

Bloordale Baseball League



Convenor's Manual

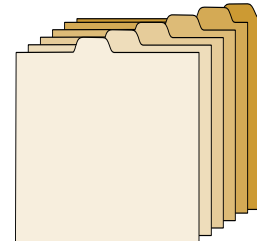
CONGRATULATIONS!

You have just volunteered to convene in one of the finest organizations in the world, the Bloordale Baseball Association. We want you to enjoy your convening experience and would like to make it as easy as possible for you to be an effective convenor. To achieve these goals, we have put together this manual. It contains almost all of the information, forms, procedures, names and numbers that you might need. If you have any questions or problems, talk to someone on the executive. During any given season, there are members of our executive who have many seasons of experience behind them and they are more than willing to discuss baseball with new recruits. We are also keen to have your input on anything and everything relating to Bloordale Baseball and how it can be improved upon for upcoming seasons.

WHAT MAKES A GOOD CONVENOR?

The key to this position is being organized and efficient. Over the years, there has been a direct link between the ability of the convenor and the quality of the division. Good convenors run good divisions!

If you do the job well and communicate information effectively to your team managers, they will in turn do a better job running their teams.



A good convenor....

- ~ is willing to solicit advice and at the same time take responsibility for making the final decision on matters relating to his/her division
- ~ communicates frequently with his/her managers
- ~ provides written information to managers, coaches and players on a timely basis
- ~ maintains good two-way communication with the executive
- ~ cooperates with the Bloordale webmaster in preparing information for our website
- ~ visits the diamond on a regular basis to check on field and equipment condition
- ~ acts as a role model for all volunteers on and off the field
- ~ looks for and prepares a convenor to take over the division for the next year

Most of your efforts will come before the season starts. The convenors' job is much easier when accepted as a year round position. If you fulfill your duties when they are required, the effort involved (3-4 hours per month) will not seem so difficult. Once the season has started, you can **almost** sit back and enjoy the fruits of your labor.



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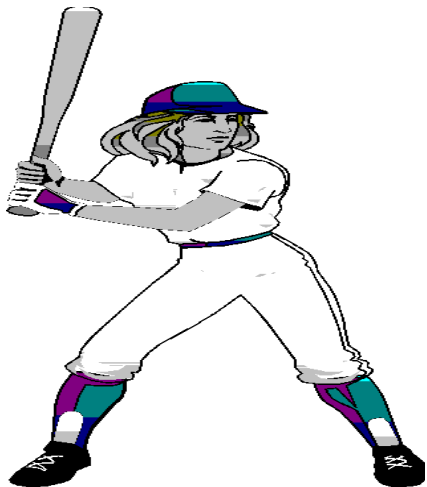
HISTORY AND INFORMATION ON BLOORDALE BASEBALL

Bloordale Baseball began in 1962. Interested parents decided to formally organize a league in order to be able to petition the Department of Parks to supply a playing field.

The Bloordale community now had sufficient population to support a baseball program. The spring of 1962 saw 5 teams comprised of youngsters primarily from the Markland Woods area take to the fields. A schedule of games was arranged to be played at Neilson Park and Millwood Park.

Bloordale Baseball Association was born!

In the years that followed, league registration increased and baseball diamonds were



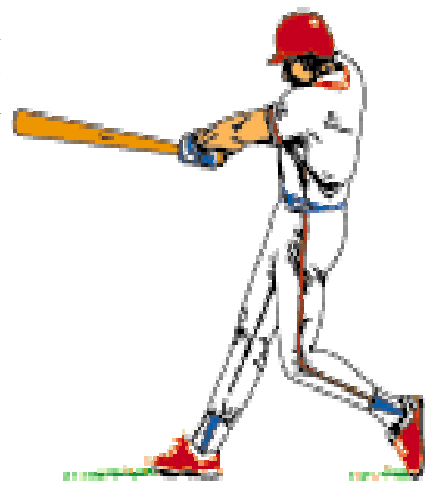
The new league gained in popularity, soon establishing a T-ball program for boys and girls as well as a softball program for young ladies.

At its peak, Bloordale Baseball Association provided an opportunity for 850 children to enjoy the game of baseball and all its rewards.

Today, the houseleague includes divisions in co-ed Blastball, co-ed T-ball, boys Rookie, Mosquito, Pee wee and Bantam as well as girls Mite, Squirt, Novice, Bantam and Midget and Adult co-ed 3-pitch.

We are able to provide an opportunity to play baseball to boys aged 5 to 15 and girls aged 6 and over.

Over the years Bloordale has also fielded teams of Rep and Select/All-stars. These teams provide an opportunity for those players that wish a more competitive baseball environment.



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OBJECTIVES OF BLOORDALE BASEBALL

To provide an organized baseball program for the young people from the Bloordale community in Etobicoke, through voluntary support.



To foster good sportsmanship, fellowship, teamwork and achievement among both players and parents.

To teach proper baseball skills to all players withing a safe learning environment.

To instill a sense of community spirit, pride and responsibility while having fun playing baseball.

To promote a positive experience for a wholesome and rewarding team activity to youngsters and parents who might otherwise not find or not participate in any such program.

To promote recognition of the league with participation by schools, civic and business leaders and the community in general.

To be a positive role model for young people in and for the community.

To provide general stewardship to those young people who become participants.

To recognize and promote human rights, by example, in the way we play and coach the game of baseball.

To provide open participation which is not determined by skill level but instead by willingness to play.

To provide a common ground through the Bloordale Baseball program to nurture a bond between a player and his/her parent(s).

To remember that baseball is a GAME and to try our best to assure that every player has FUN!

To these ends the official Bloordale motto is:

“Anyone can play, all you need is a glove and enthusiasm”



SAFETY AND PARTICIPATION ISSUES

It is essential that convenors convey the importance of safety to their managers and coaches. Listed below are the areas which a convenor and his/her managers must be conscious of when running a team.

Report any problems to the appropriate convenor. Equipment problems to the equipment convenor or uncorrectable field problems to the parks convenor.

