



## Sherwood Park Minor Baseball Association

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### HOUSE LEAGUE COACHING RESPONSIBILITIES

House League coaches are key to the image projected by SPMBA. Of all positions within the association, this one has the greatest influence on the real beneficiaries of our program...the players. The following guidelines, coupled with our fair play guidelines should assist coaches in carrying out their duties and ensure that our influence on Sherwood Park youth is positive and lasting.

1. Be the best example of fair play, good sportsmanship and baseball knowledge.
2. Treat each player with individual respect and take a sincere interest in developing their skills and interest in baseball. Rotate players equitably through all playing positions.
3. Put player safety at the top of the priority list. Carry the first aid kit at all times and report all injuries.
4. Teach your team the value of individual effort and team commitment.
5. Help each player and parent to understand your role as coach, the role of officials and the role of league executive and organizers.
6. Communicate effectively with parents and players about game schedule, practices, tournament details and other events or activities throughout the season. Hold regular parent and/or team meetings.
7. Ensure that "fun" is the central theme of all team activities.
8. Seek out and direct the support and assistance of assistant coaches and parents to ensure that your job is manageable. Arrange for volunteers to be team scorekeeper, manager/league liaison, equipment manager, pitching machine co-ordinator, etc. Avoid allowing yourself to be overwhelmed.
9. Establish a pre-game routine with ample time and organization to ensure your team is ready to take the field at start time. ½ hour before start is strongly suggested.
10. Ensure that assigned practice and batting cage times are used or returned to the allocator in adequate time for others to use.
11. Ensure all equipment is kept in good, safe condition and report/replace all unserviceable items.
12. Maintain close liaison with the Division Director.
13. Throughout the season, pause to reflect on the foregoing and credit yourself for the important job you have taken on
14. Above all else, have fun...your enthusiasm is contagious!!