

# BASEBALL COACHES

2019

## Overview

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## Mike Teater – President

- Played
  - Mt View High Bend, OR
  - Linfield College
  - NABA and Slow Pitch Softball
- Coached
  - Skyhawks
  - Camas LL
- Occupation
  - Peak Motion Physical Therapy

## Nick Kralj – VP of Baseball

- Played
  - Gresham High
  - Linfield College
- Coached
  - Skyview High, LaSalle High, Gresham High
  - Little league AA, AAA, Majors 3 years, All-stars; tournament team
  - Football, basketball, soccer
- Occupation
  - Retirement Plan Consultant

#### League Objective

Excerpt from bylaws

The objective of the Local League shall be to implant firmly in the children of the community the ideals of good sportsmanship, honesty, loyalty, courage and respect for authority, so that they may be well adjusted, stronger and happier children and will grow to be good, decent, healthy and trustworthy citizens... All Directors, Officers and Members shall bear in mind that the attainment of exceptional athletic skill or the winning of games is secondary, and the molding of future citizens is of prime importance.

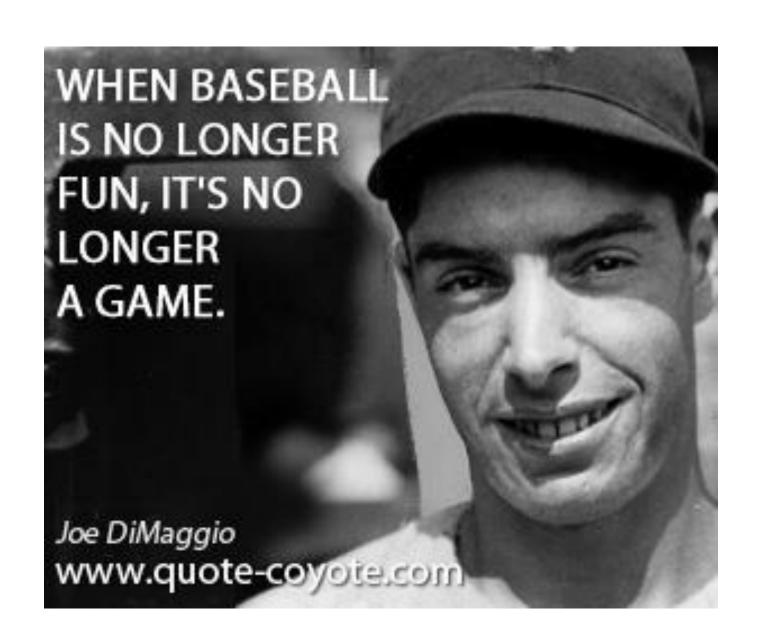
## Philosophy – adopt team values

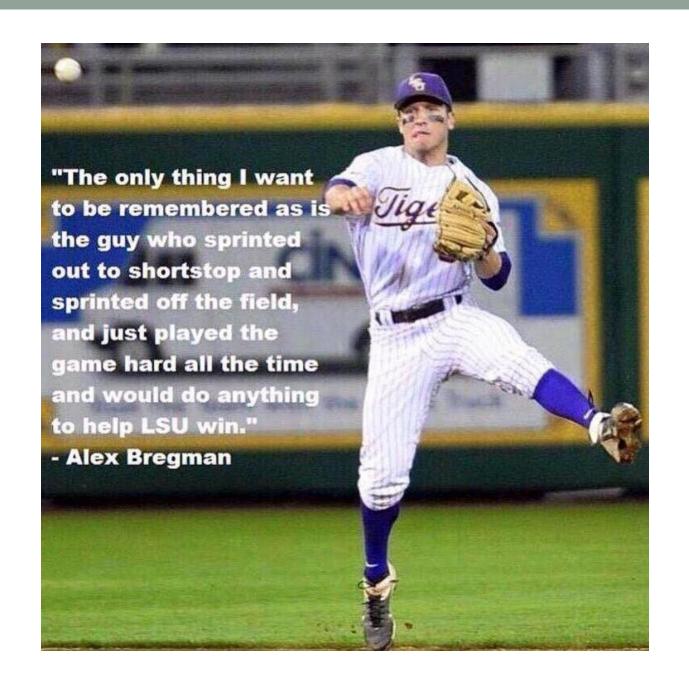


Win (cherry)

Ball player (sauce)