Equipment Check

- ~ replace any chipped or cracked bats
- ~ replace any damaged catcher's equipment
- ~ ensure that batting helmets are in good condition and have a secure strap



Field Check

- ~ the backstop and infield area should be clear of debris and raked level
- ~ the outfield area should be free of broken bottles and other debris
- ~ the bases should be secured to the ground with 2 pins and a secure strap

Player Attendance

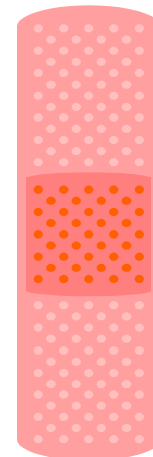
- ~ any player unable to make a scheduled game or practice should notify the manager
- ~ if a player fails to do so, the manager **MUST** follow up and call the parents
- ~ repeat offenders should be reported to the convenor. If the manager is unable to resolve the situation it becomes the convenors responsibility.
- ~ if select players miss 2 houseleague games, they may be suspended from the select team, pending a review of their houseleague attendance

Dress Code

- ~ each player should wear a Bloordale hat and the team shirt
- ~ each player should wear shoes appropriate to a sports activity
- ~ where baseball shoes are worn, no steel cleats are permitted
- ~ where provided, the players should wear their baseball pants
- ~ in divisions where pants are not provided, the players should wear **LONG** pants
- ~ each coach should wear a Bloordale hat and coach's shirt

Safety Kit

- ~ safety kits are located in each equipment box
- ~ the safety kits contain: cold packs, bandages, gauze, etc...
- ~ notify the equipment convenor if safety supplies are being depleted



Injury Prevention Program

The convenor and his/her managers should be aware of the potential for injuries and work to avoid them.

Proper Baseball Procedures

- ~ appropriate warm-up drills including stretching should be implemented
- ~ practice drills appropriate for the players age, ability and stage of development
- ~ knowledge of the fundamentals and rules of baseball (performing skills incorrectly can make players more prone to injury, as can rules permitting aggressive behaviour)
- ~ clothing or attire not suited for a sports activity can increase the chance of injury



Participant Registration Forms

- ~ managers should bring their copy of the registration forms to the field for every practice and game
- ~ the registration form contains valuable information about the player and also the emergency contacts

Emergency Plan

The manager and coaches of each team should be prepared for an emergency. The purpose of this preparation is to get appropriate care to the injured player as soon as possible. The items listed below should be thought out prior to the beginning of the season.

Don't wait until an emergency occurs to realize that you are not prepared.

Designate a Medical person for your team

- ~ be aware of parents on your team that have medical knowledge and can help in an emergency

Designate a Call person to make the appropriate phone calls

- ~ know the location of the nearest telephones (including any parents that have cell phones)
- ~ prepare a list of local numbers for ambulance, fire, police or doctor



Designate a Take-Charge person to take control and assess the situation

- ~ know the best access route to emergency care if an ambulance is not needed
- ~ if professionals have been called, have the Take-Charge person situate themselves where they can direct emergency personnel.



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YEARLY TIME LINE

The following is a list of tasks and approximate dates in the year of a convenor. The next few pages contain more details about each of these tasks.

Annual General Meeting - meet executive and confirm your appointment	Late November
Attend monthly executive meetings	1st Wed. of each month
Prepare for registration and organize managers and coaches	December to February
Registration	January to March
Prepare for draft	Late March
Draft Night	Early April
Coaching Clinics	April
Before the teams take to the fields	April
During season tasks	May to June
Photographs	Most likely in June
End of regular season	Late June
Off-season tasks	July and August
Pre-playoffs	Late August
Playoffs	September
End of playoffs	Late September
Banquet	October
Annual General Meeting - submit end of year report and introduce next years convenor	Late November



YEARLY TIME LINE : DETAILED DESCRIPTION

MEET THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

At the Annual General Meeting you will have the opportunity to meet the members of the Bloordale Baseball Association executive committee and to confirm your appointment as convenor. **You are now a part of the executive.**

The Executive Committee are a group of volunteers who are committed to provide the organizational work behind the scenes to make Bloordale function as a first-rate baseball league. This group consists of various administrative positions as well as all the convenors. The main purpose of the administrative members is to provide league wide functions (i.e. registration, park permits or equipment) and to provide support for the convenors as they fulfill their obligations to the coaches, players and teams in their division.

ATTEND THE EXECUTIVE MEETINGS

The Bloordale Executive Committee meets on the first Wednesday of each month throughout the year. The meetings start at 7:30 and usually end around 9:30 or 10:00. Exact times, dates and locations will be made available during the season. It is imperative that convenors attend these meetings. Each meeting will include new information for the convenor about upcoming parts of the season. Also, during each meeting the convenor will report on the year so far and any problems that have been encountered.

Important: During the executive meetings, every convenor has an opportunity to submit or discuss ideas about aspects of baseball at Bloordale. In order for Bloordale to be successful we need new ideas or new ways of looking at old problems. Convenors tend to be the newer members of Bloordale Baseball and their insight as well as participation will be the future of Bloordale.

This is also the forum and opportunity to bring concerns and ideas from your coaches and parents that you may wish assistance in dealing with or that would be of benefit to the league.

Because the executive meetings are essentially planning meetings, attendance by convenors, who are the direct link with players, coaches and parents, is essential if the league is to provide the type of operation required.



PREPARING FOR REGISTRATION

Finding Players

At the December executive meeting, the Registrar will provide each convenor with a list of potential returning players for your division. The Registrar will also provide you with a complete coaches list for every division in Bloordale from the previous season. The convenor should make notes about potential coaches or managers based on a study of these 2 lists.

Before the first registration date, the convenor should contact each of the players on his/her list to determine whether they will be playing baseball at Bloordale again this season.

If they will be playing, confirm that they have received their registration forms in the mail and know the date and location of the registration.

If not, make notes about their reasons for not playing which may help you in making decisions later in the season.

Finding Managers and Coaches

It is never too early to start looking for managers and coaches for the upcoming season. Finding the right coaches is one of your most important responsibilities. Failure to find enough committed managers and coaches will directly impact your division and its chance of success. The previous convenor may provide insight into which coaches did or did not perform well in their role as coach during the previous season.

The best time to start your coach search is while you are phoning potential players. Most of your coaches will probably be men or women who coached last season. If you have studied your lists as outlined above, you should be able to talk directly to these persons while you are calling about their children. **Call these families first to see where you stand as far as coaches are concerned.**

While you are talking to the rest of your potential players you will want to enquire if they may now wish to help out; whether it be by coaching, sponsoring or other volunteer activities.

While you are recruiting you may be asked about what is expected of persons who volunteer to be managers or coaches. Familiarize yourself with the duties of a team manager and coach. General duties are included in the Appendix and more detailed info is present in the Bloordale Coaches Manual.



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Organizing your Managers and Coaches

You now have a list of individuals who have volunteered to coach or manage. You will have parents on your list who are willing to make different levels of commitment - manager, coach or "sometime helper". It is the convenor's responsibility to determine the coaching combinations to be used.

Ideally, each team should have a Manager / Head Coach and 2 (or more) assistant coaches. If this is not possible then parents can be used during games to coach a base. At the least try to ensure that each team in the division has an experienced manager or coach. Pairing individuals with little coaching experience may result in weak teams.

