

## **FAQ – Draft League Coaches**

### **Draft League Coaches - How and Why?**

#### **Why should I coach?**

Our Draft League program absolutely relies on parent participation in managing and coaching the team. Simply expressed, without parents coaching there cannot be a team. Coaching a draft team is not limited to parents only. We have other family members stepping in to be coaches, neighbors, friends and other volunteers who do not have a child in the league, but wish to assist.

#### **How do I become a coach?**

If you are registering your child, go ahead and register yourself as a team coach! You may also use the volunteer check off box when registering your child. If you do not have a child in the league, please send us an email at [info@swbbl.org](mailto:info@swbbl.org) and we will contact you.

All SWBBL coaches, assistant coaches, managers and any other team or league on field persons must pay for and submit to a background screening. Please see our FAQ about background screenings for more information.

#### **I don't know anything about coaching.**

That's ok! That does not disqualify you. Every coach started with nothing, somewhere, and this is generally true in youth sports. All you really need is a basic understanding of the game and a willingness to have fun and enjoy this! The league has people who will help you and provide you with materials on how to run a practice and game day management. We are always available to answer questions and give you a hand if needed.

#### **What are the responsibilities of a manager and a coach?**

The team manager/coach oversees the management of the team throughout the season. They are responsible for setting a practice schedule, developing a practice format, creating a lineup card for every game, and ensuring kids get their minimum playing time in each game. Time commitment is usually around 3 to 5 hours a week depending upon division. Managers will attend a pre-season manager's meeting with the league representatives. They will schedule and conduct a parent meeting prior to the first practice of the season where decisions can be made on team name, uniforms and team rules and policies are discussed. Managers are assisted by assistant coaches usually made up from parents of players. Typically, a manager will design a practice format and have assistants take care of coaching small groups of players, assisting with batting practice, hitting fungos, or other assistant duties. One person may assume the role of manager/head coach, or those duties can be spread among several coaches if necessary.

Though it may seem a scary proposition, the league is here to help you get started and you'll soon realize it's more fun than work. So help out your child and the kids on your team. Sign up to be a team manager or coach today.