

Hampstead Lions Baseball & Softball Association, Inc.

Requirements and Guidelines for Managers & Coaches

- Provide a structured and disciplined environment for teaching baseball.
- Be responsible for the conduct of all individuals associated with your team.
- Make sure that the safety rules are strictly enforced.
- Do not criticize or argue with umpires over a judgment call.
- Discussions with an umpire shall be limited to rules application and interpretations.

- Remember that this is a kid's game and the primary goal is to have **FUN!**
- Do not belittle your players.
- Give nothing but positive, constructive criticism.
- Emphasize the importance of good sportsmanship and team play.
- Downplay the importance of winning, especially in the younger age groups.
- Stress the importance of respect and encouragement among your players.

RESPONSIBILITIES

- You or a qualified coach must be at all games or practices.
- Inspect your equipment when you receive it and periodically check it during the season to keep it in a safe and workable condition. Batting Helmets and Catching gear will need frequent checks.
- Return all equipment at the end of the season.
- Make sure all team players are present for the Opening Day Parade and Picture Day.

- Home team is responsible for pre-game field prep and safety inspection.
- Visiting team is responsible for after game clean up of field. **MUST** rake around bases and pitching area.
- Each team is responsible for the clean up of their bench and spectator area and all trash is to be taken to the dumpster in the parking lot.
- Winning manager reports the score to the league commissioner.
- Rookie League: Provide an umpire for games assigned to you by the league commissioner.