Fun (ice-cream)





## Philosophy

- Jelly bean for every inning hustling on and off the field
- Stickers for meeting the right objectives (upper division)
  - Hard hit ball, 6 or more pitches, 3 pitches after 2 strikes, sac bunt or fly, X base hit, 2 out RBI
  - 1st pitch strike

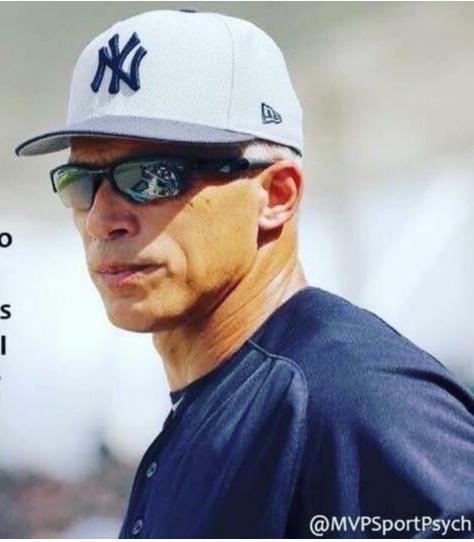
#### Key baseball priorities

- Pitching and Defense
- 2. Timely Hitting and Base running

## Philosophy – parents

You to Parents: refrain from coaching in the stands during games. Please allow them to fail. Im open to feedback if you want to discuss any topics.

"If kids are always looking to their parents for approval, they're not competing and they're not having fun — they're working on pleasing their parents instead. I don't want my kids to please me. I want them to please themselves. Sitting in the stands and after the game, my job as a parent is to let my kids know that I believe in them no matter how they perform." - Joe Girardi



#### Parent Roles

- Field maintenance (home team before; away after)
- Umpire
- Baseball practice help
  - Help set up and run drills in small groups (shag, side toss, etc)
  - Help set up and direct traffic in large group drills (base run for a look)
- Scorebook, pitch count, and scoreboard
- Videographer baseball
- Videographer/photographer memories
- Cheerleader
- \* Volunteer application needed

## Rules

- See Camas LL Website
  - About Us/By-Laws

## Rules – Tee ball

- Non competitive
- 60 minute time cap
- All players hit every inning, despite outs
- 2 coaches on field allowed for instruction
- All players play all positions, 10 fielders allowed
  - Consider work-up after each batter

#### Rules – A

- Non competitive
- 5 innings, 90 minute cap, whichever comes first
- Coach pitch, 5 pitches
- 3 outs or 5 run limit per inning
- Player may not advance after defensive player has the ball on infield
- 2 coaches on field for instruction
- No stealing
- Equal playing time, 10 fielders allowed (4 outfielders)
  - Consider work-up after each batter

#### Rules – AA

- Non competitive
- Pitching machine from 42 feet
- 3 strikes out (foul ball with 2 strikes continues), no walks
- 3 outs or 5 run limit per inning
- 5 inning or 90 minute cap, whichever comes first
- No coaches on field except for machine

#### Rules – AAA

- 6 innings, or no new inning after 1:45, drop dead at 2 hours
  - 10 run rule after 4 innings, 15 after 3
- Bat the line up
- Pitch count rules apply
  - 20, 35, 50, 65, 80, 85 max
- No leading off until ball crosses plate
- Dropped 3<sup>rd</sup> strike batter cannot advance
- On-deck only allowed for first batter of the inning
- Must keep one foot in batters box to take signs
- 90 seconds between innings; have catcher ready or bench player with mask to warm up pitcher

## Rules – Majors

- 6 innings; 1:45 no new inning, and drop dead at 2hr
  - 10 run rule after 4 innings, 15 after 3
- Hit the line up (all players hit, including bench)
- Pitch count rules apply
  - 20, 35, 50, 65, 80, 85 max
- No leading off until ball crosses plate
- Dropped 3<sup>rd</sup> strike batter can advance
- On-deck only allowed for first batter of the inning
- Must keep one foot in batters box to take signs

## Gear – for players

- Game and practice requirements
  - Hat, pants, sleeves if 70\* or less, cleats, cup, glove, bat (if have)
  - Shorts okay if inside
- Uniform provided: hat (red), jersey (red), helmet, bat, catchers gear
- Need: baseball pants (gray), baseball socks (if showing, red), baseball belt (red), long-sleeve under-jersey (red)

