

# Bear Country Little League Coaching Policies and Procedures

## General

- It is the goal of Bear Country Little League to provide a safe, fun and enjoyable environment for our children to play and learn the game of baseball or softball. It should be the primary objective of every Board Member, Manager, Coach and Parent to insure that this goal is achieved and maintained in our League.
- In addition to the Official Regulations and Playing Rules for LL Baseball and LL Softball, all managers, coaches, volunteers, parents, and players are required to adhere to Bear Country Little League's Code of Conduct, Safety Plan, Local Playing Rules, and these Policies and Procedures.
- All head coaches shall be referred to in this document as Managers, regardless of division of play
- Each Manager shall be given an Official Little League Baseball or Softball Rulebook. The other documents, which are developed locally, are available on our website, [www.bearcountryll.org](http://www.bearcountryll.org).

## Schedules

- All games and practices are scheduled by the League Scheduler.
- Team managers are allowed to cancel practices due to inclement weather, safety concerns, school conflicts, unforeseen circumstances, etc. However, it is highly recommended that each team manager recruit a strong assistant coach so that a manager's personal conflicts don't result in cancelled practices.
- Team managers may only reschedule a practice or alter its time or location with the approval of the League Scheduler.
- Team managers are not allowed to cancel or reschedule games. Games may only be cancelled by the League President or his designee. To avoid forfeit, if a team has a conflict that warrants rescheduling of a game, the opposing manager, the League President, and the League Scheduler must all be in agreement on the change. Rescheduling may be impossible due to rainout make-ups, etc., and may result in forfeiture. Again, it is highly recommended that each team manager recruit a strong assistant coach so that a manager's personal conflicts don't result in rescheduled games.

## Fields

- All managers are responsible for leaving fields in good condition after practices and games.
- All managers are required to survey the field before every practice and game to ensure it is in safe playable condition. If not immediately correctible, teams are to avoid the area and the concerns must be reported to the League Safety Officer.
- Fields that have standing water or are waterlogged to the extent that its use may be unsafe or cause damage to the field are not to be used.

- Fields must be raked, all equipment stored, and trash secured at the conclusion of every practice and game.
- The home team manager is responsible for pre-game field prep and post game raking and trash pick-up.
- Leave the field in better shape than you found it.

## **Equipment**

- All issued equipment must be returned at the end of the season, whether you intend to coach next year or not. *This includes First-Aid Kits.*
- Regular inspection of equipment is required to ensure it is safe to use. If equipment becomes unsafe or in disrepair, notify the League Equipment Manager.
- Managers are responsible to ensure that all equipment supplied by individual players is safe, in good repair, and meets current Little League standards.
- Familiarize yourself with the rules and equipment. Things aren't the same as when you played Little League.