

Morden Minor Softball Coaches & Manager Package

Welcome to Morden Minor Softball! Thank you for signing up to be a Coach and/or Manager. Without volunteers like yourselves we would not be able to run the Program. You will have received this package from your Convenor for this year. They are your contact if you have questions or concerns.

This package is to help navigate the expectations of Coaching and Managing and give you all the information you'll need to accomplish it. We are always looking to improve this experience, so if you run into things that were not covered in the package or something you feel would be useful, please let your convenor know.

First check out our website! www.mordenminorbaseball.com It's amazing and so easy to navigate. You will find most of your information there.

Morden Minor Softball Requirements – MMB Website – Coaches/Manager Tab

- All Coaches/Assistant Coaches/ Managers are required to have their Respect and Sport. If you were certified prior to 2018 you must re-certify for the 2025 Softball season. Go to the Softball Manitoba website, www.softball.mb.ca and find the "Coaching" tab under the main menu. Go to the "Respect in sport for coaching". This will give you all the information you'll need to either register or re-certify.
- Every coach requires a Child Abuse Registry Check and Criminal Record Check, which must be applied for prior to any team involvement.
- COACHES need to complete the following **ONLINE** courses: Foundations of Coaching Softball: Part 1. (\$10.00), as well as the Making Ethical Decisions module (Free). You can create a profile at "The Locker" (thelocker.coach.ca) to complete both.
- COACHES need to complete the **IN-PERSON** course: NCCP Community Softball Course Part 1. The course is \$200.00 and is **reimbursed** by Morden Minor Ball. Registration for this course can be found on the Softball MB website above under "Coaching" tab, then "Coaching Clinics".
- All coaches, assistant coaches and managers need to be registered in RAMP to be on the bench.
- Provincials have their own Coaching requirements – see the Provincial sections for more information.

League Rules

- Please familiarize yourself with the league rules for your age group which have been included in this package. They are posted on our Tiger Hills league website, tigerhillssoftball.com

- Tiger Hills requires a game sheet to be filled out and emailed after each home game. This is usually completed by the Team Manager.
- Provincials follow Softball Manitoba rules (on their website) which may differ from your league rules.

Team Management

Get a Manager! It's not required but will help you focus on Coaching while the Manager does the organization for the team. Once you find a manager communicate who with your convenor.

- Manage TeamSnap
 - Enter all the information needed for games and practices.
 - Keep parents informed of schedule.
- Finding availability of softball diamonds for extra practices if needed. Softball diamonds available in Morden are Diamonds A, B and 2. Diamond Map attached.
- Reporting scores
 - Form available on Tiger Hills website if needed.
 - Home team must report score and email to name on bottom of form.
- Reschedule games if there's a cancellation.
- Handing out uniforms, collecting at end of year and returning to equipment manager. Can be done by yourself or you can use a parent volunteer to handle.
- Find a Volunteer to hand out fundraising forms to parents, collect money and turn in to Morden Minor Ball
- Organize Wind Up for Team

Equipment

Nathan Pitt (npitt29@gmail.com) and Tim Hildebrand (204-823-2128) are the Equipment Managers for Morden Minor Ball. If you need anything equipment related, he is your contact.

- Morden Minor Ball provides a bag of equipment for your team at the beginning of the year Contact Nathan Pitt for yours or if you have any questions regarding the equipment.
- Players will receive a Jersey shirt for their uniform. Players are to purchase their own softball pants, socks, and cleats/shoes.
- Players are required to have their own bat, helmet, infield facemask (pitcher's mask), and glove. We've included a bat size recommendations information sheet.
- Pitchers are required to wear an infield facemask to pitch.
- Scorebook handed out at Coaches meeting, contact your convenor if you didn't receive one.

Scheduling

Tiger Hills League assigns all games schedules for all age groups.

- U9/U13 on Tuesday/Thursday
- U11/U15 on Monday/Wednesday

This schedule allows each age group the opportunity to pull up from a lower age group if necessary. The convenor will communicate the schedule with you when it becomes available.

When the schedule is communicated, prior to the start of the season, you will be assigned practices on the same days that your games will be scheduled. If you want practices outside of this assigned schedule, you and your manager will need to coordinate that yourselves. We encourage at least one practice a week.

- Contact the City to book diamonds.
- You can find the diamonds availability and the Ball Diamond Request form on the City of Morden Website (Access Event Centre)

League Tournament

- Cost of league tournament is \$400 and is covered by Morden Minor Baseball. Once you know where you are playing and who to make the cheque out to, email treasurer.mmb@gmail.com
- Dates and locations can be found on our website and the Tiger Hills website.

Fundraising Requirements

- Each player is required to fundraise \$400.00 (per family) or pay \$40.00 for the buyout.
- Every \$500.00 fundraised gets you an entry for a \$500.00 draw prize.
- Forms and more information will be provided in package.

Provincials ('A'/'AA')

If you plan to attend provincials, please familiarize yourself with the Softball Manitoba website.

- Sign-up is open on April 1st, and closes on June 1st.
- Cost is \$400/team which needs to be covered by the team.
- Provincials Entry form is found on Softball Manitoba website. www.softball.mb.ca

Provincials follow Softball Manitoba rules (not necessarily the same as Tiger Hills league rules).

If you are pulling from other rosters or combining teams to create one Provincial Team, that roster needs to be registered on RAMP.

Provincial Coaching Requirements

One person on the bench needs to have these requirements to be able to apply for Provincials.

- Online: Respect in Sport for Coaches
- Online: Foundation of Coaching Softball: Part 1
- Online: Making Ethical Decisions
- In-person: NCCP Community Softball Course Part 1
- All Coaches, Assistant Coaches and Managers need to be registered in RAMP to be on the bench.
- Dates and locations of provincials can be found on the Softball Manitoba website and are already scheduled.

Resources

Tiger Hills Website – www.tigerhillssoftball.com

Softball Manitoba website - www.softball.mb.ca

Morden Minor Ball website - www.mordenminorbaseball.com

Jaimee Barard – Softball VP – mordenminorsoftball@gmail.com

Lynsay Olafson – Softball Registrar & U13 Convenor – lynsay.olafson@gmail.com

Sam Hilhorst – U11 Convenor – sam.hilhorst@hotmail.com

Evan Vermette - U15 Convenor - tournaments.mordenminorsoftball@gmail.com

Leslie Donaldson – U17/U19 Convenor – lesliedonaldson55@gmail.com

Other Resources

- Coaching Requirements Sheet
- League Rules
- Bat Sizing recommendations
- Diamond Map
- Tiger Hills Game Report
- Minor Division info and Leagues & Pitching Distances
- Fundraising Forms and requirements