



**SPOKANE**  
**INDIANS**  
**YOUTH BASEBALL & SOFTBALL™**

# **SPRING** **SOFTBALL**

2026 Spring 10u-14u Softball  
Coach Resource Slides

# SOFTBALL COORDINATOR

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If you have any questions throughout the season, please feel free to reach out to Taylor.

If you call and there is no answer, please leave a voicemail.

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# THE WHY

- At Spokane Indians Youth Baseball, our goal is simple: give every player a place to **learn, grow, and love the game.**
- As a coach, you're shaping more than players — you're **building character, confidence, and teamwork**
- Winning is fun, but **development comes first** — skills, effort, and sportsmanship are what last.
- You're helping kids create **lifelong memories** and **lessons they'll carry far beyond the field.**

# REACHING OUT TO YOUR TEAM

- Now that rosters are released, everyone on the team has been emailed
- It also opened up access to your team page on Sports Connect
  - Log into your account
  - Click on “Volunteer” in left-hand-side menu
  - Click on the Blue Team Name that appears by your name
- You will be able to access contact information and email your team directly from your team page



# TEAM INTRODUCTIONS



- Please reach out to your team to introduce yourself, set expectations for what to bring to practice, and any additional information you would like to share
- Team culture starts with YOU - please ensure it is positive from the start

# PRACTICE FIELDS

**\*The code to all SIYBS Porta Potties is 1966,  
please always relock them after  
practice/games\***

## Field Confirmation

- Fields are not available until SIYBS gets authorization
- Do not go on fields until you receive confirmation from SIYBS (if you are using an SIYBS field)

## Practice Schedules

- **12u/14u** will practice Monday and Wednesday for the first week of the season. For all other weeks, practice will be on Mondays.
- **10u** will practice Tuesday and Thursday for the first week of the season. For all other weeks, practice will be on Tuesdays.

## Cleaning & Sharing Facilities

- Please take time to clean up the dugout and seating area after each practice and game
- Please be respectful of other groups using the same facilities for both practices and games

## Questions About Fields

- To schedule a practice field or if you have any questions/issues come up, please email [taylor@siyb.org](mailto:taylor@siyb.org)



# GAME SCHEDULE

**12u/14u**

Wednesday Games  
1 game per week

**10u**

Thursday Games  
1 game per week

- 9 Total Games
  - Games start week of April 20th
- All games will start at 6:00pm
- Weekend Double Header & Picture Day
  - 12u/14u - Saturday, April 25<sup>th</sup>
  - 10u - Sunday, April 26th

# MAKEUP GAMES

## Makeup Game Definition

- Any game that is not able to be started or complete a minimum of 3 or more innings due to weather or the league sending a cancellation

## Reschedule Form

- It is the responsibility of the coaches to agree to a make up date & time - plus a back up
- Once agreed upon, one coach must submit a reschedule request
- Click [HERE](#) for form (also listed on our website spring program page)

## Reschedule Confirmation

- Once the softball coordinator has secured a field, the game will be updated on Sports Connect and teams will be emailed via Sports Connect
- The game is NOT confirmed unless you receive a schedule update from Sports Connect

## Reminder

- Friday and weekends are the best days for makeups due to field and umpire availability

# UMPIRES

**THERE IS A SHORTAGE OF UMPIRES AND SPORT OFFICIALS  
AROUND THE COUNTRY, INCLUDING SPOKANE**

**This only impact 12u and 14u team**

- There is a chance that we will be short an umpire for one or more of your games during this season
- You will be notified via email by 3:00pm on games days if an umpire is not confirmed for your game
- To help create as little disruption with this as possible, we ask that you each have one parent on your teams willing and ready to step in as an umpire if needed
- We will reimburse volunteer umpires \$60 a game, for reimbursement please fill out the form [\*\*HERE\*\*](#)



# UMPIRES

## 10u Teams

- The home team for each 10u game is asked to provide a volunteer umpire. This is because this age group is a combination of coach pitch and player pitch
- Players will pitch odd innings (1, 3, 5, extra innings), and coaches will pitch to their own players for even innings (2, 4, 6)



# CODE OF CONDUCT



## ZERO TOLERANCE

SIYBS has a “Zero Tolerance” policy regarding inappropriate behavior. This policy will encompass all interactions during the course of the season.

