

MYAA Baseball Coaching Responsibilities

MYAA Baseball sincerely appreciates the time and commitment of our volunteer coaches. In order to provide the best possible baseball experience for our players, there are some additional responsibilities required from our coaches other than the normal baseball instruction, team organization and leadership. Please incorporate the following items into your planning for the season:

- **Certification** – All coaches must be safety certified every two years (class dates will be posted to the web site) and must follow the coaches code of conduct posted on the site.
- **3 Baseball Experiences per week** – The more time the kids spend playing and practicing the game, the more their skills will improve. In order to facilitate the best possible learning experience for the players, it is required that all teams make at least 3 baseball experiences available to their players every week of the season. This will be a combination of games and practices and should begin as soon as the practice season kicks off. (2 baseball exp. / week for t-ball)
- **Field Day** – After a hard winter, there are many repairs and upgrades needed on our fields. On Saturday April 8, 2006 (rain date is April 9th), we will run our annual field day at the Hartford Crossing complex to prepare the fields for the long season. Coaches are responsible for having at least one volunteer come to Field Day from their team for the day (it can be any parent or coach). Additional volunteers are of course welcome! If each team has one volunteer, we would have well over 60 people helping out.
- **In – Season Field Maintenance** – With so many games played on the fields each week, it is a constant struggle to keep them in good condition. This season, each team is responsible to have at least one person rake the field after the game is completed. This only takes a few minutes and has an incredible impact on water drainage and thus rain – outs. One way to accomplish this is to ask for a parent to take this responsibility each game and rotate through the roster. (t-ball is exempt)
- **Concessions** – Each team is required to assist in running the concession stand one during the season. Each family will need to have someone work one 2 hour block in assistance to the High School students running the stand. It is the coaches responsibility to be sure that their team is properly represented when their turn comes. (t-ball is exempt)

With most parents willing and anxious to help out in some non-coaching capacity, you should have no problem organizing volunteers for Field Day, Field Maintenance and the Concession Stand. The key is to organize and plan things well in advance. A team Mom or Dad will probably be willing to plan everything and recruit your volunteers, too, but it is ultimately the responsibility of the head coach to be sure all of the above items are handled.

Thank you for your understanding, time and commitment. If we all do our part, we will have the best program and fields in the region!