

Biddeford Little League Softball

Coach Expectations

This document outlines the core expectations for all head coaches and assistant coaches participating in Biddeford Little League Softball (BLLS). These standards are intended to promote consistency, safety, sportsmanship, and a positive experience for players and families.

Coaching Conduct

- Coaches are expected to act as positive role models at all times.
 - No swearing or inappropriate language is permitted at practices, games, or league events.
 - Respect toward players, umpires, opposing teams, parents, and league officials is required.
 - Coaches are responsible for fostering a supportive, inclusive, and development-focused environment.
 - All league and Little League rules must be followed.
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Practices

- Teams are expected to hold regular practices as follows:
 - Pre-season (prior to Opening Day): 2–3 practices per week
 - In-season (after Opening Day): 1–2 practices per week, depending on the number of scheduled games
 - Recommended practice duration:
 - Coach Pitch: approximately 1 hour per practice
 - Minors & Majors: approximately 1.5–2 hours per practice
 - All practices must be recorded and managed using the league-designated practice scheduling system.
 - Practices may not be added, moved, or canceled outside of this system.
 - Coaches are responsible for keeping practice information current and communicating clearly with families.
 - Maximum of 3 events (practices or games) per week
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Scheduling & Communication

- All game scheduling and rescheduling must go through the league scheduler.
 - Coaches should not independently coordinate schedule changes with other teams.
 - Weather-related changes must follow league communication procedures.
 - Timely and clear communication with families is expected.
 - Confirm with opposing team the time, location & date 48 hours prior to scheduled game.
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Game Day Responsibilities

The home team is responsible for:

Before the Game

- Lining the field
- Installing bases
- Confirming the field is safe and playable

After the Game

- Dragging and/or raking the field
- Removing bases
- Leaving the field in good condition

Canteen

- Ensuring someone is assigned to set up, run the canteen for the duration of the game and close on the night of the game
 - This responsibility may be delegated to a parent or volunteer
 - Coaches are responsible for confirming coverage in advance
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Player Development & Safety

- Coaches should prioritize development, learning, and enjoyment.
- All safety rules must be enforced.
- Coaches are responsible for maintaining all equipment issued to them and for returning it in reasonable condition at the end of the season.

- Any lost or damaged equipment should be reported to the league in a timely manner.
 - Injuries must be reported according to the Little League Rulebook.
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Accountability

- Coaches are encouraged to seek guidance from the BLLS Board when needed.
- Failure to meet these expectations may result in review by the BLLS Board.