Certain individuals may wish to coach a team together. This should not be a problem provided that it does not result in unfair teams. One team should not have 2 or 3 experienced coaches while other teams have all newcomers. You will also want to review last year's rating sheets to determine whether the children of these coaches are not all the best players in the division. Having them on 1 team may also make for unfair teams.

While talking to managers and coaches, the convenor should put together a contact list for all such volunteers in the division. The contact list should include daytime and evening phone numbers as well as cell phone numbers (where available) and e-mail addresses.



Don't be discouraged if you have not recruited all of your coaches at this time. You have determined whether there will be a coaching shortage and now have a better idea of how many new volunteers you must recruit at the in-person registration dates.

You will likely also have a number of teenage volunteers to consider because of the 40 hour volunteer service requirement now in effect for high schools.



REGISTRATION

General Information

Walk-in registrations are held from late January to March. The format of an in-person registration allows convenors to meet their parents and players on a one-to-one basis. Convenors should use this opportunity to solicit coaches, sponsors and other volunteers.

On registration day the convenor should arrive approximately 30 minutes prior to the start time. This will allow for sufficient time to set up and get organized at the table assigned to you. Don't be surprised to find people already lined up at this time.

Supplies that will be required at registration include pens, stapler and player / coach lists.

Put together a fact sheet to hand out to parents informing them about your division and about upcoming events such as evaluation days, first contact from coaches and the start of the season. See the example in the Appendix.

Completing the Registration Form

After the completed registration form has been handed in by the parent, the convenor should review the form for completeness. **The telephone number must be legible as this is your only means of contacting the player.**

At the bottom of the registration form is a section to be completed by the convenor.

It is mandatory that the convenor see the birth certificate for all new players to the league. If the parent has forgotten it then they will be told that their child will not be registered until it is provided.

The method of payment must be indicated as well as the amount received. Cheques or cash should be stapled to the Treasurer's (yellow) copy of the registration form.

The Treasurer will be in attendance at registration.

In cases where a parent is paying by cheque for more than one child, the convenor should indicate the total amount received and the other divisions for which payment was received in the slot provided. This will then serve as the parents receipt when they register their child in another division.

In cases where the parent has paid by cheque in another division, indicate that the amount received was \$0 and the division in which payment was made and registration number from that division. The parent should show you their receipt.

Bloordale does not guarantee pairing of players outside immediate family. If parents ask that their children play together, make a note under "convenors comment" indicating whether the request is for driving purposes or just to have the children together. The convenor has the right to refuse any such requests especially if they will result in groupings of too many talented players on one team. You should inform the parents as to your intentions. Either it won't happen or you will try your best to honour the request.



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Participant Safety Information

An important part of the registration form is the medical information section. The convenor should ensure that this section is filled out completely and correctly. Parents who do not have all of the information should call the Registrar or the convenor with the missing information prior to the first practice of the season.

The convenor should also read over this section on each of the registration forms to familiarize his/herself of any medical issues in the division. You may wish to alert the coach in case he/she misses this information.

Waiting Lists

During the later stages of the registration process the convenor should monitor his/her numbers closely. The Sponsor Convenor and Uniform Purchaser will both have to be informed about the number of teams in your division. They will usually need this information 4 to 6 weeks before the start of the season. This means that at some point the convenor will have to make a decision as to how many teams will be in the division and how many players will be on each team.

To make the best decision the convenor should keep a few things in mind. You will want to re-contact any players on your "returning players list" who have yet to register. They may have forgotten and you will want to reserve spots for any of these veterans (any their possibly veteran parent volunteers). The convenor should also realize that he/she may receive calls after the registration process is complete from new players who may have just heard about Bloordale. Discuss this possibility with last years convenor or other experienced members of the executive.

(for example, T-ball will draw new players up to and past the start of the season, while in the older age brackets this is not likely to occur).

You have now made your final decision on the teams in your division.

You will have to start a waiting list for players that contact you once all the teams are filled. Keep a consecutive listing of these potential players. Inform the parents that we usually transfer very few (if any) players off of the waiting list, but that you will contact them should an opening become available.



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Post Registration Clean-up

Registration is now over and you have your copies of the registration forms for all the players in your division. The convenor should make a list of all the players in the division (preferably on a computer). The list should include information needed for the draft as well as information needed to contact the players. Refer to the next section to find out more about compiling a draft list.

In order to accomodate players on a waiting list or to try and fill up vacant spots on some teams you may wish to consider the following options. The convenor could consider moving a weak player(s) to the division below or a strong player(s) to the division above to better manage his/her numbers. This will require discussion and permission from both the appropriate convenors as well as the parents of the players involved.



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PREPARATION FOR THE DRAFT

General Information

Ensure that all managers have been selected and will be present on draft night. Any coaches recruited before draft night should also be invited to attend. The Parks and Rec. Convenor can arrange to reserve a room at a neighborhood school for your draft or you may choose to use an alternate location such as a restaurant, bar or coaches house.

Ensure that you have a rating for all children who played baseball at Bloordale during the previous season. These rating sheets can be obtained from the Registrar. New players to Bloordale can be entered in the draft as unrated players or you can hold an evaluation for these players prior to draft night.

Alternately, you may choose to hold an evaluation for every player in your division. Children change over the winter months, so this would be the best way to ensure a fair and equitable draft. This would be the preferred way to go if you have the time and sufficient coaches to help out with the evaluation.

Whichever system you decide to use to obtain ratings (last seasons or all new spring evaluations), remember that the success of your division is directly related to the effort you put into your tasks. **After selecting managers and coaches, preparing for a fair draft is the 2nd most important thing you will have to do as convenor.**

Preparing the Draft Lists

The convenor should prepare a draft list to be given to each coach on draft night. The purpose of the draft list is to disclose as much pertinent information as possible about every player to all those people involved in team selection; namely yourself and your managers and coaches. The draft sheet is basically an expanded version of the rating sheets given to you by the Registrar.

The draft list will include each player in your division ranked from highest to lowest based on their ratings. For divisions with 2 or more age brackets, you will have separate draft lists based on the players ages.



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Preparing the Draft List (continued)

The draft list should contain columns and / or indicators for each of the following pieces of information:

- pitchers (in divisions where the children pitch)
- sponsors children (must play on sponsored team)
- select players (extra playing time means likely better players)
- players whose parents are managing or coaching
- players whose parents have expressed a desire to help out but who have not been assigned to a specific manager
- players who have requested to be on the same team (and the reason for the request)

Other duties

Obtain the equipment bags and equipment box keys from the Equipment Convenor.

Decide on the draft rules (the format of the draft).

