

June 1, 2011

I-SRA Youth T-Ball and Coach Pitch Coaches,

Thanks for volunteering your time to help coach a team this summer.

A few thoughts and ideas follow:

1. I will have your team's t-shirts for you on the night of your first game.
2. The necessary equipment (bases, bats, balls, tees, and helmets for Coach Pitch) will be at your field or near the storage shed area on game night.
3. Please do your best to use the first 15-20 minutes of your 60 minutes to work on base running, hitting, throwing, catching and fielding fundamentals. You also can offer ideas/reminders as they play. Do your best to share your knowledge as the kids have fun and possibly develop an enjoyment for the sport.
4. Players in the 1st Grade Coach Pitch League can be given the choice to either hit from the tee or from a pitch.
5. The rules state, for Coach Pitch, that after two strikes the player will have the opportunity to take another pitch or hit from the tee. Please use your best judgment when determining this. At times, we may offer inconsistent pitches as coaches. The goal should be to keep the game moving but to also nurture the young player's confidence if he/she is struggling.
6. Keep in mind that you will have a wide array of abilities, interest levels, attention spans, and behaviors amongst your players. Do your best to keep everyone positive, keep everyone involved and keep everyone having fun.

If you have any questions or other ideas, please check with me.

Thanks,

Mark Wester