

WAA 2016 Developmental Program Coaches Meeting

April 12, 2016

Coaching Tips

1. Play safe. Have fun. Encourage good sportsmanship and good effort.
2. Call and email all of your players ASAP. First practice is Monday, April 25, 2016. Location TBD. Please notify Garrett Kokx if a player misses the first three practices.
3. Info at website www.waabaseball.org - rosters, schedules, rules, maps, cancellations, coaches clinic notes
Info line phone number: 545-6179
Coach cheat sheet for using website at Coach's Corner, Documents, Managing Your Teams Web Pages
4. In most cases rainouts are called at the field. Encourage your parents to show up.
Call opposing coach if your team will miss a game. Home coach is responsible for scheduling a make-up game
Schedule make-up games ASAP. Check master schedule on website to find an available field.
5. Equipment box lock combination 1933.
6. Please respect Field Closed signs. Signs apply to infield and outfield.
Fields open Monday, April 25, 2016. Do not use fields before getting OK from WAA.
7. Please read WAA objectives and rules. Some highlights:
 - a. Bases are 60 feet apart. A 60 foot rope is helpful. Softball bases are 65 feet.
 - b. All players play the field. No one sits.
 - c. No minimum number of players required to field a team. Share players if necessary.
 - d. Only ONE player may play the pitcher position. Maximum of six infield players including catcher.
Fielding six infielders and four outfielders is recommended. Try to discourage outfielder "creep."
 - e. Rotate your players equally to all positions. Bring a player position chart to each game
 - f. Every player bats and every player hits off the tee in the first inning. NO EXCEPTION
 - g. After the first inning, coach pitches a maximum of six pitches per player and then uses tee.
No balls or strikes are called. Please help your fellow coaches to remember the six pitch rule.
 - h. Rotate the batting order. Every player should hit first, last, and all places in-between.
 - i. After the first inning, a half inning ends after three outs or eight players come to bat.
 - j. No stealing. No leadoffs. No bunting. Only one extra base per play on overthrows.
 - k. Sliding is permitted but is not required. A runner must avoid contact with a fielder.
 - l. Games are six innings long. No inning starts after 8:30 p.m. Stop if too dark.
8. School teams and Park and Rec activities have priority on all fields at all times.
9. Remember, this is a fun, instructional league. Game scores are not kept. There are no playoffs.
Teach as you play. Encourage both teams. Remember it is okay to be quiet at times and watch the game.
Try to give instruction before a play and after a play but not during a play.
Keep your players in line - and let the other team's coaches do the same with their players.
10. Plan your practices. Prepare and post a player position roster before each game
Rotate the player positions every couple of innings. Change batting order every game.
Experienced players should not get more playing time in the infield than the beginning players.
11. Share information and expectations with parents - roster, schedules, coach list, rules, philosophy,
expect a parent/guardian of each player at every practice and game.
12. Ask for parents' help - snack coordinator, base coach, bench monitor, catcher back-up

13. Input player ratings on website www.waabaseball.org at end of season.
Return clean equipment bag at end of season. Report any missing or damaged equipment.
14. Thanks for volunteering! Please send any suggestions or questions to Garrett Kokx.