

Thank you for your interest in Coaching!

If I volunteer will I be coaching my own child?

Yes. You will only be asked to help your own child's team.

Do I need to know how to play baseball?

No. While being comfortable in throwing/catching a ball is helpful for assisting during warmups your skill level is not being judged. Please refer to our [Coaches manual](#) to assist with fundamentals and support on drills for practices.

Do I need to be a baseball expert?

Certainly not an expert, however all coaches will be expected to understand the [rules](#) laid out for this particular age group.

What is the difference between a Head Coach and an Assistant Coach?

A Head Coach would normally take on the role of organizing a team. Such as preparing batting lineups and field positioning so that games are run more smoothly and you're not deciding on the fly who is the pitcher that inning. They would also organize the practice and/or warm up before a game if applicable.

What if our team has no Head Coach?

The team will be "Coached by Committee". Assistant Coaches would all help each other to provide a successful season and take turns with organizing.

What are some of the main Coaching tasks for this age group?

- Keeping kids focused in the dugout cheering on their teammates while waiting for their turn to bat.
- Standing with them in the field to remind them to keep their eyes forward and watch the ball.
- Standing near first base to encourage the kids to run fast and in the proper direction.
- Helping them set up at the Tee Stand.
- Assisting with practices.

Do I need any equipment to Coach?

RYBL will provide each team with all the equipment you need:

- Equipment bag - holds bats, 3-4 batting helmets, 1 pitcher helmet, first aid kit, ice packs, a red folder to hold score sheets and keys to the equipment boxes.
- Bucket - holds a dozen softer T-Balls and a dozen whiffle balls.
- Equipment boxes - located at each diamond will have bases, hammer, measuring tape, rake and T-Stand.

What if I arrive on the field and equipment is missing?

Please contact your convenor asap.

Is there another way I can help our team without Coaching?

Yes!

- Our Development T-Ball league will be keeping score. You can offer to be Scorekeeper.
- You can help organize a Snack schedule if your team chooses to do one under the "Assignments" tab in TeamSnap.
- Help foster a positive team dynamic by helping the kids cheer on their teammates or create a new cheer.