



2023 Spring Season

In-House Coaches Clinic

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Softball In-House POC: Ed Zehme, community@thebbsa.org

Welcome and Thank you!

- Volunteers like you are the reasons why we can keep having successful seasons for over 50 years!
- Coaching is fun but it does take work and time on your part. The following presentation will provide a breakdown of best practices employed in 5 main areas:
 - In-House manager responsibilities
 - Communication
 - Practice
 - Gameday
 - Team/League activities
- **Matt Green** will be the baseball manger's main point of contact:
baseballsupport@thebbsa.org
- **Ed Zehme** will be the softball manager's main point of contact:
community@thebbsa.org



In-House Manager Responsibilities 1/2

- Background Check form, please complete and return
 - <https://dt5602vnjxv0c.cloudfront.net/portals/5260/docs/volunteer%20waivers%20combined%202021.pdf>
- Check the Calendar of Events on the league website for upcoming important events.
- Communicate often with appropriate Player Agent.
- Attend three Board Meetings to retain seniority points, in compliance with BBSA By-Laws, specifically Article X Section 6.
- Read and follow the Code of Conduct and Disciplinary Policy.
- Attend the Pre-Draft meeting and the Official Draft (excluding Instructional managers).
- Organize the team for and during any clinics offered.
- Distribute BBSA literature to entire team.
- Pick up the players equipment bag on time.
- Distribute copy, or customize a copy, of the practice and game schedule to all players.
- Hold practices on the dates outlined in the BBSA practice schedule.
- Pick up and distribute player uniforms.
- Attend the mandatory manager and umpire meeting (excluding Instructional managers).
- Organize the team for Picture day.



In-House Manager Responsibilities 2/2

- Organize the team for Opening Day festivities.
- Distribute any BBSA fundraising packets to the team.
- Be at the scheduled game location no later than 30 minutes before.
- Nominate players for Carol Stream All-Star Night team.
- Help before, during and/or after with the MVP's Competition event.
- Return the box key and a cleaned equipment bag on time.
- <https://www.thebbsa.org/Default.aspx?tabid=456012>



Communication

- Decide on how you want to communicate with your team, multiple options available.
 - Email
 - Text
 - Apps (Team snap, Gamechanger, etc)
 - Phone Call
- Upon receiving your roster, put together a message and send out an email.
- In this initial email:
 - Welcome your players and their families to the team.
 - Share the calendar of events with your team.
 - Practice Schedule and location.
 - Give them a breakdown of the equipment required:
 - (glove, bat, cleats, water bottle, face guard-girls).
 - Engage your parents and welcome those who are interested in helping.
 - Share/ set expectations.



Practice

- Have a plan.
- Breakdown into small groups/ stations.
- Research age-appropriate drills (source: Youtube, etc)
- Have fun, include games/competitions.
- Focus on the fundamentals: Ready Position!
 - Throwing (focus on proper arm/ body mechanics)
 - Fielding
 - Hitting (Use the T at every level, it's good for training)
 - Situations (Defense, Running Bases, etc.)
 - Behavior (Umpires, Dugout)

Always preach and practice safety.



Game Day

- Clean the dugout out after your game has finished.
- Make a lineup.
- Report scores in timely fashion.
- Be a good sport, the kids are watching you all the time.
- BALL (2244) – is the code for the lock boxes at your field.
- As the home team, it's your responsibility to prepare field for the game:
 - Bases
 - Chalk lines/ batter's box / pitching circle for girls



Team/ League Activities & Dates

- March 10th (Friday) In-House Player Evaluations 7-9PM Lake Park HS West Fieldhouse.
- March 11th (Saturday) In-House Player Evaluations 4-6PM Lake Park HS West Fieldhouse.
- March 14th (Tuesday) Player Draft/ Equipment Handout.
- March 18th (Saturday) Uniform Handout at Dicks Sporting Goods in Bloomingdale (Time TBD).
- March 17-19th 20% off coupon event at DSG.
- March 25th (Saturday) Practice Begins.
- April 15th (Saturday) Uniform Exchange at DSG.
- April 22nd (Saturday) Picture Day at Erickson Elementary School Gym (Time TBA).
- April 30th (Sunday) Opening Day Celebration and games start at Springfield Park.



Team/ League Activities & Dates

- May/June (Friday) , MRF All-Star Games.
- July 1st (Saturday) Fall registration opens.
- June , BBSA Raffle Drawing (Location TBD).
- June 24th (Saturday) Boys & Girls In-House Championship games at Clauss Park in Roselle.
- July 10th (Monday) Equipment Return.
- July , Pool party event at the Bloomingdale's PD Oasis for raffle teams.
- July , BBSA Batgirl night with 19-O Ladies at Springfield Park.
- August , Fall ball begins.
- September 9th (Saturday), Septemberfest Parade.
- October 2th (Tuesday), Character Counts Event at Old Town from 6-8pm.



Raffle Fundraiser/ League Pool Party Event

- Have your end of the season team party at Bloomingdale's Oasis Pool by selling 100 raffle tickets.
- Pizza and 2 hours of pool time for your team along with every other team that meets the mark.
- Raffle drawing will be held at TBD on TBD.
 - 1st, 2nd, 3rd place prizes



We're Here to Help You

- Interested in sponsoring a team, contact Ed Zehme.
- Thebbsa.org.
- Thank You!

