

**Oakes Park Board Summer Baseball/Softball Coach
Philosophy and Job Description**

Our philosophy on coaching is simple. Kids are here to have fun and learn how to play the game fundamentally and also ensure they are engaged. If they are engaged, they learn. The more they learn, the better they play, the better they play, the better they are able to compete. So remember it is a game—Have Fun!

Coaches Job Description

1. Instruct players in the game of baseball/softball. Provide a positive and enriching experience for the players.
2. Manage the team game and practice schedules.
3. Share any concerns, triumphs and issues with the Oakes Park Board (OPB).
4. Ensure the game rules, OPB policies and good sportsmanship are followed at all times (including parents).
5. Complete all documentation regarding risk management.
6. Provide a positive role model for the players and parents.

Expectations for Coaches

- ▶ An important part of this job is to teach and maintain sportsmanship. The coach is expected to be the person responsible for persons associated with the team, including parents'. When the game is over shaking hands with the opponent is important and the values associated with winning and losing should be stressed. Unsportsmanlike conduct from anyone associated with the team can/will not be tolerated (i.e. vulgarity, tantrums, etc.) and may be used as a means of removal from the team.
- ▶ As the coach, you are expected to treat the umpire with respect and courtesy. Many umpires are volunteers who receive little or no compensation for the difficult task of officiating. Your actions are an example for your team members and parents.
- ▶ Players are expected to hustle on and off the field. As the coach, promote and reward hustle and effort.
- ▶ Consistent teaching of the basics and fundamentals will provide the foundation for long-term development and continued participation.
- ▶ Make practices fun. The kids don't learn as much during games, compared to practices. Try to keep interest by maintaining an enjoyable practice for all players.
- ▶ Field maintenance is important for all who use the fields. As the coach, please take the time to prepare the fields (drag) for the next user if you know games are to follow your practices.
- ▶ Schedule and coordinate all game/tournament schedules.
- ▶ Provide coaching for the OPB summer baseball/softball programs.
- ▶ For practice and/or game cancellations, contact KDDR Radio as early as possible to ensure notification to all participants.
- ▶ Establish a call and/or email network for information distribution.

Expectations for Parents and Players

- ▶ Maintain sportsmanship. The coach is expected to be the person responsible for person associated with the team, including parents'. Please help them out by being on your best behavior. When the game is over, shaking hands with the opponent is important and the values associated with winning and losing will be stressed. Unsportsmanlike conduct from anyone associated with the team can/will not be tolerated (i.e. vulgarity, tantrums, etc.) and may be used a means of removal from the team.
- ▶ Treat the umpire with respect and courtesy. Many umpires are volunteers who receive little or no compensation for the difficult task of officiating. Your actions are an example for your team.
- ▶ Players are expected to hustle on and off the field. Hustle and effort will be rewarded.
- ▶ Consistent teaching of the basics and fundamentals will provide the foundation for long-term development and continued participation. Please come to practices and games ready to learn and participate to the best of your ability.
- ▶ Help make practices fun. Learn as much as you can during games and practices.
- ▶ Field maintenance is important for all who use the fields. As a player or spectator, please help maintain the fields by cleaning the area before you leave and placing all trash in the containers.
- ▶ Your coach will provide you with a schedule and coordinate all game/tournament schedules. Please notify them of any conflict or if you will not be at a game.
- ▶ For practice and/or game cancellation, listen to KDDR Radio or as directed by the coach.

Coach Signature(s) _____

Parent Signature _____

Player Signature _____