

Coaches Meeting Agenda

Coaches Certification:

- All Head Coaches/Managers need to complete the Cal Ripken Coaches Certification course. It is recommended that all coaches take course although not required. Course link is on our website on home page (ocalabaseball.com)

Background Checks:

- New Federally Mandated Abuse Course and background screening. (<http://go.toutapp.com/09299e9e8da4ca1bdb>)
- Any adults inside fences need a completed background check and course certification.

Locks & Keys:

- Keys for head coaches (list of coaches who need one). Keys unlock bathrooms, home plate storage, and press box at Carrigan. *Must be locked before leaving if unlocked.*
- **Lock combo is 3422.** This unlocks the lockboxes that have field and light keys at Carrigan, and the right field storage at Tuscahill. Lockboxes are located on west side of batting cage building at Carrigan, and west side of concession stand building at Tuscahill. This combo also unlocks the roll-up in batting cages at Carrigan.
- If you are the last one to leave the park, make sure all field mats are in, & dugouts are locked (Carrigan) as well as all bathrooms and buildings.

Concessions:

- Home team is responsible for working the concession stand.
- Need to arrive 30 minutes prior to game time.
- Concession shift schedule will be provided before season begins. If families want to trade shifts they can, but that is up to families, NOT COACHES.
- If concession stand can not be manned, game can not be played. Home team forfeits.
- **3 adults** needed to staff stand. No children allowed in concession.
- High school students looking for community service hours may always work. Must be 15 or older.
- Need to push the **Drink Drive!** Winning team gets party. *No water.* Drinks will be collected at Opening Day.
- Very important to understand concession pays for lights and umpires, **food needs to be cooked.**

Equipment:

- Game pitching machines (Juniors & Rookies), and tees (6U) are located behind home plate at Carrigan and in concession stand storage at Tuscahill. *They are not to be removed.*
- Storage sheds need to be kept in order. Make sure you return items to proper locations. *If you don't know, ask.*
- Balls given to coaches are theirs to keep (COBRA coaches will need to retain enough balls to supply game balls at COBRA events). Game balls will be provided to umpires in older divisions, and available in concession stand for 6U and Juniors.
- Coaches will be assigned tees or pitching machines if necessary (6U, Juniors, & Rookies). *They must be returned at end of the season.*
- Tractor behind home plate at Carrigan is OFF LIMITS.

Gamechanger Team Manager app:

- Required use
- Download in app store and sign in before you leave coaches meeting.
- All parents will need to use. May need persuasion.
- Users must be registered on web site, same login information.
- **NOT THE SAME AS THE WEBSITE**

Gamechanger Scorekeeping:

- Required use / Replaces scorebooks.
- Download in app store and sign in before you leave coaches meeting.
- **NOT THE SAME AS TEAM MANAGER**

Team Moms:

- USE THEM. Each team is required to have one.
- Have team moms pass out printed game, snack, and concession schedules and ensure that everyone is using the app (Gamechanger Team Manager). Concession, practice, and game schedules will be posted on app, snack schedule can be added.
- Team mom needs to set snack schedule early so parents know their games ahead of time. NO JUNK FOOD!

Evaluations:

- Each team, from each age group needs to be represented by at least one coach at all 3 evaluations. Teams that miss an evaluation will be charged 10 points per missed date at beginning of draft.
- Coaches for each division will not be scoring their divisions players during evaluation drills.
- Evaluation times: (Drills will begin at 9:00am, coaches need to arrive by 8:30am)
9:00am : Rookies
10:00am : Minors
11:30am : Majors
- Players that are locked will be identified, players that are trying out for Premier/COBRA will be identified.
- **Coaches need to size for jerseys at sizing station.**

Draft:

- Draft will be held on 2-2-19 @ approx. 1:00pm (following completion of COBRA/Premier tryouts) at Carrigan.
COACHES ONLY, NO PLAYERS OR PARENTS ALLOWED AT DRAFT
- Once coaches leave draft, rosters are FINAL. (Uniform orders are created and sent to ensure on time delivery)

