



KYSBA Babe Ruth League Softball & Baseball Managers and Coaches Guidelines

A team manager is a person appointed by the league to be responsible for the team's actions on the field, and to represent the team in communications with the umpire and opposing team. A coach is a person that performs duties as appointed by the manager such as base coach, and will act on the manager's behalf should they be absent. A manager is sometimes also referred to as 'head coach' and a coach may also be referred to as 'assistant coach'.

It is the goal of KYSBA to provide the best possible managers and coaches for all participants. The managers must be a leader who is well respected in their community. The managers and coaches are the adults designated by the league to interact with the young players. They hold key positions, directly affecting each participant and the degree to which he/she benefits by involvement in the league. Since the managers and coaches are the individuals having direct contact with the players, they become the most important persons in determining the success of our league.

Players are strongly influenced by their managers and coaches in establishing their own ideals and aspirations. It is important the managers and coaches be people who can be respected by their players, not only because they might lead them to the league championship, but because they do their job in providing the players with the inspiration to become better citizens via proper mental and physical development. As the role of the managers and coaches is vital in determining the success of our league, KYSBA has developed the following guidelines for selecting managers and coaches.

1. Basic Requirements

- a. All managers and coaches must be upstanding members of the community that exhibit positive behavior, leadership skills, game knowledge, and willingness to be role models for the youth of our community.
- b. All managers must be 18 years of age or older.
- c. All managers and coaches must submit to a background check as required by KYSBA.
- d. All managers must be approved by KYSBA.
- e. All managers and coaches must complete the Babe Ruth Coaching Certification Program and provide evidence of doing so prior to first practice.

2. Selection

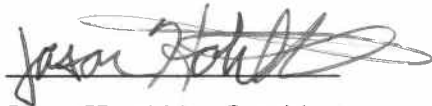
- a. A committee of current KYSBA Board Members will select managers. Selection will be made based on the person that best meets, in the opinion of the committee alone, the KYSBA manager and coach desired qualifications listed below.
- b. Any returning manager that is required to remain in the same division for consecutive years (Ex. if their son/daughter does not meet age limitations to move up) will have the option to remain with their current team as long as they continue to meet all basic requirements of managers.
- c. Managers will be selected prior to assessments to facilitate assessments and team formation. If the selection committee determines that a manager can not be selected without verification that a manager's son/daughter can meet minimum skill requirements for that division, the assignment will be made after assessments; this is to ensure that a player is not unfairly moved in to a division above their skill level.
- d. Managers will select their own coaches. KYSBA has the right to disqualify any coach if it is determined that person does not meet the basic requirements of managers and coaches.
- e. It is the responsibility of prospective managers to contact KYSBA prior to the end of registration with their intent to manage for that season. If a prospective manager has not registered their child at the time the committee reviews

candidates, that person will not be considered for manager positions. It is not the responsibility of KYSBA to make sure that the player is registered in time.

3. Desired Qualifications

- a. Commitment to making the game safe and fun for all participants.
- b. Knowledge of the game.
- c. Previous experience; years of coaching experience, previous success within our league, coaching other sports, etc.
- d. Dedication to the league; previous managing and coaching within the league, volunteering for other duties within the league, etc.
- e. Documented education and certifications.
- f. Previous playing experience; professional, college, high school, etc.

The above stated guidelines are hereby adopted on February 19, 2010 by the Kuna Youth Softball and Baseball Association Board of Directors. These guidelines, along with current KYSBA By-Laws, Babe Ruth League, Inc. Baseball Rules and Regulations and Official Playing Rules, and Babe Ruth League, Inc. Softball Rules and Regulations and Official Playing Rules, govern play under the direction of KYSBA, and supersede any past KYSBA documents or oral agreements whether adopted by a previous KYSBA Board or not. All amendments to this document must be documented below and adopted by a majority vote of the Board of Directors. Signature of the League President, Vice-President, and executive board members listed are required.



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