Group Me!

UNIFORMS & EQUIPMENT

BYSBA will supply the uniforms, catchers gear and balls needed for the season. BYSBA will provide jerseys and hats for all registered participants. Players may keep their Jerseys for all youth sports. Players shall NOT alter the uniforms in any manner.

Parents must purchase pants, socks, belt & shoes and other equipment such as bat, helmet & glove.

Equipment provided to the coaches must be returned at the end of the season. **If you return your equipment in good usable condition at the end of the season you will be credited your players registration fee towards the next season.**

SCORING

- Each team is responsible for maintaining their own score book.
- The Home Team is responsible for keeping the official scorebook. Gamechanger is acceptable as an official score book
- Visiting Team is responsible for the official pitch count.
- Scores should be reported to VP of Softball/Baseball after the game is completed.

VP of Softball: Caitlin Doyle
bysbasoftballvp@gmail.com
512-940-4816

VP of Baseball: Tell Stevens
bysbabaseballvp@gmail.com
214-500-4506

COMPLAINTS

Complaints concerning officials, supervisors, and other aspects of the program can be made in writing within 48 hours after the game has been played or the incident occurred.

All complaints must be submitted via email to bysbapresident@gmail.com.

You should also reach out to your player agents as well as submitting the complaint in writing via email

Boys Players Agent:

Troy Hocker
830-637-9830

Girls Players Agent:

Travis Tuttle
512-630-9827

ACCIDENTS OR INJURY

ALL injuries and accidents must have an accident form filled out and submitted within 48 hours after the game has been played or the incident occurred. If it is a more serious accident please let the VP of Baseball, VP of Softball or League President know as soon as possible. All forms must be submitted via email to bysbapresident@gmail.com.

WHO DO I CONTACT?

For General Concerns, Behavior/Discipline Issues, Questions Etc. Please Contact
1st: Players Agent



2nd: Vice President



3rd: President

For Umpire Complaints Please Contact
1st: Umpire in Charge



2nd: Vice President



3rd: President

Field and Lights, Mounds, Chalking, Etc. Please Contact
1st: Field & Lights



2nd: Vice President



3rd: President

Rule Confirmation or Questions Please Contact
1st: Players Agent



2nd: Vice President



3rd: President

Equipment Needs Please Contact
1st: Equipment Manager



2nd: Vice President



3rd: President

Concessions Please Contact
1st: Concessions Manager



2nd: Vice President



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