Coupons for Athletes Corner on website Scholarship available

## Gear – for coaches

- Provided
  - Balls, bucket, bats, tee, catchers gear, bases
- Recommended
  - Cones
  - Wiffle balls and bucket
  - Wet ground practice balls (yellow rubber balls)
    - Bucket or bag
  - Broom stick or PVC pipe cut to bat size
  - Golf ball wiffles
  - Tennis balls
  - Wagon
  - Hitting net
  - Heavy balls



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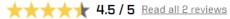
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## Practice plans

- Start on time (means kids arrive 5 min early, do j-bands for upper division, have card)
- Warm up 5 minutes (same every time, put on a card)
- Throwing program 10 minutes
  - Wrist flip, square base throw, row the boat, closed hips long toss, long toss, quick hands
- Square drill (5 min) or triangle (4 min); different sizes 5-20 min
- Work up live pitch or tee
- Hitting stations
  - Tee wiffles, front toss tee, bunt, live hitting (no pop/no pull, 5 swings and switch, 3 rounds per group, dry swings while waiting), base running, shag, bull pens, pepper)
- Defensive stations and team D, bullpens
- Baserunning (run out grounder, single turn, double, triple, relay race with shrinking bases)
- End on time

## 15 Yards

- High Knee Jog
- Butt Kickers
- Back Pedal (Reach)
- Karaoke
- Side Shuffle (Stay Low)
- Squats (3 Steps)
- Toe Lift (3 Steps)
- Side Shuffle w/ Lunge
- Lunge & Twist
- · Jog
- Lead-Off...Sprint x 6-8

## Practice – Upper divisions

- Once a month, have a video practice at a home
  - Review philosophy, Youtube videos, mental points
  - 1 hour tops, offer food as incentive to sit still

## Safety Plan

#### **FORMS**

- Medical Waiver
- Concussion Waiver
  - Please have forms completed, and have available at all team activities. Recommended: scan and save in cloud file for phone retrieval
- Injury reporting
  - Email Chad and fill out form

#### RESOURCES

- Camas LL Website
  - Registration/Meidcal&Safety
     Forms
  - About Us/League Safety
     Plan

## Calendar

- Practices start March 4<sup>th</sup>
- Umpire clinic March 22<sup>nd</sup> 24<sup>th</sup> at Luke Jensen
- Field Prep day and Umpire Training March 23<sup>rd</sup>
- Game Schedule released end of March
- Games start the week after Spring Break

## Communication

TeamSnap is recommended primary source of communication for team management

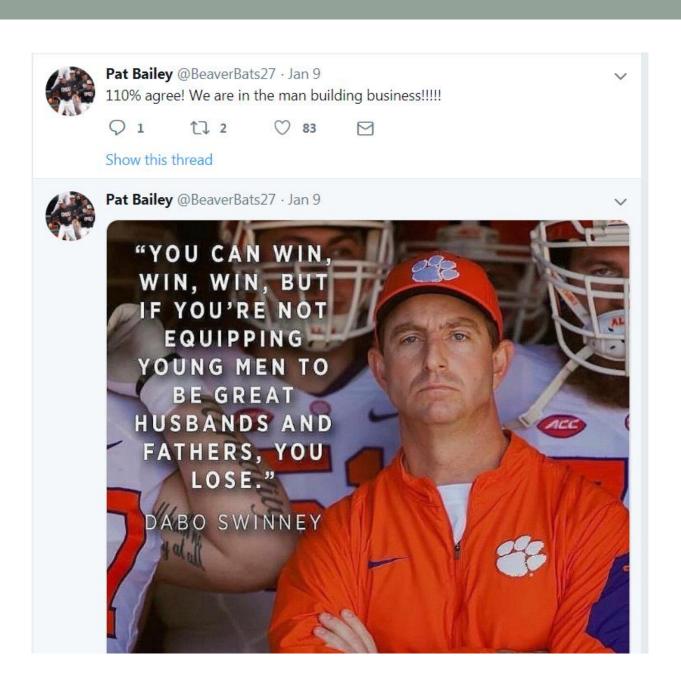
Camas LL - Website, Facebook (like Camas LL) and Email
On website, coaching resources are under
Volunteer/Coaches

Twitter – follow @NAK148

## Conclusion

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Character building > Little League accomplishments



## Questions? Feedback?