

2007 COACHES MEETING
Friday April 20.

Should any of your kids drop out, please contact the division coordinator

BLAST BALL/TEE BALL – ELENE VANDERPAS

MINI MINORS – LOIS HIGHTINGALE

MINORS B – KEVIN SOULSBURY

MINORS A – EVA SEREDA

MAJORS – GREG HOOK

EQUIPMENT – RICK MARTIN

UMPIRE CO-ORDINATOR – GAYLE OLVER

FIELDS – JAY VANDERPAS

Problem with uniforms...contact CHRISTINA SPENST

The uniforms are ready to go out to all the teams...

All contact e-mails are on the JERICHO BASEBALL web site.

AT NO TIME ARE KIDS TO BE LEFT UNSUPERVISED IN THE DUG
OUT...NO BATS ARE TO BE OUT IN THE DUG OUT. ALL PLAYERS
AT THE TEE-BALL LEVEL AND ABOVE ARE REQUIRED TO
SUPPLY THEIR OWN HELMETS.

Blast Ball – Games are limited to 45 minutes MAX... All games at TRIMBLE PARK
There will be three fields located on the NORTH side of the soccer
field. The fields will be painted to make set up easier...Go through the
batting order, then change to field positions. No gloves or helmets.
Please don't let the kids eat the bats.
Because of their young age, very close supervision is needed.

Tee-Ball – All games will be located at TRIMBLE PARK ...there will be two fields
prepared for easy set up on the SOUTH side of the soccer field. The
lock box will contain the bases, bats and tees. There will be four
sections of movable fencing to use as a back stop...this fence will
have to be removed a locked up at the end of the games.
Games are limited to one hour. Helmets and gloves are required. Go
through the entire batting order then change to fielding positions.
Because of their young age, very close supervision is needed.

Mini Minors – Formerly known as five pitch. Games are limited to one hour. We strongly recommend that the coaches use the pitching machine and tee's only No coach pitch. Parent catch. Bases and machine will be stored in a lock box at the diamond. All games will be at TRIMBLE PARK.

Important notes: whether coach or machine pitch...the ball must be thrown from the pitching rubber. This gives the kids more time to see the ball coming... When the coach pitches...throw the ball OVER HAND from a sitting position, as straight as possible. NO RAINBOW LOBS. A high slow arching ball is much harder for the kids to hit. Go through the entire batting order then change to fielding positions. Keep the game moving. Helmets mandatory.

Minors B – Minimum of four innings maximum of six innings...Three outs...Machine Pitch / kid catch with a parents help. Jericho recommends that the entire season be machine pitch...however, working on pitching skills should not be ignored. Run limits - 5 runs per inning. The last inning is always unlimited. Coaches are asked to read carefully the over throw rule listed in our "LOCAL RULES" Helmets are mandatory. All games at TRIMBLE PARK

Minors A – Minimum of four innings maximum of six innings...three outs...Kid pitch. Use the Jericho recommended run limits per inning rule – Only the first two innings have a 3 run limit. Remaining innings - 5 run limit. The last inning is always unlimited. This season, it is mandatory that all batters wear a face cage. Jericho Baseball recommends that mouth guards be used when in a fielding position. Sport cups are mandatory. Coaches are asked to read carefully the over throw rule listed in our "LOCAL RULES" ALL GAMES AT CARNARVON

Majors - All players are required to have a cage on their helmet...sport cups are mandatory...Jericho Baseball recommends that players use a mouth guard when in a fielding position. PLEASE READ THE MINIMUM INNINGS PLAYED RULE in our local rules and discuss with the parents. LOCAL RULES ARE AVAILABLE ON OUR WEB PAGE.

THE RULES- With the exception of Blast Ball, all divisions will use the Little League “2006 OFFICIAL REGULATIONS AND PLAYING RULES” and “JERICHO LOCAL RULES”. Should a dispute arise, for whatever reason, it will be settled by using these rules.
Pay special attention to the infield fly, run limits, minimum played innings and over throw rules for your division.