Compose a regular season schedule of games (scheduling practices is optional or can be left to the coaches discretion). Members of the Bloordale executive can assist you in making up your schedule. The regular season should include at least 12 games with exhibition games scheduled if you wish.

Determine a draft night and location and notify the managers and coaches as soon as possible.

Notify all managers and coaches of the pre-season coaches appreciation night if such an event has been organized.



DRAFT NIGHT

The purpose of the draft is to assign players, coaches and sponsors to specific teams in a manner that is both fair and equitable. Drafts are probably the most complex task you

will be required to do this season so it is recommended that you obtain advice from other members of the executive before you attempt your first draft.

Since you have all of the managers and most of the coaches in a single room, it is an ideal time to discuss some of the following topics: (see sample draft agenda in Appendix)

- * code of conduct and division rules (see samples in Appendix)
- * safety issues and emergency action plan
- * diamond scheduling policies and alternate practice diamonds
- * season schedule
- * goals for the season

In order to facilitate these discussions you will want to have for distribution some information. You will need copies, for all coaches, of some or all of these items:

- * meeting agenda
- * division rules
- * regular season schedule and park locations
- * coaches contact list



General Description of Draft Process

Distribute the coaches handout package (including, but not limited to, the items listed above). Distribute the team draft sheets that must be filled out before the evening is over.

Decide on a draft sequence. The easiest way of doing this is to have each manager draw a number from a hat. You may want to assign draft sequence based on the ratings of the coaches children with the highest rated players having the last draft picks.

Explain the format of the draft. On the next page you will find some options for player selection which you can use for the draft.



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Open Window Draft

any available player is eligible to be selected in any round (this is the easiest way to hold a draft, BUT, not the fairest because coaches with higher rated players can still pick players at the top of the rating sheet with the knowledge that their child will automatically be on their team)

Restricted Dynamic Window

each round begins with a window of a fixed number of eligible players equal to the number of teams in the division. coaches assigned to a team must choose their child when he/she appears in the window otherwise they may choose any other player within the window after each individual selection, the window moves to include one more available player, thus always having the same fixed number of eligible players within the window

~~Semi-Restricted Dynamic Window~~

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Options 2 or 3 are recommended for their fairness. The difference being that in option 2 coaches have to stay within the window and option 3 coaches are able to pick lower rated players if they so desire.

These suggestions may seem a bit confusing. That is why it is imperative that you discuss your options with other more experienced members of the executive. In the past, some convenors have also decided to put together the teams by themselves. Using the player ratings and knowledge of coaches abilities, this strategy has proven at least as effective as a draft (in the lower aged divisions especially).



When in doubt, ask for help!



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During the Draft

The convenor should officially record the player selections of each team on the master copy of the draft list.

If you choose to divide age groups, work from the oldest to the youngest.

Ensure that the children of managers and coaches are selected in the correct round.

Ensure that any player chosen is eligible, i.e. not pre-assigned for some reason.

Ensure that each team is assigned a sponsor while checking that sponsors who have children in the division are matched with the appropriate sponsor.

Ensure that each team fills out the player selection forms. One copy is for the manager, one copy is for the convenor and the third copy is to be returned to the Registrar (by the convenor).

After the Draft

Review the official draft results and ensure that every team concurs with them. Also check that each team has an equal share of the players available.

Trading is allowed amongst the managers after the draft, but not particularly encouraged.

Managers may wish to try and accommodate player pairing requests that were not realized because of the draft format. All trading must be finalized before the meeting is adjourned.

Ensure that each manager provides a list of coaches shirt requests for him/herself and all of the coaches on the team. The general practice at Bloordale is to provide coaches with a new shirt every 2 seasons and a new hat every season. There can obviously be reasons to grant exceptions to this practice.

You will need sizes to collect the shirts from the Uniform Convenor. If you have a shortage of confirmed coaches at this point in the season, you may wish to order a few extra coaches shirts of variable sizes. Coaches shirts can also be provided at a later date if you have a need for them, but ordering them all at once will be more convenient.

The easiest way to keep track of coaches shirt orders is to have the manager indicate on the top of the player selection form what is required of his team. As you keep a copy of this form, you will have ready access to the requests when you get home and start wading through the paperwork. Have the managers phone their players as soon as possible. If anxious parents don't hear from someone at Bloordale, the only phone number they have is yours!



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COACHING CLINICS AND OTHER TRAINING OPTIONS

A critical objective of Bloordale Baseball is to improve the quality of our coaching. Good coaching results in good players who are confident in their abilities and want to continue playing baseball for years to come. Don't overlook this area of the game!

Over the years many different methods have been used to train the coaches and players at Bloordale. Senior members of the executive, most likely the Vice-Presidents, will be your primary resource in preparing these training sessions. Convenors can also opt to provide their coaches and players with alternate training programs after consultation with the executive. As mentioned early on in this manual, new ideas to improve Bloordale are always welcome.

Prior to the start of the season, NCCP coaching certification clinics will become available in many areas of Ontario. (As well as OCCP clinics directed specifically to the younger houseleague divisions.) Coaches should be notified of these clinics and encouraged to attend. Bloordale will provide a subsidy to offset the cost of the clinic. As of 2003, the clinics generally cost \$65 and provide the coach with quality instruction, a coaches manual and a certification card and number.

Bloordale also usually has a small group of experienced coaches that are willing to carry out a coach or player clinic. Talk to the executive about the availability of such training. This method of in-house training is ideal for the younger age divisions.

T-Ball in particular, has enjoyed many years of successful coach / player clinics put on by interested Rep or Select coaches. The clinic would normally be a Saturday morning before the season starts, with pizza and drinks for the players when they are finished learning.

In the past, Bloordale Softball has also taken advantage of experienced coaches to hold pitching clinics.

The league will also attempt to distribute information about area baseball training schools and the programs that are being offered for player training. If you are given information regarding this type of training, it is important that you distribute the information on a timely basis.

Bloordale Baseball has also produced a Coaches Manual to complement this Convenor's Manual. The distribution method of the Coaches Manual will be either printed booklets to be handed out to your coaches or an online version available from our website. The distribution method will vary depending on whether the convenor feels that the printing costs are warranted. In the older age divisions, you may feel that the manual will not be read and so a direction to our website for interested parties is more appropriate.

Regardless of which training options are currently be used, we would like the Bloordale website to be the primary source of information. Browse the site often!