## COACHES RESPONSIBILITY

-Coaches are responsible for all their coaches, players, parents, and fans.

-If anyone on your bench or sideline is being inappropriate, it is your responsibility to remind them of the zero tolerance policy and shut it down

## INCIDENT REPORTS

-If any incident does occur that is in need of the league investigating, please complete an incident report

-Click [HERE](#) to access the incident report or find it on the SIYBS Recreational website page

-Umpire incidents will be forwarded to SBU

## 1,2,3 POLICY

- This season, umpires will be enforcing a new 1,2,3 policy.
- During a game, any haggling, arguing, or other inappropriate behavior by a coach, fan, or player will result in a warning.
  - The next time it happens, a final warning will begin
  - If it happens a third time, the game will be called

# BOB ROBERTSON SPORTSMANSHIP

The Bob Robertson Sportsmanship Award was created to recognize and celebrate all the little moment of great sportsmanship throughout each game. A Bob Robertson Sportsmanship winner:

- Abides by the rules of the game
- Play fair & hard
- Follow the directions of the coach
- Shows respect to the other team & their efforts
- Offers encouragement to teammates & is a leader
- Shows respect for the umpires judgment calls
- End the game smoothly - shows class in victory & defeat



# BOB ROBERTSON SPORTSMANSHIP

## How it Works:

- After each game, players choose a member of the opposing team to receive the award
- Pins will be exchanged at home plate prior to the end of game handshake
- Players keep the pins they earn during Spring season
- After the Spring season ends, coaches provide SIYBS the name of their player who received the most pins
- That player will receive two complimentary tickets to the **Sportsmanship Recognition Night with the Spokane Indians on July 21, 2026.**

\*This is not an MVP award\*



# GEAR PICKUP

*Wednesday & Thursday*

*April 1<sup>st</sup> & 2<sup>nd</sup>*

*3:00pm - 6:00pm*


Pick up at SIYBS Storage  
123 E Mission Ave. Spokane. WA 99202  
(Next to Black Goat Fitness)

## **Each team receives:**

- Gear Bag (Catcher's Gear, 5 Batting Helmets)
- Uniforms (Jersey, Visor, Pants)
- 1 Box of Game Softballs
- Lineup Cards
- Scorebook
- Bob Robertson Sportsmanship Pins



# RULES

	SPOKANE INDIANS YOUTH SOFTBALL MATRIX			
	DIVISION	10U REC	12U REC	14U REC
Playing Rules	Game Length	6 innings	7 innings	7 innings
	Game Time	No new after 1.5	No new after 1.5	No new after 1.5
	Innings Required	3 innings in the field	3 innings in the field	3 innings in the field
	# Players on Field	10	9	9
	# Players to Start a Game	8	8	8
	Run Rule to end game early	No	No	No
	5 Run per Inning Rule	Yes	Yes	Yes
	Umpires	Home Team provides 1 umpire	Yes	Yes
Ball Size	11" Safety	12"	12"	
Pitching	Pitching Distance	35'	40'	43'
	Innings Pitched Limit	Player: 1, 3, 5 & all extra	No	No
	Pitching Style	Modified/Fastpitch	Modified/Fastpitch	Modified/Fastpitch
	Pitches per Batter	7 (when coach pitching)	N/A	N/A
	Base on Balls/Hit by Pitch (walk)	No	Yes	Yes
Batting & Running	Batting Order	Continuous	Continuous	Continuous
	Helmets Face Guard	No	Yes	Yes
	Metal Cleats	No	No	Yes
	Stealing	No	Yes, ball crosses plate	Yes, ball leaves hand
	Leading Off	No	Yes, ball crosses plate	Yes, ball leaves hand
	Base Length	60'	60'	60'
	Steal Home on Passed Catcher Ball	No	No	Yes
	Dropped 3rd Strike	No- Batter Out, Strikeout	Yes-In effect	Yes-In effect
	Bunting	Only when player pitching	Yes	Yes
	Infield Fly Rule	No	No	Yes

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**THANK YOU  
FOR COACHING!**

"All kids need is a little **help**, a little **hope**,  
and **somebody who believes in them**"

Magic Johnson

