



## SOFTBALL COACHES GUIDE

On behalf of the King Little League, we would like to thank you for volunteering your time to be a head coach. Below is a coaches guide designed to highlight your responsibilities as a head coach. If you have any questions after reading this guide, please contact the VP of softball.

### General:

1. The little league rule book is available for purchase on your smartphone at a cost of \$1.99 (one-time purchase). You will receive yearly updates at no additional cost
2. In addition to the rule book, district 2 has their own interleague rules that serve as supplemental rules that you must follow. Below is a link to the interleague rules  
<https://www.ncd2ll.org/Default.aspx?tabid=2221292>
3. Coach pitch will always play on field #5 (unless daylight hours do not allow) and occasionally player pitch
4. Player pitch, majors, and seniors will play on field #6
5. Little League supplies:
  - a. Jersey for each player
  - b. Two coaches' jerseys
  - c. Socks
  - d. Two dozen balls (one for practice and one for games). An additional dozen may be available upon request
  - e. One score book
  - f. Catcher's equipment (located in equipment building)
6. All other items not mentioned about are the responsibility of the player/parent to purchase
7. The equipment shed behind field #6 contains bases, a batter's box template, chalk box, chalk, batting tees, shovels, etc. for your use. A code to the key box will be provided and the code shall not be shared with anyone else.
8. If the equipment shed is out of chalk, please visit the baseball equipment building located in between fields 1, 3 & 7.
9. Pant and belt (optional) color are up to the coach to determine
10. After practices and games:
  - a. Fill & compact all holes at the pitcher's mound & home plate
  - b. Rake around the pitcher's mound & home plate, the city of King will drag the remainder of the field
  - c. Remove bases and return to the equipment building. Insert base plugs after removing the bases. Remember to lock the shed back after use.
11. Batters must wear a helmet with a face mask. On defense, face masks are required for the pitcher, but strongly recommended for all defensive players
12. Only molded cleats are allowed, metal cleats are prohibited

### The Draft:

1. You are only guaranteed your child and your assistant coach's child during the draft.
2. Do not share the order in which you drafted your players or any other team with anyone
3. The draft pick is a snake draft which means the draft reverses back and forth between who picks first and last in each round (i.e., if you go last in the first round, you will go first in the second round)
4. After drafting your team:
  - a. Each head coach must attempt to obtain a team sponsor (\$150) for their team. The team sponsor will get their company name and phone number, email address, or website on the back of each players jersey. Let you division manager or the VP of softball know if you cannot obtain a team sponsor and we will see if we can get one for you.
    - i. Here is a link to the team sponsor form  
[https://dt5602vnjxv0c.cloudfront.net/portals/10730/docs/king%20little%20league\\_team%20sponsorship%20form.pdf](https://dt5602vnjxv0c.cloudfront.net/portals/10730/docs/king%20little%20league_team%20sponsorship%20form.pdf)
  - b. Please contact each parent and inform them of your practice schedule
  - c. Each parent/guardian who volunteers in any capacity must be registered as a volunteer on our website and pass the subsequent background check. It is recommended to offer all parents an opportunity to volunteer throughout the season.



- d. Confirm the jersey size on their registration is correct. Jersey sizes in the spring run larger than normal and jersey sizes in the fall run smaller than normal.
- e. Confirm the sock size on their registration is correct.
- f. Confirm jersey size for both coaches
- g. When you have completed verification of sizes, please let the VP of softball know so uniforms can be ordered.
- h. Select a team name from any college of your choosing, there cannot be duplicate team names in the same division. Due to availability of jerseys, please have a 2<sup>nd</sup> choice ready too, just in case.

#### **Practice & Games:**

1. Each team will select one practice time during the week and a time on the weekend (Saturday or Sunday). We have two softball fields (5 & 6) and the senior baseball field available for practicing so there is limited availability during the week. You cannot change your practice day or time without first consulting with VP of softball for field availability.
2. Once games start, you no longer have a designated practice day or time. You must consult with the VP of softball to coordinate practices based on field availability.
3. All divisions will have interleague games with other little leagues in our district (i.e. Walnut Cove, East Surry, Northwest Forsyth, South Forsyth, Davie) so traveling will be required. District 2 generates the interleague schedule, and it is typically not distributed until close to the date of our anticipated opening day.
  - a. Coach pitch, player pitch, and majors typically play one mid-week game and one Saturday game
  - b. Seniors play double headers on Sunday only
4. The home team is responsible for preparing the field by installing the bases and lining the field with chalk. Visit the link below for more information on the field and batter's box layout  
<https://www.littleleague.org/league-officials/field-specifications/>
5. The home team is responsible for cleaning up the field at the completion of your game. See item #10 in the GENERAL section above for additional information
6. When lights are required on field #6, there is an additional key in the key box for unlocking the master lock at the electrical panel. The electrical panel to turn on the lights is located down the right field line, near the foul pole. At completion of the game, the lights must be turned off.
7. Do not use the scoreboard.
8. The home team is responsible for providing the umpire with adequate game balls.
9. One umpire is provided for player pitch and majors. Two umpires are provided for junior/seniors.
10. Umpires are NOT provided for coach pitch thus each coach must work together in determining balls, strikes, outs, etc.
11. Umpires are scheduled in advance by the VP of softball
  - a. If you must cancel a game due to weather or lack of players, you must notify the VP of softball 1 hour prior to game time
  - b. If we cancel within an hour of game time, King Little League is responsible for paying the umpires
12. If an umpire does not show for your game, both head coaches must agree on how to proceed. The game can be re-scheduled for another date or a parent, guardian, fan, or another coach can umpire the game.
13. You must coordinate with the VP of softball when re-scheduling home games so we can ensure umpires and fields are available.
14. You do not need to coordinate re-scheduling away games
15. Refer to the interleague rules for game duration

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