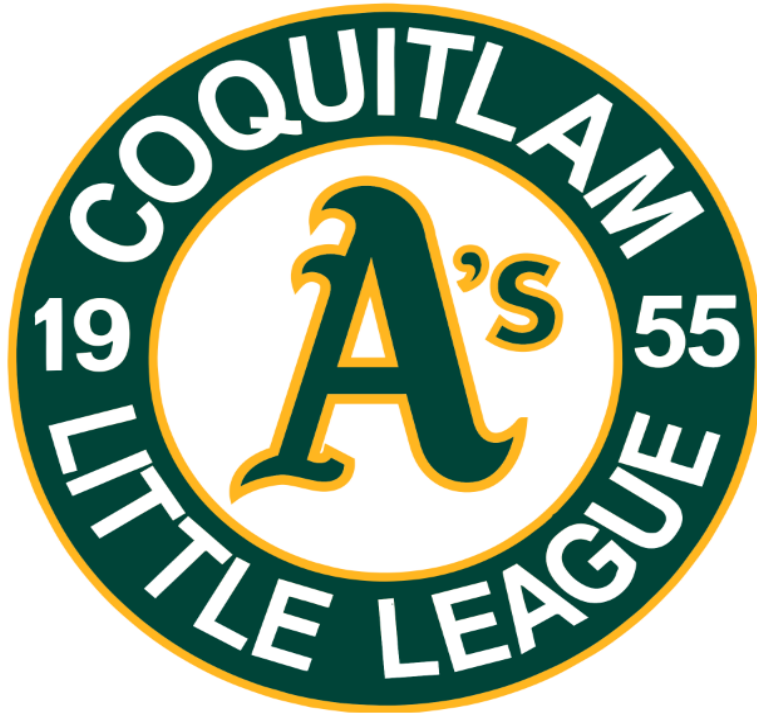


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# Parent Guide Blastball Division



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## Welcome to Blastball!

Blastball is for superstars who are picking up a baseball for the first time (4-5 year olds). The program has been developed with a focus on a fun, active first exposure to organized sports. Specific lesson plans have been developed for this age group and will be distributed for coaches to follow.

## Mackin Park

All games and practices are played exclusively at Mackin East, the lower diamond across from Canadian Tire, on Wednesday evenings starting in April.

## Equipment Requirements

Every player is required to own and wear the following for protection:

- Boys – Jock Strap / Girls – Jill Strap
- Batting Helmet
- Baseball Glove
- Team Hats and shirts will be provided
- **Note:** For protection, please have your child wear long pants to games and practices

## Parent Responsibilities

### Team Parent Responsibilities

Parents on each team will decide who their Team Parent will be. The Team Parent will assist with coordinating duties required by all parents, which allows your child's manager and coach to concentrate on baseball!

#### Act as a Liaison

- Act as an email, telephone and **RAMP** liaison between the players and coaching staff, taking and passing along messages on behalf of the coaches
- Communicate that all parents will have a chance to pitch in and help!
- **It is recommended that the Team Parent gather and distribute email addresses and phone numbers for every parent on the team**

#### Assist Team Coaches and Manager

- Help the coach track attendance with the **RAMP** team app; all parents should install the app and indicate attendance to games ([Link to RAMP Tutorial](#))
- Emailing or messaging players who have not indicated attendance will help the coach with line-ups and fair play

#### Picture Day

- Hand out picture forms (Picture Day is usually in late May)
- Coordinate times and meeting place for parents and players at Mackin Park
- **TEAM PICTURES ARE PICKED UP BY THE TEAM PARENT ON FOUNDER'S DAY BY THE TEAM PARENT**
  - Pictures will not be distributed individually, it is a logistical challenge to keep track of individual pick-ups
  - If the Team Parent is not available on Founder's Day, then another individual on the team must be designated.

### End of Season

- Coordinate Coach's gifts and end of season celebration with the help of all parents
- Acknowledging the Coach's hard work with a sentimental gift that reminds them of the team is always a good idea. Some ideas are; a plaque with a team picture, a baseball autographed by each player, an autographed coffee mug etc.

### All Parent Responsibilities

All parents of players are required to take a turn helping out on game days! All parents will help out the Team Parent, as well as:

#### Field Prep and Clean Up

- Help coaches take out and put away bases and other equipment

#### Keep Players Organized

- These young players are there to have fun, and running around is what they love to do!
- They will need help putting their helmets on and focussing on the game to cheer their team on!
- The coach may need help on the field to direct players when running bases

### End of Season

- Help coordinate Coach's gifts and end of season celebration with the Team Parent'
- With the help of all parents, coordinate a 'thank you' for the **Team Parent!**

### Fundraising

- Registration fees cover basic operating costs for items such as equipment and uniforms, advertisement, Little League BC and Little League Canada fees, medals & trophies, insurance, medical coverage and umpire fees. The basics are covered, however, any capital expenditures or improvements to our facilities must be supported by fundraising, sponsorship and concession sales.
- The 'Batathon' is the major fundraiser of the year, more details to follow on the website.

### Picture Day

- **Mackin Yard**
- Photo sessions will be held at Mackin Yard, usually in late May
- **Note:** Coquitlam Little League pays for a team and individual picture for each player; additional pictures must be ordered and paid using the picture order form
- You will receive your picture order forms from your Team Parent that will include a roster form supplied by the photographer (approximately mid-May)
- On the picture form bundle, your team name and picture time will be listed
- **Note:** This must be filled out with your team's information prior to getting your pictures taken
- Please be on time, try to arrive 10-15 minutes early – parking will be at a premium!
- Help coordinate your team with time and meeting place, then go to the picture area together to get your individual and team pictures done
- **Pictures will be picked up on Founder's Day BY THE TEAM PARENT.**
  - **If the Team Parent is not available on Founder's Day, then another individual on the team must be designated.**

## Founder's Day

This is the wrap-up to our regular season! Held in Mackin Yard in June.

- All teams from Blastball to Seniors participate in Founder's Day
- Arrive early, and have a designated place to meet your team
- Parking is at a premium - be prepared to park a bit away and walk!
- Team players, coaches & managers will be called onto the field
- Awards and Batathon prizes are distributed
- **Photos picked up by Team Parents in a designated area in front of the cage**
- Often, teams find this a great opportunity to stick around the park and celebrate their year-end parties while they watch the finals being played in the Yard!
- **NOTE: Parents** - please watch from the bleachers or outside the fences

**That's it! Have a great season!**