Practices:

- Verify Names and Numbers at first practice. Get corrections to Jacob Cox ASAP.
- Practice schedules are randomly generated.
- Lights at Pinkney Woodbury and Tuscawilla are on scheduled timers. If you will not be using field in an assigned slot, make sure to call Park Ranger and let them know. **PARK RANGER = 352-789-1133**
- Field prep tools for Tuscawilla are in right field storage.
- **NO SOFT TOSS INTO CHAINLINK ANYWHERE/EVER.**
- Cages are always open. Please restrict usage to one cage if other teams are sharing. KEEP CLEAN.
- Please use the beginning of practice every few weeks to have players walk around and clean up facility.
- Practice slots that precede games will be cut by 30 minutes. Please clear the field for coaches prepping or warming up.
- DO NOT use infields or outfields that have standing water on them.

Games:

- Home team is responsible for field prep.
- All games played at any of our parks will be played under Cal Ripken/Babe Ruth rules as set forth in the rule book provided. There are no "All Star Rules vs. Regular Season Rules" except for the continuous batting order, and free substitution rule. *If there is any confusion, please ask.*
- Teams can play with one fewer player on defense but will take an out for every missed at bat.
- Forfeits will be scored 6-0.
- Borrowed players are allowed, but have to play outfield and bat last.
- No make ups for rain outs.
- Score Board will need operators. If you want to have it on, need to get it manned. High school students can receive community service hours for this as well.
- Announcers are allowed in press box, but **no unsupervised children.**
- Pre game plate meeting will be attended by ONE coach from each team. The coach at the plate meeting will be the ONLY coach that can communicate with umpires during the game.
- Coaches will address umpires with respect and if questions arise, will be expected to call time and address officials civilly. Please keep in mind, whether you like it or not, coaches are walking example of how to handle authority.

- Gamechanger Scorekeeping app will need to be maintained and has to be turned in to Babe Ruth at the end of the season. **Make sure all players are listed Last name first and include both first and last names, as well as jersey number.** Proper scorebook needs to reflect BOTH TEAMS. Rick Rudman, and Jacob Cox need to be able to access team Gamechanger records and will need to be given allowance in privacy settings.
- Lineup cards need to be presented to opposing coaches at plate meeting. Again; Last name, First Name & Number are required.
- Scorekeepers are required to keep pitch count records (Minor and Major divisions).
- Two coaches allowed on field ONLY (Rookies and Juniors may have a third coach running pitching machine), and must stay outside the foul lines.
- Game scores need to be texted to Rick Rudman after each game. **Rick Rudman : 352-857-1490**
- Please make it a point to clear dugouts and clean up our side of the stands after every game no matter what park you are at. **FIND SOMETHING TO CLEAN UP.** Take pride in not only our park, but our park family. We want people to not only remember how clean they found our facilities, but how clean we left theirs.

Coaches Gear:

- Pullovers- Can be ordered through Boombah, Majestic, etc. and embroidered by Woods Printing.
- SC Hats and Bucket Hats are available.
- SC tee shirts are available.

Opening Ceremonies:

- REQUIREMENT
- Pictures will be taken during ceremonies and team picture will be affected by anyone missing (especially coaches)
- Pictures need to be pushed by Team Moms. Coaches plaques don't come if we don't do enough picture packages.
- Drink Drive ends and winner announced.
- Opening day games will be held.

Field logistics:

- Minors mound and majors mound are separate. Minors mound when not in place, needs to be replaced with the base plugs.
- Minor and Major bases need to be replaced with base plugs if removed.
- On deck circles and dugout entrance mats need to be used at all games and practices (Carrigan). If you are the last team to leave, they need to be brought into dugouts.

Important contact numbers:

- **Jacob Cox: 352-427-2706**
- **Park Ranger (Lights/Field usage): 352-789-1133**
- **Rick Rudman (Scores): 352-857-1490**

Lock Box Combo: 3422