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PRIOR TO FIRST PRACTICE

Introduction Phone Call

After the draft, all managers must contact their players' parents. This conversation should communicate the following information:

- managers name and phone number
- team name
- first practice date and location
- answer any questions the parent may have

(Points discussed in the following sections are based on the assumption that the league DOES NOT have an official Scheduler on the executive. If a Scheduler is in place he/she will be your main resource in these matters)

Diamond Allocation

To avoid massive confusion and frustration, Bloordale has designated specific diamonds for each division. As the convenor, you will be responsible for scheduling at the diamond designated to your division. This is where your games will be held and any coaches wishing practice time at this diamond will have to book time with you.

Bloordale also has a few alternate diamonds that are available for practice. (Millwood School, Eatonville School (2), and Bloordale School). Convenors will have to coordinate with each other if their teams wish to use these diamonds.

Season Scheduling

The convenor must make a schedule for his / her division. The schedule will have 12 - 15 games for each team during the months of May and June. You may wish to designate the first few games as exhibition games to monitor any inequalities amongst the teams that may have to be addressed. To accomodate this many games generally means that each team in your division will play a game on Saturday and another game during the week.

Practices will also take place during the season. The convenor may pre-schedule practice time for each team or allow the managers to book their own practice time.

The convenor will also have to take into consideration the schedule of any Select teams in the division. Select teams are given one day each week as their "Game Night" and a specific practice time (usually on Sunday). The houseleague schedule should not conflict with these dates.



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Season Scheduling (continued)

In the event of a conflict, the order of priority for diamond assignments is as follows:

- 1} houseleague games
- 2} select games
- 3} houseleague or select practices on a first-come, first-served basis

AS SOON AS THE SCHEDULE OF GAMES IS FINALIZED, IT SHOULD BE GIVEN TO THE UMPIRE-IN-CHIEF

Bloordale Website

Over the past few seasons, Bloordale has been fortunate enough to have our own website. The site is maintained by a parent volunteer who is generous with his time. The website allows the league and its convenors to provide up-to-date information to all of our players and their families. The convenor should cooperate with this endeavour, by sending information about the division, to the webmaster.

The convenor should publish on the website the following:

- ~ schedules
- ~ playing rules
- ~ coaches contact list
- ~ scores
- ~ **NO** player names or photographs



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Select Teams

Select Teams are teams for stronger players interested in representing Bloordale in more competitive baseball. In divisions where they exist, Select teams play in a loop against other Etobicoke and Mississauga based select teams. The loop runs from mid-May until playoffs in late-July / early-August. Select teams may also decide to participate in tournaments, separate from their loop leagues.

As a convenor, you need to know the select team setup for your division. The best source of information is the Select Convenor. Most select tasks are handled by this executive member; your job is mainly just to support the team.

At registration, the Select Convenor will be taking names for team try-outs. If players ask about select baseball, direct them to the appropriate person. The select manager may want a list of players registered in the division and a notice of evaluation days you may be running. This will help the manager in selecting his team.

Bloordale requires that all select players participate in the houseleague. This means the players must attend houseleague games and / or practices. Any select player that misses 2 houseleague games may be suspended from further select play pending a review of his / her houseleague attendance.

Once the season has begun, you may wish to notify the select manager of any players in the houseleague that he / she would want to take a look at (players that were missed earlier on).

As stated above under scheduling, it is imperative that you obtain the select schedule to avoid any conflicts.

Start the season off right by calling the select manager(s) and introducing yourself.

Bloordale Baseball is an affiliate of the Etobicoke Baseball Association and as such is committed to full cooperation with the EBA Titans AAA program. The Titans are rep teams that comprise the top players from all the local Etobicoke associations. Information about AAA try-outs may become available at different points during the year and it is in the best interests of the children if they are given a chance to make the team.

Players that make a AAA team are no longer required to play in their local baseball houseleagues.



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PLAY BALL!!

At last, the regular season has begun. All of your efforts over the past few months have been geared to this moment. You will now notice that the day-to-day responsibilities have shifted to the coaches. If you have prepared well and your coaches agree that fair play, good sportmanship and fun are the key factors to focus on, as opposed to winning, the regular season should run smoothly.

Prior to the start of the season, you will receive enough game balls from the Equipment Convenor to last the regular season. These can be distributed to each team at the start of the season. The home team provides the game ball for that game. After the game, the ball can be put in the equipment bag of the home team for use as a practice ball.

During the season, the convenor must keep track of game results. It is the responsibility of the winning team to report the score to the convenor immediately after the game. Standings should be published and made available to all teams on the Bloordale website.

Keep in contact with your coaches frequently, either individually or as a group. Listen to their comments and suggestions for improvement. Investigate any concerns that they may have. Don't let minor issues fester until they become a major problem. Ask about the condition of the equipment as it is imperative that unsafe equipment be replaced.



The convenor should routinely inspect the playing condition of the diamonds used in the division. Safety hazards / dangerous conditions should be reported to the Executive immediately. Other, less urgent deficiencies should be documented and brought up at the next executive meeting. On occasion it may be necessary for the convenor to act as a groundskeeper. Use the rake provided in the equipment box to smooth out bumps and ruts in the infield.

Go out and watch some games. Be sure to talk to the parents. Answer any questions they may have. If praise and compliments are given, accept them — you have earned them.

The regular season schedule should end by the last week in June. Cancelled games, if they have a bearing on the final standings, must be played before the play-offs (preferably before summer vacation). The pennant winner is the team with the most points at the end of the regular. In the event that 2 or more teams are tied at first place, the pennant winner will be determined as follows: best record in games against each other, most wins, a coin toss. An alternative to the coin toss would be to have a



REGULAR SEASON - PROBLEM SITUATIONS

Unbalanced Teams

All the teams in the division should be competitive. If you see a weak team (lost first 3 games by a large margin, for example), try to determine why this has happened. Are the coaches adequately trained? Did the team have enough practices? Or is the talent on the team so poor that they have no chance of winning a game? In the latter case it may be necessary to transfer some players between teams to make the weaker team more competitive. Player movements are not encouraged, but if necessary, should be done as early in the season as possible.

Rain-outs and Rescheduled Games



Some games during the regular season will need to be rescheduled due to rain and other factors. Every effort should be made to complete games as scheduled, provided conditions are safe. If a game is cancelled, coaches should notify the Umpire-in-Chief in divisions where umpires are used. In the event of a rain-out, the convenor should check for an open date to replay the game and encourage the coaches involved to re-schedule as early as possible. Teams may be ordered to play a postponed game on a later specific date if they are not arranging the make-up themselves.

Games lost to rain are inevitable, however you might be asked to reschedule a game because a coach is unable to field a team. In this case, the coaches of the 2 teams involved should try to arrange a mutually convenient time to replay the game. The convenor could provide assistance by suggesting some possible dates. Although nobody wants a forfeit to occur, rescheduled games should be kept to a minimum, as they do create havoc with the schedule.

