



August, 2010

Dear Coach,

Thank you for volunteering to coach in the DYA program this year. Volunteers are the foundation of this program and there would be no DYA without people like you. You are sincerely appreciated.

In preparation for the upcoming league meeting we have enclosed a few items for your review. Your reading this material before the meeting will make the meeting run more efficiently. Write down any questions you have and bring them to the meeting. Thank you.

League Meeting Schedule

Your league meeting is scheduled as follows at Tommy's Pizza, next to the DYA office. The meeting is for coaches only. Please **DO NOT BRING PLAYERS** or other parents. You may bring your assistant coach.

FALL BASEBALL LEAGUES

Rookie	Sunday, August 8th	7:45 p.m.
Bronco Minor	Sunday, August 8th	7:45 p.m.
Bronco Major	Sunday, August 8th	7:45 p.m.
Junior Pony	Sunday, August 8th	7:45 p.m.

Equipment can be picked up at the office after the meeting. The draft will start promptly at 800pm.

Bring a \$300 check dated October 15th, payable to DYA for deposit on your equipment. The check will not be cashed, unless you do not return your equipment at the end of the season.

Purpose of Program

To have fun and learn the sport. This program is for the kids.

Organizational Structure

You are the coach and the person in charge of your team. You report to your league commissioner and should take up any issues, questions, or concerns with him/her first. The commissioner reports to the respective Director of Baseball, an elected member of the Board of Directors. The director reports to the entire board and its president. In addition there is an athletic director, whose sole function is to serve as a facilitator and resource for the commissioners in securing fields, uniforms, and equipment, making schedules, coordinating the sign-up procedure, maintaining the data base, etc. The athletic director has no authority in running the leagues. Please communicate with the commissioner of your league first, who will then take whatever steps are necessary, including taking your issue to the board members or the full Board of Directors. Thank you.

Passing Out Uniforms

One of the duties you have as coach is to distribute uniforms to players. For this league each player receives two tee-shirts, one grey, one white. Each player has indicated a size on the application form. Be sure to match the sizes ordered with the distribution, e.g. make sure to look at all actual shirts to avoid confusing tagged sizes.

Team Composition

Players are drafted. Information regarding the respective drafts is mailed before the league meeting with this handbook. Make sure you read it and come prepared to make player selections promptly in your turn. Evaluations should be considered confidential and not shared with players or your children.

Filling Vacancies on Rosters

Your roster may not be full when you leave the meeting. **Under no circumstances may a coach add a player to his/her team on his/her own.** All applications must be filled out online and will be placed in the league on a first come, first in basis. Assignments to teams will be made by the league office.

Umpires and Umpire Payment

Paid youth umpires are used for all fall baseball leagues: Rookie, Bronco Minor, Bronco Major, and Junior Pony. Coaches will be provided \$17 per home game to pay youth officials. Thus, a team that has played all its home games will have no money remaining at the season's end.

In the event of a rainout of a game that has been started, but not an official game, the umpire keeps his/her pay. For games rained out and not started coaches are required to return unused umpire money at the end of the season.

Umpire's Buddy

Each coach will name an umpire's buddy for his/her team. The umpire's buddy is a non-coaching parent who will be at games to ensure that parents on your team's sideline remember who this league is for and will protect the umpire from verbal abuse that can occur from time to time. The umpire's buddy needs to be someone who appreciates the importance of having an umpire for the game and will be tactful in advising unruly parents to calm down or leave.

Rainouts

For any games or practices that are to be canceled due to inclement weather, notice will be provided in two places. A voice message will be available at 777-2222 x 7246 (RAIN) after 4:00 p.m. Please do not call before 4:00 p.m. as the message cannot be changed if anyone is listening to it. Thus, if there is to be a last minute decision, that decision cannot be communicated on the RAIN line if anyone is on it. There are 20 incoming lines to the system, so access until game time should not be a problem. The system is not perfect, but it is very effective if not abused with callers jumping the gun.

Information about cancellations can also be found at the DYA web site:
www.dublinyouthathletics.com or www.dya.com

Lightning Detection System

In 2000 the City of Dublin has installed a lightning detection and warning system throughout parts of the city. Please follow the instructions in the flyer provided regarding suspension and cancellation of play and feel free to make copies for your team.

Remember, this is an early warning system that advises lightning has been detected in the distance and our fields are in the path of the danger. The system's range is set to detect lightning 10-30 miles away, and thus provide an early warning. If lightning is visible, it is usually within the 10 mile range, and the alarm would not sound. Use common sense in that case. Lightning is a danger. If you see lightning, clear the field immediately. The warning system's coverage area includes city parks and pools. It may not reach your field in some instances. If you cannot hear the warning at your site and you see lightning, again use common sense and clear the field. We do not play in the presence of lightning.

Rescheduling Rainouts

Make up games will be scheduled the last of September and the first week of October.

Concession Workers

Teams playing at Avery Park (north end) will be required to staff the concession stand during the duration of their game, plus ½ hour before and ½ hour after their game (one or two adults - absolutely no children under age 16 in the concession stand). Teams will be asked to work no more than once during the season and can split the time among parents so that no one parent has to work the entire time.

Season Length

Regular season games will be generally be played starting the third Monday in August and will end the final week of September. The remainder of September and the first week of October are reserved for make up dates of rained out games.

Awards

There are no awards for the fall baseball program.

Again, thank you for attending the meeting

Remember, have fun and this is for the kids.