

2021 Coach Pitch & TBall Coaches Meeting Agenda

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GEAR PICK UP

- **Thursday, April 8th**
 - **11:30am-1:15pm & 4:30pm-6:00pm**
- **Friday, April 9th**
 - **11:30am-1:15pm**
- **Pick Up is at SIYB Storage (125 E Mission Ave). Across from Dorian Studios (Old Kimmel Athletic)**
- **Coaches will receive gear bag, uniforms, and one dozen game balls.**

Picture Day @ Avista Stadium

- **Picture DAY is Saturday, May 1st at Avista Stadium**
 - Picture day – Leo's photography will photograph all teams
 - Leo's will contact head coach and let them know what time to show up.
 - Pictures will be taken in front of Avista Stadium on the outer concourse.
 - There is no game at Avista Stadium this year.

Rules

- See rules matrix on the coaches info page for additional details
- Game time/length – up to 1.5 hours/up to 6 innings
- Players on field – up to 10 with four outfielders
- Base length – 50 ft
- Pitching – coach pitches from 35 ft
- Pitches – players get up to 7 pitches. 6U after 7 send them to first. 8U they are out.
- Batting order – 6U hit through the entire order each inning. Last batter runs home while the defensive team throws the ball to the catcher.
- 8U only – inning ends after three outs, hit through order if you don't get three outs.
- Helpful hints – 1) have a parent ready to retrieve the balls at home plate, takes too long if the catcher goes and gets the ball each pitch 2) Make sure that your pitcher can throw strikes 3) Don't have your team come off the field until the last batter has reached home.

Misc Information

- Watch your email and website regarding league information
- Pants, jerseys and hats are provided
- Equipment includes – catcher's gear, rubber bases and five helmets. T-Ball will also get a tee. (No bats)
- One dozen safety game balls provided.
- Please return unused uniforms to the SIYB office. (800 N Hamilton St)
- Leo's Photography is our photo partner, this is our largest fundraiser. Please encourage your parents and team to support Leo's on photo day.
- Please make sure to have your players clean up the field prior to leaving games and practices
- Regular Season starts 4/26 for 6U and 4/27 for 8U
- **Team Names:** If you want a specific team name, please email Glen@Siyb.org your name, division, and preferred team name before Monday, April 19th.

Practice Fields and Practice

Practice Fields –

Practice Field Requests – Email **glen@siyb.org** your top three choices for practice fields including days you want to practice. Just because the field is open on the matrix, don't just show up. Reserve through SIYB first!

Practice

- Recommend 4-5 stations with 2-3 kids per station so they don't get bored
- Don't assume they know anything
- Work on: base running, throwing, playing catch, hitting, fielding, fly balls
- Emphasize how important it is to practice at home. Roll the ball, play catch, tee work.
- Dugout Captain

Communication

- Please notify your parents within 48 hours after receiving your roster.
- Best way to communicate is out of Sports Connect or Game Changer Team Manager App.
 - Game Changer Team Manager App:
 - Download on Smart Phone
 - Create an account. USE SAME EMAIL as Sports Connect
 - Once rosters are posted, you can click “Import Team” and you will see you have a roster waiting for you.
 - Do NOT create a team in Game Changer
- Rosters will be posted live tomorrow.
- Let them know when and where you will be practicing
- Ask parents to help with practices
- See if someone will volunteer to be the snack captain

Coach Pitch to Kid pitch transition

- 60' Bases
- Kid pitch only – real hard balls, pitch from 46'
- 6 inning games
- 16 game season plus City Championship
- Responsible for your own uniforms – BSN SIYB partner
- Responsible for your own equipment – balls, catchers gear, etc...Big barrel bats – 2 5/8's
- Play on the dirt infields that are dragged and lined
- Umpires
- Put your teams together early – many teams start working out in January
- Find a player/find a team on the website
- Coach is responsible for collecting money from the players and turning in one check for team fees.
- Three options for play – Super Competitive, Competitive and Recreational
- Full team or individual sign up option
- Local tournaments – Cinco de Mayo, Memorial Super Bash, Best in the NW
- All Star teams – represent area at state and beyond.
- **Fall Ball for 9U – 5 player pitch games. Get ready for the spring season.**

Gear Bag Return

- PUT IN CALENDARS
- MONDAY, JUNE 7th and Tuesday June 8th @ SYSA/SIYB Storage. Times TBD
- 125 E Mission across from Old Kimmel Athletic