The convenor should make arrangements to provide umpires for the rescheduled game.

Resolving Protests

All valid protests must be filed by the protesting team in writing with the convenor within 48 hours of the protested game. The convenor should resolve the protest if he / she feels qualified to do so. Failing that, contact the appropriate executive person depending on the nature of the dispute. If rules are in question, contact the Umpire-in-Chief. If the issue is one of a disciplinary nature, you may always contact the President or Vice-President for advice in this regard. For example, if you as convenor, are also a coach of one of the teams involved in the dispute.

PHOTOGRAPHS

All houseleague teams receive a photograph package that includes a team photo and an individual photo. Both of these items are included with the registration fees. Additional cost items are available if desired (i.e. baseball cards, calendars, etc..). As convenor, your job will be to coordinate with the Bloordale “photography person” who will in turn work with the photography company being used.



Well before your division's picture day(s), you will receive bundles of photography application forms for each team in your division. Hand these out to the managers for distribution to their players. Also inform each manager of the date, time and location when pictures will be taken of his / her team. Any player wishing extra-cost items must come to picture day with the form filled out and a cheque for the extras.

In the case of bad weather, contact the “photography person” to arrange a substitute date and inform managers of the new times.

Photograph packages are handed out at the banquets or equivalent functions.

END OF REGULAR SEASON

Before wrapping up for the summer

~ every effort should be made to get all regular season rainouts played before the end of June

~ consider summer baseball for your division. Holding a game one night per week for any interested players provides activity, improves their skills and is fun. Talk to other Etobicoke based leagues about playing exhibition games over the summer.

~ determine a suitable date for a mid-August get together with the coaches to discuss the season, the upcoming playoffs and socialize.



PRIOR TO PLAYOFFS

Schedule

In early August (or sooner), you will need to put together a playoff schedule. You should ensure that each team plays at least 3 games in the playoffs before they are eliminated. After the second week of September you should not play during the week because lack of sunlight will not allow sufficient time to complete a proper game.

The playoffs can be scheduled using a number of different formats. The most popular format is the round robin. Each team would play 3 to 5 games, with the top 4 teams moving on to semi-finals and the winners of the semi-finals meeting in the final game. Another option is the double knockout tournament format. This requires a specialized schedule that the executive can help you formulate if you decide on this type of playoff.

Regardless of how you schedule the playoffs, there are some issues you will want to consider. You should decide on the formula used for tie-breaking purposes. You should also allow some free days within the schedule for rain-outs. And finally, you should decide on umpiring assignments for the games. In the later rounds of the playoffs you will want to have quality umpires to avoid any problems.

Coaches Meeting

In late August it would be a good idea to have a coaches meeting / social night. This is the time to discuss problems from the regular season and resolve these issues before the competition heats up in September.

At the meeting you should distribute and discuss the following:

- ~ playoff schedule
- ~ playoff rules
- ~ banquet tickets
- ~ game balls
- ~ rating sheets

This time of year brings out the worst competitive nature in some people. You should conclude your coaches meeting with a reminder to everyone present about the reason we are all doing this volunteer work. Coaches should keep the parents on the team (and occasionally themselves) under control.

Let the children have fun and decide the outcome of the games by their play.



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The playoffs are about to begin!

The convenor should ensure that the field is in as good a shape as possible. Contact the Parks and Rec. Convenor for support if you discover problems. You may wish to chalk the baselines and other traditional areas of the diamond. Bloordale has a few chalk machines available. If your division doesn't have a machine on site, you should contact the executive to obtain help in this regard.

The convenor should try to attend as many of the playoff games as possible. This may be asking too much of someone who has volunteered so many hours up to this point in the season, but you should sit back and watch the results of all your efforts. Problems that arise are better solved on the spot as opposed to after the fact on the telephone.

The convenor should also attempt to contact the sponsors and let them know when their team is playing. The sponsors of the 2 teams involved in the championship game might appreciate an invitation to attend.

END OF SEASON

As teams are eliminated, you should collect their equipment bags, keys, rating sheets and banquet money. This may feel awkward, but is much easier than trying to collect them at a later date.

If possible, the convenor should empty each equipment bag and shake out the dirt accumulated over the season. Contact the Equipment Convenor to hand over the bags as soon as they are all ready. They must be prepared for winter storage.

The rating sheets should be handed over to the Registrar right away or at the next executive meeting. The Registrar begins to prepare for next season after the banquets and late rating sheets just make his/her job more difficult.

Banquet money and total ticket distribution details should be handed over to the Banquet Convenor at this time. He/she is planning your banquet and needs this information as soon as possible.

After the playoffs have ended is the time to contact the trophy purchaser. It would be a good idea to have team names, managers names and player numbers in front of you when you contact this member of the executive. He/she will provide help in deciding the trophy distribution for your division.



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BANQUET

If you have not done so already, you must submit banquet attendance figures to the Banquet Convenor at the October executive meeting.

It would be a great gesture to contact the sponsors and invite them out to the banquet.

The convenor must collect the trophies and pictures from the appropriate members of the executive prior to the evening of the banquet. These executive members will be in touch with you when things are ready for pick-up.

You will have to arrive at the banquet hall about 1 hour early to set up the trophy and picture tables. You should also bring along some form of signs indicating where each team will be sitting during the evening.



Your role at the banquet will be to sit at the head table and emcee the trophy presentation part of the evening. The head table will typically be occupied by the President, Vice-President, Registrar, Treasurer and / or other senior members of the executive. The President will emcee the evening.

The convenor should prepare a short speech about the season, then call up the teams, one at a time to receive their trophies and photographs.

ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

The convenor must prepare a final report on the season for his / her division. This report is to be submitted to the executive. You may wish to bring some copies to be distributed to the other members present. Plan to make an oral presentation of your report.

As well as outlining your season, the final report should include any problems or successes that were encountered with possible recommendations that would be helpful for next year's convenor.

As you interact with the parents in your division (whether coaches or fans), you may have encountered some person who is interested in volunteering their time for next season. One of the best ways to help next year's executive is to find a successor to yourself as convenor of your division (if not yourself).

If you have found such a person, invite them to the Annual General Meeting to get acquainted with the executive and to have their position confirmed.



APPENDIX

The following pages contain samples of some of the handouts you will be required to produce before the start of the season. They are meant only as a starting point to help you with communication to the coaches and parents. As previously mentioned many times, the senior members of the executive as well as veteran convenors are a good source for any assistance you may need.

