



Topham Park Minor Softball League	Coaches Responsibilities	2024/04/07
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1. Pick up and return equipment, check for broken equipment and count equipment. Each coach is to pick up equipment at start of game and return equipment at the finish of game. Check that same amount of equipment received is returned. Report any damaged equipment to the equipment manager or division convenor, if equipment manager cannot be located. On Saturdays, the equipment does not have to be returned or picked up in the middle of a double header for the division.
2. Have line up ready for Scorekeeper.
3. Be ready to start game at scheduled time. Players ready to take the field. Weekday games will start at 6:30 and 8:30. All games are 1 hour and 30 minutes in length (no new inning after 1 hour and 15 minutes), or 7 innings, or may be called if the umpire feels it is too dark to continue safely. Diamond 1 games during the week for U18 Girls and U23 are 1 hour and 45 minutes in length (no new inning after 1 hour and 30 minutes) or 7 innings, whichever comes first. Default time will be 10 minutes. No lost time will be made up. Umpires will rigidly enforce time limits.
4. Have catchers ready to go at the start of each inning. Catcher should have shin guards on when there are 2 out. The catcher should have at least one guard on if they are on deck. This does not apply if catcher is on base. If there are 2 out and your catcher for the next inning is on base, replace him/her with the last batter up, not on base.
5. Request call-up from convenor if required. Please give as much notice as possible.
6. The League strongly advocates that all players should have an equal opportunity to experience a variety of fielding positions while playing defense. Therefore, all players should be allowed to play both infield and outfield positions. **Coaches are strongly encouraged to adhere to this principle.** In the event a Coach feels this will place a player in an unsafe position, they should discuss this with their Convenor. If a parent feels their child is not given this opportunity, a meeting with your Division Convenor (and if necessary, other members of the Executive) will be held and if so ordered, you may be forced in subsequent games to play that child as mandated by this principle.
7. Use reporting system as listed.

