

## Morden Minor Softball Coaches Package U9

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.

### Morden Minor Softball Requirements

- 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](http://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. Register your certification on RAMP.
- As a U9 Coach you are not required to have any other coaching certification, but we do recommend taking the online Foundations of Coaching Softball: Part 1. (\$10.00). You can create a profile at "The Locker" ([thelocker.coach.ca](http://thelocker.coach.ca)) to register.

### League Rules

- Please familiarize yourself with the league rules for your age group which have been included in this package. They are posted on Tiger Hills league website, [tigerhillssoftball.com](http://tigerhillssoftball.com)

### Equipment

Nathan Pitt ([npitt29@gmail.com](mailto:npitt29@gmail.com)) is the Equipment Manager 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. A scorebook should be included. 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, and glove. We've included a bat size recommendations information sheet for your players for convenience.

## 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.

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)

## 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.

## Resources

Tiger Hills Website – [www.tigerhillssoftball.com](http://www.tigerhillssoftball.com)

Softball Manitoba website - [www.softball.mb.ca](http://www.softball.mb.ca)

Morden Minor Ball website - [www.mordenminorbaseball.com](http://www.mordenminorbaseball.com)

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## Other Resources

- League Rules
- Bat Sizing recommendations
- Diamond Map
- Minor Division info and Leagues & Pitching Distances
- Fundraising Forms and requirements