AT-REGISTRATION HANDOUT

AT-REGISTRATION HANDOUT

COACHES CONTACT LIST

PLAYER LISTING FOR DRAFT NIGHT

DRAFT NIGHT AGENDA

STATEMENT OF RULES FOR HANDOUT TO COACHES

STATEMENT OF CODE OF CONDUCT FOR HANDOUT TO COACHES

REGULAR SEASON SCHEDULE



Sample At-Registration Hand-Out to Parents

TBALL



SATURDAY APRIL 28

9:30 - 11:30 A.M.

MILLVALLEY DIAMONDS

ATTENDANCE MANDATORY

Some of the people involved with the Bloordale Rep Program have generously offered their time and experience to run a clinic in the park at Millvalley. This clinic will be of benefit to the coaches and players. The coaches will have an opportunity to learn some basic drills to use during practices and pre-game warmups and the players will have a lot of fun learning some new skills to start off the 2001 T-Ball season. If the weather permits, we will have pizza and pop for the players and coaches when the clinic is over.

ATTENTION ALL PARENTS &	BLOORDALE GOES ONLINE
FANS Now would be the perfect time to head out to the store and purchase the one essential item for T-Ball parents and fans. I am of course referring to a folding lawn chair or some other device for sitting and watching our budding ball players as they enjoy another season at the ball diamond.	This year will be the second season that Bloordale Baseball has a website. The convenor will be providing the webmaster with a lot of info on our season as well as scores and standings. No childrens names will be included on the website. Check it out at: <div style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 2px; text-align: center;"> www.bloordalebaseball.org </div>

BLOORDALE T-BALL SPRING 2001 NEWS

WELCOME

I would like to welcome all the players and their families to Bloordale Baseball. I hope you all had a wonderful winter and are now ready to enjoy some spring and summer weather at the ballpark. I have a feeling that if we all try our best we will have a lot of fun again this season.

CLINIC DAY

The player/coach clinic day in April is a good way to start our season. We will have Bloordale Rep coaches and players teaching the children and their coaches how they can prepare for the game of baseball. If the weather permits, we will finish the day with a pizza lunch.



HELP

There is currently a shortage of convenors at Bloordale, so after this season (and possibly sooner) my help will be needed in one of the older divisions of the league. I am therefore looking for an assistant(s) at the convenor level for the 2001 T-Ball season.

Some of the responsibilities of the convenor include making lots of phone calls, keeping track of game scores, evaluating the new players, making the teams and getting info and equipment to the coaches.

If you think that you may want to be the T-Ball convenor next season, now would be a perfect time to learn a few things by helping out this year and making a smooth transition into the 2002 season.

Or maybe you just want to help out for this season and leave it at that?

Whatever your intention, call me for details.



IMPORTANT T-BALL DATES

Registration	Jan.27 - Feb.03
Evaluation of new players	Mar.20 - 23
Drafting of teams	Apr.09 - 13
Call from coach	soon after

Player/Coach clinic day	Apr.21 or 22 (date to be confirmed)
Start of season	May 05
Back for playoffs	Sept. 08
Banquet	October

Sample Coaches Contact List

MOSQUITO CONTACT LIST

Convenor: Stephen Poirier ???-???-????

Team # 1 **Guardian Suburban Drug Mart**
Contact: Mike Amatuzio Work - ???-???-????
Home - ???-???-
e-mail - *****

Team # 2 **Mama Martino's**
Contact: Garth Riley Cell - ???-???-????
Home - ???-???-
e-mail - *****
Alternate: Ken Green Home - ???-???-
e-mail - *****

Team # 3 **Smart Printing**
Contact: Jim Steele Cell - ???-???-????
Home - ???-???-
e-mail - *****
Alternate: John Szpik Work - ???-???-????
Home - ???-???-
e-mail - *****

Team # 4 **Markland Auto Service**
Contact: Paul Harris Work - ???-???-????
(ext.3370)
Home - ???-???-
e-mail - *****
Alternate: Mohammed Joulani Home - ???-???-
e-mail - *****

Team # 5 **Milano's Pizza**
Contact: Stephen Poirier Home - ???-???-
(after 2:00)
e-mail - *****
Alternate: Steve Benham Work - ???-???-????
Home - ???-???-
e-mail - *****
Alternate: Paul Badham Cell - ???-???-????
Work - ???-???-????
Home - ???-???-

Umpire-in-chief: Rob or Travis Marshall ???-???-????
**The first phone call you make after cancelling
a game is to the umpire-in-chief to call off the
the umpires.**

Bloordale Baseball Association web-site:
www.bloordalebaseball.org

Sample Draft Night player list

SECOND YEAR PLAYERS WITH MOSQUITO RATINGS							
TEAM	PLAYER	PITCHER	RATING	PHONE	BIRTH	SELECT	HELPER
2-5	Peter McInnis	starter	43			major	
3-3	Michael Freestone	starter	41			major	
4-1	Michael Szpik		39			major	
1-2	Vince Amatuzio	starter	38				
5-4	Gage Benham	starter	38			major	yes
2-6	Bryan Harrison	relief	38			major	yes
5-7	Adam Poirier	starter	38				
1-9	Sam Derksen	starter	37				
3-8	Michael Lawlor	relief	37			major	yes
1-22	Brendan Badham	relief	35			major	yes
1-12	Tyler Harding	relief	35				
1-29	Jamie Lindsay		35				yes
1-49	Dan Muirhead		32				yes
4-10	Torrey Romanko	starter	32			major	
4-31	Richard Vicente	starter	31				
5-17	Joshua Illankeswaran		30				
3-43	Carter DeAngelis		25				
2-55	Mark Staniusz		24				
3-58	Anthony Quinton		20				

SECOND YEAR PLAYERS WITH NO RATINGS							
4-40	David Deak						
5-24	Andrew Morris					major	yes
2-16	David Nishihama						yes
5-37	Matthew Sutherland						
2-25	Myles Thurston					major	

FIRST YEAR PLAYERS WITH ROOKIE RATINGS							
4-11	Jordan Hibbert		42				
3-13	Neil Riddell		42			minor	yes
3-23	Andrew Bilchak		41				
3-28	Roman Danchuk		40			minor	
3-38	Nicholas Feracutti		40			minor	
2-15	Alex Hutchinson		40			minor	
4-20	Vivek Subbayya		40			minor	yes
3-18	Grant Butler		38				
5-14	Corey Case		37			minor	yes
5-27	James Ieraci		37				yes
4-21	Alex Craig		36			minor	
2-35	Jeffrey Walker		36				
2-36	Neil Hansen		35			minor	yes
4-30	Kevin Hill		35				
2-26	Robert Sidey		34				
3-33	Joey Simpson		34				
1-42	Thomas Juha		32			minor	yes
4-41	Corey Parsons		32				
3-48	James Poulter		32				
5-34	Sean Voisin		32				yes
2-45	Scott Tomashewski		31				

