

COACHES' GUIDE FROM A-Z

Coaches,

- A. **THANK YOU:** First, I would like to thank everyone for volunteering to coach. Without you, Belmont Youth Baseball could not exist. Coaching can be an extremely rewarding experience, but it can also present some challenges. To ensure that everyone is on the same page, I have put together a list which sets forth Belmont Youth Baseball's expectations and answers to some common questions.
- B. **LEAGUE PHILOSOPHY:** The philosophy which governs the league can be found at <https://s3.amazonaws.com/files.leagueathletics.com/Text/Documents/5654/7462.pdf> for the code of ethics and <https://leagueathletics.com/2e5ca83d-a7fd-45d1-95f7-8735947a7429/Text/Documents/5654/48901.doc> for the coaching philosophy. Please take a look so that all coaches have the same approach.
- C. **FUN:** In general, our focus is to develop every kid and make sure they all have fun and want to continue playing. The expectation is that we are here to develop all kids, and not just the sons of coaches or the best players;
- D. **PITCHERS:** All kids should be working on pitching during practice and when they show they can throw strikes, give them an opportunity to do so
- E. **OPPORTUNITIES in the Field:** All kids should be given opportunities to play both infield and outfield.
- F. **ROLE MODELS:** There will be many eyes on you during games and practices. Please always act as GENTLEMEN AND ROLE MODELS. Kids should not be ridiculed, screamed at or embarrassed. Please try to avoid swearing.
- G. **REPORTING SCORES:** Coaches must keep score. For AA through Majors, the winning team is responsible for calling in the score after the game.
- H. **PLAYOFFS:** All teams make the playoffs.
- I. **CORI FORMS:** All coaches must complete a Cori.
- J. **PRACTICES:** Practices should be conducted at least once per week at a set time. Contact Mike Mahoney about practice field availability. Also, designated days are set up for practices so that parents and kids can plan their schedules. Life is chaotic for everyone. Please try to stick to the schedule we have established.
- K. **ATTENDANCE:** Coaches should do their best to attend all games and make sure that their team has the appropriate equipment at the field in plenty of time.
- L. **EQUIPMENT:** If anyone needs additional equipment, please contact Bob Dolan.
- M. **COVERAGE for missed events:** If you need to miss a game, please make sure an assistant coach is available to coach.
- N. **COMMUNICATION:** Please communicate with the parents early and often.
- O. **POSTIIVE FEEDBACK:** Please provide positive feedback to the kids
- P. **COMMUNICATE WITH COORDINATORS:** If you have any problems or concerns, please contact the Coordinator for your level.
- Q. **COMPLAINTS:** If a parent complains, let the coordinator know.
- R. **DISCIPLINE:** Any discipline issues should be brought to the attention of the Coordinator. Please try to handle matters as a coach and at the lowest level possible. Even if you have handled the discipline issue on your own, make sure the Coordinator is aware of significant issues
- S. **NO EXTRA PARENTS OR SIBLINGS ON THE BENCH:** Only approved coaches should be on the bench, that means no siblings, parents or relatives
- T. **SAFETY:** Safety should be your first concern; having fun and developing skills a close second and winning should be a distant third. Please keep kids on the bench when your team is up. And, make sure only one on deck hitter is swinging a bat. Please make sure to have plenty of ice packs on hand. Any injuries should be reported to the coordinator, parents must be notified and make sure that appropriate care is given.
- U. **UMPIRES:** All umpires are paid directly by the league.
- V. **SUPPLYING BASES AND BALLS:** Bases and balls are the responsibility of the home team.
- W. **WEBSITE LINK TO ACCESS AND UNDERSTAND COACHES GUIDANCE AND OPTIONS -** <https://leagueathletics.com/Help/coach-guide/index.shtml> .
- X. **TRASH PICK UP:** Please make sure that your team cleans up all trash at the end of games and practices. Please make sure we always leave the fields in good shape.
- Y. Please do not rake the fields. Care of the fields is the town's responsibility and the grounds staff do not like coaches doing their job.
- Z. **Neighbors:** please respect the neighbors. Please obey all traffic signs and remind parents not to illegally park anywhere around the fields. The parking signs are a safety issue and also a respect issue. Please try to respect the neighbors and obey all signs.

