

Belvidere Youth Baseball, Inc. Coaches Job Description

1. Hold a mandatory parent's meeting. Communication with team parents is the key to a successful season. In this meeting, you should cover general team rules, practices schedules, and your expectations for your players. Also, you may seek out the help of parent's during this meeting. It would be helpful to have a handout explaining these items. You **must** hand out a practice schedule.
2. You must instill the spirit of good sportsmanship into your players. Before reacting to a situation, take a quick moment to think it through. Then, calmly address the matter in a way in which you set an example for how you want your players to conduct themselves.
3. Teach the **fundamentals** of the sport. Set up multiple drills in practices to stress these fundamentals. **For ideas, please attend BYB sponsored clinics hosted by area professionals and high school coaches.**
4. Conduct regular practices two to three times per week until games start. Once games start, fit your practices in between games if possible. It is easier on parents if you are consistent with your practice days. The **key is communication.**
5. **Be prepared.** You should write down a practice plan for each practice so that you are organized and can keep all of your players involved at all times. This will also help you retain what you have covered and analyze what you need to accomplish. **Please avoid spending the entire duration of a practice throwing batting practice. Players get disinterested.**
6. **Repetition** is necessary for success. Stress the most important fundamentals every day and be creative while you're doing it.
7. Set the example. Your players and parents (fans) are a **reflection of you.** Before reacting, take a moment to think through multiple possibilities and/or solutions, especially when you are on the field. Rational behavior is expected. Anything less is simply not tolerated.
8. Take proper care of BYB equipment and facilities. It is the responsibility of the coaching staff to ensure that equipment is handled and used with care and returned at the end of the season. Please be sure your team cleans up after itself during games, practices, or other events.
9. Cooperate with all league activities, such as picture day, fundraising, clean-up days, and Ice Cream Social. Ask parents for help if needed.
10. Stay in touch with your League Commissioner. The home team each game should turn in a results sheet to the concession stand.
11. Be familiar with the rules of baseball/softball as well as the BYB ground rules. You may find these on our website.
12. Be **courteous towards umpires.** If you approach an umpire politely and conversationally, he or she will be happy to address your concern. Umpires are trained to be conversational. However, disrespectful gestures or words will not get the attention of the umpire in a positive manner. **Umpires are human, and they will make some mistakes. Have you ever coached a perfect game?**