UMPIRES - Whether you agree or disagree with the call made...you cannot challenge the call...you may, however, call into question the interpretation or use of the correct rule...
Example: There is a runner on first and second...the ball is put into play...the short stop gets the ball and throws it to third...the ball clearly gets to third, and is caught, before the runner...the umpire calls the runner safe as the third baseman did not tag the runner. The coach would, **calmly**, request a time when the play was over...when a time out has been called by the umpire, the coach will ask permission to walk onto the field. Approach the umpire and point out that, in this case, there was a force play, and that the third baseman need not tag the runner.
REMMEMBER: The umpire has the authority to eject anyone determined to be a problem...treat the umpires with respect.

PRACTICES- As we all have varied personal schedules...the coaches for each division must determine the practice schedule for their division. Go out together for a coffee and hammer it out. Notify you division coordinator when your division has a final practice schedule
For the Blast Ball / Tee-Ball and Mini Minors...any spot on any field will do...Locarno is available, but there will be no lock box.
MINORS AND MAJORS must practice at their assigned diamonds, you may not practice at another division diamond...however, practices may take place at diamonds not permitted to Jericho, but for those, you're on your own.

RAIN OUTS- Jericho Baseball recommends that rained out games be played ASAP. Saturday rained out games are a big problem as so may games are affected. These make up games will have to be played Sunday (all games at scheduled times) or through out the week at 6 PM. This will affect practices for other teams but the games take priority. To make it easy...

Blast Ball through Mini Minors, make up games will be played in the scheduled order. Monday would be the 10 AM game, Tuesday the 11:30 AM game and so on.

Minors A/B -10 AM make up game on Monday, the 1 PM game on Tuesday...no make up games for Wednesdays. Should a Wednesday game get rained out, make up game would be played on Friday. Keep in mind that no regular scheduled game is to be moved to accommodate a rain out. The umpire co-ordinator must be contacted immediately.

Majors A/B- contact your division coordinator regarding rescheduling.

Rainouts must be determined one hour prior to game time...

Coaches in Minors A and Majors must contact the umpire coordinator FIRST, when a rain out takes place and indicate the make up game date.

CALL UPS - Minors A / B and Majors B coaches are asked, when the season is underway, to submit a list of players to the division coordinator, that the coach believes are capable of playing the occasional game at the next level. No player will be pulled from his or her regular scheduled games to play up. No player from a higher division or from another team in the same division may be called.

EQUIPMENT – The end of season is scheduled for June 23...Please return your equipment on Sunday June 24, Carnarvon Park Field House between 11AM and 2PM.

BATTING CAGE – The batting cage is for use of the Minors A and Majors teams only...

AT NO TIME ARE CHILDREN TO BE LEFT UNSUPERVISED IN THE BATTING CAGE...

AT NO TIME ARE CHILDREN ALLOWED TO OPERATE THE PITCHING MACHINE.

The pitching machine balls are to be gathered up and placed in the lock box after use.

The pitching machine must be covered after use...if the pads get wet, the machine is useless.

The Batting cage must be locked after use.

Do not use good bats in the cage; especially in cold weather...they will be destroyed.

FIELDS - There is a right and a wrong way to get the field ready for a game. Dragging and racking...do not drag the rock dust onto the grass...this causes ridges that will cause the ball to bounce unpredictably and dangerously.
When lining, only open one flap...too much lime on the field causes a lot of dust, especially when the weather dries out.
In dry weather, you may have to hose down the field to cut down on the dust...if there is no hose in the lock box or there is a problem with a field, please contact Jay Vanderpas.

PARENTS- Get the parents involved...make sure you have a team manager. The team manager should create a schedule that assigns field preparation, snack duty and where applicable, score keeping. The team manager would also be responsible for notifying the players in the event of a rain out. Coaches should be warming up their players, not getting the field ready.

Rules are rules are rules, but we're here for the kids... Don't stress out on what you think is a bad call, or whether the kid missed a catch or threw the ball to the wrong base. Enjoy the time spent with your son or daughter, their friends and teammates.

Have a great season!