Sample Draft Night Agenda

BLOORDALE MOSQUITO DIVISION

AGENDA FOR COACHES MEETING - APRIL 14TH

Introductions

Distributions

- keys
- draft forms
- coaches list
- Blue Jays brochures

Rules and guidelines

Draft

- discuss player ratings
- choose players
- choose sponsors
- distribute registration pink copies
- note to read the registration forms carefully

Schedule

- coaches meeting after exhibition schedule

Baseball talk

- goals for season
- batting cage
- washroom facilities
- umpire problems

Other business

Adjourn

Hand out equipment bags from car

Bloordale Mosquito Division - Game Rules 2003

1. No pitcher may pitch for more than 3 innings (9 outs) in any one game. If a pitcher appears in a game and pitches fewer than 3 innings, he must wait at least 6 outs prior to reappearing in that game as a pitcher.
 - 1a. No player may sit out a second inning in a game until all players have sat out at least one inning.
2. Two of the first 4 innings (6 outs) must be pitched by a “first year” pitcher. A first year pitcher is defined as a player born in 1993 or later. The manager of the team in the field must notify the umpire and the other team’s scorekeeper of the “first year” pitcher prior to the start of the inning in which they are pitching. A 5 run mercy rule will apply in each of the 2 innings pitched by a “first year” pitcher. The mercy rule will not apply to any inning pitched by a “first year” pitcher beyond the 2 designated innings. **Failure to apply the spirit of this rule may result in the game being defaulted.**
3. Seven warm up pitches are allowed at the start of each inning or by a new pitcher entering the game.
4. Every effort must be made to start the game on time. The umpire and scorekeepers are responsible for recording the time of the first pitch. No inning may start beyond 1 hour 45 minutes after the first pitch has been thrown.
5. A team must field 7 registered players for the game to be official. Any team not able to field 7 registered players by 15 minutes after the scheduled start time will default the game.
6. All players will bat consecutively as listed in the batting order.
7. Unlimited substitution will be allowed.
8. Baseball Canada rules apply except as follows:
 - Infield fly rule is waived.
 - Balk rule is waived.
 - No lead off is permitted at any base. A runner may attempt to advance once the ball crosses home plate. **Penalty: Runner is out, ball is dead.**
 - A runner may not advance home from third base except on a hit, error in the field, sacrifice fly ball or attempt to make a play on a runner on any of the bases. (e.g. no advance on catcher’s overthrow to pitcher, pass ball, wild pitch)
9. Winning manager is responsible for calling or e-mailing final scores to **Stephen Poirier at ???-???-????**.
Winning manager must also sign the umpire’s time card.
10. An umpire’s decision is final. No abuse of the umpire’s will be tolerated.
11. No intentional bunting.

Sample Code of Conduct Handout

Code of Conduct

1. No abuse of the umpires will be tolerated whether from coaches, players or spectators.
2. No smoking by coaches will be allowed in the players bench area.
3. Coaches are responsible for their players and parents conduct. We are here to teach the children and allow them to have fun while they learn more about the game of baseball. Arguing about specific plays and the game outcome is contrary to this goal.
4. If you have a question, call time and approach the umpire for clarification in a calm and controlled manner. Remember that the young players are learning from your actions.
5. The home team is responsible for grooming of the fields after the game.
6. The diamonds and fields are for all the teams enjoyment. Please make an effort to include field maintenance in your practice and game plan. Raking the infield level and picking up any garbage for proper disposal will be greatly appreciated by the teams following you onto the field. (By selecting some players at each outing to do this work you will be encouraging them to take responsibility for their diamonds).
7. Please report any abuses of the above guidelines to the convenor so that he can make an effort to have us all working towards the same goals.
8. **Nobody is permitted to park their cars on the lot adjacent to the ball diamond, which belongs to the apartment building. Please tell your parents to park on the street.**

Mission, Vision, Values

To ensure that participation in baseball is safe, fun and friendly for the children by leading, teaching and organizing and through teamwork, integrity, honesty, quality and commitment to Bloordale Baseball values.

Standards of Activities

- ~ never alone with a child on the field or providing transportation or accommodation at tournaments
- ~ no team practice unless another adult is present
- ~ role model - no drugs / alcohol / smoking / abusive or profane language
- ~ appropriate dress

Sample Regular Season Schedule

GAME	DAY	DATE	TIME	HOME TEAM	SCORE	VISITING TEAM
1	Saturday	3-May	9:00	1		2
2		3-May	11:00	3		4
3	Monday	5-May	6:00	5		1
4	Tuesday	6-May	6:00	2		3
5	Wednesday	7-May	6:00	4		5
6	Saturday	10-May	9:00	1		4
7		10-May	11:00	2		5
8	Monday	12-May	6:00	5		3
9	Tuesday	13-May	6:00	4		2
10	Wednesday	14-May	6:00	3		1
	Saturday	17-May				
		17-May				
11	Tuesday	20-May	6:00	2		1
12	Wednesday	21-May	6:00	4		3
13	Saturday	24-May	9:00	1		5
14		24-May	11:00	3		2
15	Monday	26-May	6:00	5		4
16	Tuesday	27-May	6:00	1		3
17	Wednesday	28-May	6:00	2		4
18	Saturday	31-May	9:00	3		5
19		31-May	11:00	4		1
20	Monday	2-Jun	6:00	5		2
21	Tuesday	3-Jun	6:00	3		4
22	Wednesday	4-Jun	6:00	1		2
23	Saturday	7-Jun	9:00	4		2
24		7-Jun	11:00	5		1
25	Monday	9-Jun	6:00	2		3
26	Tuesday	10-Jun	6:00	1		4
27	Wednesday	11-Jun	6:00	5		3
28	Saturday	14-Jun	9:00	2		5
29		14-Jun	11:00	3		1
30	Tuesday	17-Jun	6:00	2		1
31	Wednesday	18-Jun	6:00	4		5
32	Saturday	21-Jun	9:00	1		5
33		21-Jun	11:00	4		3
34	Tuesday	24-Jun	6:00	3		2
35	Wednesday	25-Jun	6:00	5		4

NOTES:

The select teams play on Thursday evening.

The select teams practice from 9:00 to 1:00 on Sunday morning.

The Millwood diamond will be unavailable at these times for practice.

Bloordale has practice diamonds at Eatonville school (2 diamonds), Bloordale school

(1 diamond in not great shape) and at Millwood school (1 diamond).

During the last 2 weeks of June, practice times at Millwood diamond may be cancelled to accommodate games re-scheduled due to bad weather.