

LYNDHURST DAD'S CLUB

April 2009

Dear T-Ball Managers,

On behalf of myself and the Lyndhurst Dad's Club, I thank you for taking on this great job. T-Ball is a lot of fun with our little kids. Just teaching them some basic softball and baseball skills along with our biggest achievement; teaching them to be part of a team and getting along with others is a challenge. We have few rules in T-ball. Our most important rule is to HAVE FUN! Remember, this is purely an instructional league. We are here to guide, not to judge.

Basic outline of a game:

1. Arrival time 6:00 p.m. (Practice from 6-6:30)
2. Game time 6:30 p.m. promptly
3. Maximum length of game – 4 innings
4. All players in the field each inning
5. Half of players bat each inning (No outs)
6. Child can play without the Tee. During a game you may pitch to them 4-5 times, and then give them the Tee if necessary. You may stand as close to the batter as needed within a safe distance.
7. Inclement weather will be your call. Advise me if you cancel a game so that it can be rescheduled. **(If you see lightning, cancel immediately!)**
8. Never leave the field until all children are picked up by a parent or guardian.
9. No smoking while coaching. No smoking in the outfield, infield or near the benches. PLEASE!
10. Rotate children in all positions and batting order.
11. Show good sportsmanship with other coaches.
12. Be someone they can look up to and feel comfortable with.
13. Bases are at 40 feet. Pitching plate is set at 20 feet.
14. First team listed on schedule is the Home Team. Home Team takes the third base side.
15. **Make sure lock box is closed after equipment is taken out or put inside!**

Other Managerial Responsibilities:

1. Contact all your players as soon as you get the roster and reassure them that they are on a team (and with their friends).
2. Make copies of your schedule to pass out to all team members.
3. Assign a snack list for parents, so that after each game a small snack and drink is provided. Strongly suggest “peanut-free” snacks!
4. Call all parents if game cancellation occurs.
5. BRING **ICE** TO EVERY GAME and PRACTICE!!

Remember this is your team. As you can see, our baseball rules are more relaxed than other leagues. We will trust your personal judgment in the day to day cases. However, if you are ever in question or need my assistance, please do not hesitate to call me.

Each of you will be assigned an equipment bag at the beginning of the season. Your bag consists of bats, used balls, and a small first aid kit. The lock box also contains an emergency kit, helmets, catcher outfit, the Tee, and bases. Please make sure you gather all these materials after each game and lock the box! Never stack the helmets. Please place the equipment gently into the lock box so as not to break the First Aid Supply Box that is in there. I will provide you with new balls for home games at the beginning of the season.

I'll see you on the field. **HAVE A GREAT SEASON!!**

Sincerely,

Penney Pallenik
216-297-1988 or
216-235-5842

Lock Box Code is #1224 (Do not distribute this code!)

Helpful Hint: Keep a box of Ziploc bags in your equipment bag to be able to readily make an icepack. Give children a numbered sticker on their shirt for batting order and at the beginning of the season a sticker with their name on it is helpful until you learn all their names. Check hats to make sure their names are written inside, and bring a permanent marker along for those who forgot.

P.S. NEVER LEAVE EQUIPMENT LOCK BOX IN OPEN POSITION!!!