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SOFTBALL COACHES INFORMATION

VABA website: www.valball.com

Practice Time Scheduling

Coaches and VABA meet and all determine practice times for each team. The practice schedule will be posted on the VABA Website. If your practice gets rained out, please check with other coaches to see if they are using their time slot.

Softball Game Scheduling

The League Coordinator/Scheduler of the Blue River League is Melissa Dittmer from Denton (melissadittmer60@gmail.com). Contact info for other towns in the league will be sent out at the beginning of the season. Softball games are normally played on Mondays and Wednesdays. Once games have been scheduled, home games for all teams will be posted on the VABA website.

Concussion Training

At least one coach per team is required to take concussion training online at www.cdc.gov/headsup/youthsports/training/index.html

On their website, you first need to create an account with CDC TRAIN. Then you will be able to take the online training course. This should take no more than 10 minutes.

Once completed, please send copy of certificate to valareaball@gmail.com so VABA can keep a copy of the certificate of completion on file.

Equipment

Each team is provided equipment for practices and games. Provided equipment includes bats, catcher's gear, practice balls and a first aid kit. A catcher's glove is not included. Coaches are also provided keys for the maintenance shed and bathrooms. Equipment and keys can be picked up at the ball field clean-up day. If you are unable to attend clean-up day, please contact a board member to get you your equipment.

All players will need their own baseball glove, batting helmet and uniform. All batting helmets must have a face mask.

Softball Uniforms

Orders are taken during the first week of practice.

Umpires for 10&U and older teams

Softball umps will be lined up by Joel .

10U – 1 umpire needed

12U through Seniors – 2 umpires needed

Contact Information for Umpires for Softball:

Joel Kruse 402-610-5250

Cancellation of games/practices

It will be posted on the VABA website and Facebook page if fields are too wet to hold a game and/or practice.

Rescheduling of games

Each individual coach is responsible for rescheduling cancelled home games by contacting the coach of the other team. Coaches will need to check with Dana Cotter (402-525-3940 / dazcot@gmail.com), to make sure field is available and to notify her of the rescheduled game in order to update the website.

Home Game Responsibilities

Concessions

Teams that play on Field 1 are required to provide 3 concession stand volunteers. Two must be adults, with the option of one volunteer that is 14 or older. One person will need to man the grill.

- First Game: Two volunteers need to report 45 minutes to 1 hour before game time and one volunteer at least ½ hour before game time.
- Game 2 and 3: All three volunteers report at the end of the previous game.

After Completion of Your Teams Game (both fields)

All parents, players and coaches are to assist in the following:

- Rake around the bases, pitchers' mound and home plate. Clean out and sweep both dugouts.
- Clean up trash around bleachers, empty trash containers in the dugouts and near the bleachers into the receptacles north of Field 1.
- Players should not be dismissed until these tasks are completed.

After Completion of Last Game (both fields)

In addition to the above tasks,

- remove bases and inserting base plugs,
- turn out field lights, and
- lock up buildings.

Players should not be dismissed until these tasks are completed.

Field Light Switches (if need to turn on or shut off)

Field #1 - light switches for the north field are in the "VAL BALL" shed.

Field #2 - light switches for the south field are located south of men's restroom in little maintenance shed.

Crow's Nest

After completion of game, pick up all trash in crow's nest and place in receptacle provided. The controller on Field 1 needs to be placed in the cabinet and the controller on Field 2 needs to be placed back into the bag and hung on the hooks. The Village of Valparaiso has requested that there is to be no sitting on the ledge of Field 1's crow's nest. Please make sure to close the doors when finished in the crow's nest.

Since VABA is leasing the facilities from the Village of Valparaiso, any damages sustained during the use of the ball diamond facilities will be repaired and billed to the Valparaiso Area Ball Association.

Batting Cage Rules

1. No spikes on carpet. Metal spikes may be worn in batters box and on rubber matting only.
2. Clean up seeds and trash in cage.
3. Please sweep red dirt into batters box with broom and tamp dirt with tamper after each usage of the cage.
4. Players should enter at back of cage with cleats on.

Parent Code of Contact

VABA asks that all coaches get a signed copy of the parent code of contact for each player (see attached). These need to be turned in to the VABA Board prior to the first game. This will help eliminate any issues that may arise. Coaches are encouraged to talk with any VABA Board members if there are any concerns throughout the season.

THANK YOU FOR COACHING!

To show our appreciation, each head coach will receive a 10 meal punch card to be used at the Val Ball concession stand throughout the season. Punch cards will be kept in the concession stand with your name on it.