



- Safety
- Who is Coaching
- Team Administration
- Fundamentals
- Practices & Games
- Field Maintenance
- Opening Day

Calendar of Events

- Opening Day - 5/10
- Team Pictures- 2nd Saturday May 17
- White Sox Family Outing June 8
- Playoffs, Tourneys End of June
- Galas

Goals & Objectives

- Learn the Fundamentals of Baseball
- Good Sportsmanship - Bullying
- How to be part of a Team
- Practice makes you better at anything
- Fun means enjoying what you do
 - Most Fun= Doing your Best
- Pass on to the next generation the tradition and love for Baseball

Safety

- Thorguard
 - If strobe lights are flashing, do not take the field until an all clear is heard
 - If the weather is threatening, and no alarm, get off the field
- Warning horn- like a car horn
 - 15 second blast
- ALL CLEAR= 3 short blasts
- IF NO CLEAR, after 20 minutes,
cancel game and GO HOME

-Managers (Head Coaches)

-Wins???

-Organized

- Have a plan
- Be flexible

-Communicate

- Your expectations, needs, practices, games, changes
- Don't use the child - use handouts, emails, post game reminders

-Enthusiastic

- Make it fun; Recognize and Celebrate!!!!

-Get Good Attendance at games and practices

- Where were you?
- The team really missed you!!
- The players really needed you at the last game
- We sure could have use you...coming next time?

Messages & Mantras

- Mistakes Happen-don't make it worse
 - “Correct” in private- not in public
 - “Correct” in practice
 - “Correct” as a group- not individually
 - “Correct” when you've cooled down
- Positive Reinforcement
 - Catch them doing it right
 - Applaud the correct actions
 - Applaud at the “attempt”

If Momma ain't Happy, then Nobody Happy...

Messages and Mantras

- Umpires (None in Some Leagues)
 - In Baseball, quick decisions have to be made by an umpire almost every 30-40 seconds
 - Usually in front of 40-50 people
 - Half of which want to disagree
- Accept their decisions unequivocally
 - Don't Challenge, ridicule, “gasp”, “moan”, “groan” or do anything to infer your dismay-shut up! Shut up!
 - If you really have to ask a question, be very polite, pleasant and appreciative- like you are talking to a Tballr
- Treat them with respect, be Polite and say “please” and “thank you”—see prior slide

Remember the Golden rule- do
unto others children as you would do to your own...

Oh No ... We don't Have an Ump
OH NO I don't have a field to
practice on

What do We do????

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Points of Emphasis

G10 The bench area is reserved for players, coaches and managers. All players should be on the bench when not batting, in the field or warming up. Managers and coaches may NOT stand in front of the out of play fences, or in the field of play, unless they are coaching a base, except for designated coaches in future stars, etc. Coaches may not sit on chairs or buckets in the field of play or in non designated bench areas, such as the batters on deck cage.

Time Limits/Curfews...See League Rules

Bat Rules

G27 During any games, warm up swings can only be done in the diamonds on deck areas. At no time should bats be swung outside of the dugouts. The use of "hitting sticks," and other practice apparatus is prohibited during games.

Team Administration

- Parent Communications
 - Parent Meeting - Split Families
 - Parent Letter
- Season Schedule
 - Practices, Games, Picture day, Birthdays
 - Phone numbers, emails,
 - Treats Schedule no no

Parent Meeting/Letter

- Contingency Plan
 - What happens if parent is delayed in pick-up
 - Never leave a kid alone before or after a game
 - Eye Contact –transfer- NO BLIND DROP-OFFS
- Safety

Scoring your Games

GameChanger

Stats

Things to Remember

- Keep the games moving
- Be organized and prepared.
- Have someone warm-up the pitcher
- Let the players know in advance of what position they will be playing. Use a small white board for positions and batting order.
- Assign a coach to assist with the catchers equipment
- Move the team away from the field for the post game talk (if there is another game to follow)

Remember

- *No player shall be out of the game defensively for two consecutive innings*
 - NO DEFENSIVE SUBSTITUTIONS CAN BE MADE FROM THE BENCH DURING AN INNING, EXCEPT FOR DISABILITY
- ***ALL BATTING ORDERS WILL BE PROGRESSIVE***
- *“ I always bat last and play right field”*

REMEMBER

- The behavior of all managers and coaches shall be governed by standards of good sportsmanship. Specifically, the following behavior is prohibited :

Ultimate NO NOs

- A. Profanity
- B. Abusive language
- C. Smoking during games while on the field or bench area
- D. Baiting of umpires
- E. Fighting
- F. Alcoholic beverages or any illegal substances
- G. "Taunting" of opposition players

GARRY'S TALKING POINTS

- IDIOTS
- UNIFORM ALTERATIONS/white shirts
- LATE ARRIVALS/EARLY LEAVE
- School Night Curfews (**LIT FIELDS ONLY**)
- Schedule
- Umpires –Pay - Attire
- Pre Game Set up - Take down - Practice
 - Post Game
- Soft Toss
- Box Keys
- Teach The Game
- Chain of Communication

TALKING POINTS ...continued

- Rain Outs
- Park Ambassador 847.530.9207
- Where to practice
- Field Lights/Card Instructions
- Other Towns
- Batting Tunnel EDIQUETE

2025 Stuff

- WHITESOX OUTING
- FIELD MAINTENANCE
 - New Surfaces
 - Use the Players
- BUSSE HIGHWAY
- AEDs Coming
 - Hinkley
 - Centennial
 - Northwest
 - Woodland

First Aid Procedures

- See rules link on website for info
- Head Injuries
- Head Lice
- Contact Parent/Lg President

FINALLY

- Picture Day (Not Optional) New Process
- Follow The Rules/Buckets
- Double Base
- SPONSORS
- Positive Coaching Alliance
- Equipment boxes
- Field address
- Soft Toss
- Announced Games
- PITCHING
- Fall Ball

Questions

