



## Coach Pitch 2010 Spring Season North Arlington Little League



Dear Parents,

This newsletter has been designed to provide some basic information about our league. We hope that your family has a fun and enjoyable season!

-NALL Board of Directors

**Coach Pitch** is for 6, 7 & 8 year olds, and is intended as an instructional league. The goal is to provide children an environment that emphasizes participation, skill development, fundamental understanding of the rules of baseball, good sportsmanship, and teamwork.

It is non-competitive. The score is only kept during the game so that a team stops batting after five (5) runs. No standings are kept during the regular season. In the North Arlington Little League we talk very little about winning and losing games, instead stressing playing hard, learning from our mistakes, rewarding effort with praise and having fun!

When registration numbers permit, NALL prefers to establish two divisions of play in the Coach Pitch Division; one for the younger, more novice players, often referred to as **CP I**, and a more advanced division for those players ready for a greater challenge referred to as **CP II**. Generally, 6 year olds advancing from T-Ball and a few 7 year olds will play CPI, and some 7 year olds and the 8 year olds play CPII.

There has traditionally been an end of season double elimination tournament between the teams in the CP II division with 1<sup>st</sup> & 2<sup>nd</sup> place teams receiving awards. Additionally NALL sends teams from this division to post season tournaments as determined by the Board of Directors.

Effort is made to play every child at every position throughout the season. But for their own safety, some children will not play at catcher, pitcher, and/or first base until they progress to a point in their fielding ability where a manager feels they can safely protect themselves. Fielding ability not only means a child's ability to catch and throw the ball, but their attentiveness to what's happening during the game.

In Coach Pitch we play five (5) innings or 75 minutes, whichever comes first. An average team with 12 players means there are three players on the bench per inning, for a total of 15 substitutions per game (3 subs x 5 innings). Managers will

make every effort to assure that no child sits out more than two innings in a 5-inning game.

The league rules regarding playing positions for Coach Pitch are:

- No player will be an alternate player on the bench for more than one inning without getting to play (3 consecutive defensive outs). In other words, no player can sit out two innings in a row.
- No player can play more than two innings at either of the positions of first base or pitcher, or both.
- Each player shall play at least one inning in the infield and one inning in the outfield during the game (except in post-season tournament play).
- We use a continuous batting order, meaning all players present at a game bat in succession during the game, regardless of whether they are or are not playing defense at the time. This has the effect of providing a near-equal number of at bats for all players during the season.

The intent of these rules is to provide every child as much experience at every position and to play as much as possible. Again, Coach Pitch is an instructional league with the emphasis on learning, not winning.

**Practices** - Typically teams practice one to three times a week during the pre-season. Once the season begins most managers will choose to practice approximately once per week, if at all. Scheduling of practices is the manager's responsibility.

**Games** – Parents can expect teams to play one to two games a week. Additional games may be necessary if rainouts occur.

**Rain Outs** – Rainouts at Dunlop are decided by the City of Arlington. On questionable weather days to check field status please call the city rainout line at (817) 462-8441.

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**Volunteers**

Many hands light work. North Arlington Little League exists to serve the youth of North Arlington. The league is successful through the work of parents willing to make a small commitment of time to create a safe, and wholesome environment for our children.

Remember, we do it for the kids!

*Note: One parent for each child is expected to take, at minimum, one turn at concession duty each season.*

**Being a Good Fan** – “While it is the prerogative of baseball fans at professional games to voice loud, uncomplimentary opinions of umpires, managers, and players, this practice is not condoned at Little League games. Parents must accept the fact that umpires, coaches and others identified with the program are volunteers and should not be subjected to criticism during ball games. ! ~ Role of the Parent in Little League, 1995 ~

Good fans are one of the best parts of playing any competitive sport—cheering for the players by name, applauding every player’s accomplishment, yelling words of encouragement. Bad fans are one of the worst parts of competitive sports—shouting

at an umpire, yelling at players who make mistakes, loudly criticizing coaches and players during the game. Simply put, we want good fans and the League will not tolerate bad fans. Remember that an umpire has the complete authority to stop play and remove a bad fan from the spectator area.

**Coaching from the Stands** – Managers and coaches are always looking for help, particularly at practices, and we encourage everyone to participate! During the game, however, it is important that players listen to one voice, focusing on what the coaching staff is trying to help accomplish at the moment. Please let the managers and coaches do the coaching during a game—they are trying to minimize the pressure a child feels when they are on the field. A player will be told to listen to the coaches—please be supportive of this philosophy.

**Player Agent** - The role of the player agent is to provide parents, players and coaches with a resource to help facilitate an issue-free player registration, evaluation and regular-season. In addition, the player agent plays a primary role in interpreting league rules and guidelines that establish criteria for a player to maintain an active playing status in the regular and post-season tournament play. At all times, the player agent will listen to the concerns of parents, players and coaches so that a balanced decision is made in the best interests of the player and Little League.

**Questions or Comments** - If at any time you have questions or comments or ideas, we always encourage you to discuss your thoughts with your coaching staff. Also, always feel free to approach any Board member with your thoughts.

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