



SPOKANE
INDIANS
YOUTH BASEBALL & SOFTBALL™

SUMMER **SOFTBALL**

2026 Summer 10u-High School Softball
Coach Resource Slides

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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.



THE WHY



- At Spokane Indians Youth Baseball and Softball, 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.**

SUMMER COACH CLINIC

When: Sunday, June 28th at 9:00am – 11:00am

Where: Plantes Ferry Sports Complex, Field 3

What: Free coach clinic for all SIYBS coaches to prepare for the season. Learn some basic drills and skills to help you have your smoothest season yet. Open to all age groups and experience levels



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/High School** 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



GAME SCHEDULE

12u/14u

Wednesday Games
1 game per week

10u/HS

Thursday Games
1 game per week

- 9 Total Games
 - Games start week of July 6th
- All games will start at 6:00pm
- Weekend Double Header & Picture Day
 - 12u/14u – Saturday, July 11th
 - 10u/HS – Sunday, July 12th

MAKEUP GAMES

***Heat Index Policy:**

SIYBS will cancel games or practices if the heat index is at 105 or above per WIAA guidelines. An email will be sent by 3:00pm if this is the case. View WIAA Guidelines [HERE](#).

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 summer 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, 14u, HS teams

- 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 Summer season
- After the Summer 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 September 1, 2026.**

This is not an MVP award



GEAR PICKUP

Tuesday & Wednesday

June 23rd & 24th

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

