

BADEN YOUTH ASSOCIATION



BYA Coach Success List

First, a note of appreciation and thanks to everyone who is volunteering their time to help our young players. Your time and effort in organizing games & practices and teaching the game of baseball is very much appreciated by the players, their families and our league. Without our coaches and other volunteers, our league would not be successful. Thank you!

- **Obtain your clearances**
 - Required of anyone in the playing area during games or practices
 - Click [here](#) or visit Coaches Info section at www.BadenYouth.org
 - Turn these in at one of the upcoming Coaches Clinics

- **Watch Dugout Captain Intro Videos**
 - Click [here](#) and [here](#) or visit Coaches Info section at www.BadenYouth.org

- **Attend one BYA Coaches Clinic**
 - Mandatory for all Head Coaches. Optional, but encouraged for Assistant Coaches
 - Thursday, March 21, 2019, 7:45pm – 8:45pm @ State Street Elem. Gymnasium
 - Saturday, March 23, 2019, 10:00am – 11:00am @ Baden Community Room (Borough Building)

- **Communicate with parents**
 - Communicate with parents **EARLY** (by end of March) and **OFTEN**
 - Introduce yourself via e-mail to parents – an email template is available [here](#).

- **Attend BYA Meet the Coaches Event**
 - Sunday, April 7th, 2019 @ Baden McDonald's, 12:30PM – 2:30PM
 - Meet your team and distribute uniforms

- **Schedule pre-season practices**
 - Click [here](#) or visit Coaches Info section at www.BadenYouth.org

- **Team Pictures**
 - Sunday, April 14, 2019 @ Baden Community Room
 - Individual team picture schedules will be available soon

- **Post-Season Survey**
 - Helps us improve the league

- **Contact Us for help**
 - We're here to help
 - Email us at badenyouth@gmail.com with any questions

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BYA Coach Responsibilities

The following list includes the most important responsibilities that a head coach must perform during the season.

Meetings

- Attend mandatory pre-season Coaches Clinic (3/21 @ 7:45pm – State Street Elem. Gym, or 3/23 @10am – Baden Borough Community Room)
- Attend “Meet Your Coaches” day for uniform distributions (April 7th, 12:30PM – 2:30PM, Baden McDonalds)

Clearances

- All coaches and assistant coaches must have Pennsylvania Criminal Background Check and Child Abuse Clearances (both free) prior to the start of the season. Information is available on our website.
- Copies of these clearances must be turned in to any BYA board member before the start of the season.
- If you’ve coached before we may already have your clearances on file. Check with us before applying online.

Communication

- League will communicate weather-related cancellations to entire league via email and mobile alert on game days by 4pm.
- Use the Spond mobile app! E-mails, texts, to parents to communicate schedules for games, practices.
- Conduct team meeting – parents appreciate a quick intro meeting at the first practice.

Practices

- It is up to individual coaches to schedule practices and communicate practice dates and times to parents.
- Use signup form available [here](#). Practices will then be transferred to BYA General Calendar and the Spond mobile app.
- If online signup form doesn’t work for you, please contact Harley via email or text (harleye@gmail.com or 724-480-7723) with your practice dates/times and these will be added to BYA General Calendar.

Rules

- Read and understand the BYA Rules – available on our website.

Make-Up Games

- Games that are cancelled due to weather must be played within 7 days of cancelled date. Coaches will have 2 days to come up with a mutually agreed-upon date to play the re-scheduled game. If coaches can’t agree on a date, the BYA Board will determine the date for the game. No exceptions!

Emergency/Medical

- First aid kit and ice packs are available in the concession stand.
- All injuries or medical emergencies must be reported to the league immediately. Please contact any BYA board member or league director in case of emergency.

Game Day Field Prep & Maintenance

- Lockbox combinations available in the concession stand (Field 1 – 4029, Field 2 – 6451, Field 3 – 1492)
- Pre-game – line the fields, set up equipment
- Post-game – rake batter’s box, rake around bases, sweep/rake infield lip area
- Report any field or equipment issues to Harley Ellenberger (harleye@gmail.com, 724-480-7723)

Contact Info

Harley Ellenberger (Pres.), 724-480-7723 | Ben Mitchell (VP), 724-584-8575
Harry Pollock (Baseball Director), 724-601-6717

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Coaching Youth Baseball – The BYA Way

Coaching Guidelines

- Baseball is a game and games should be fun. Don't take your coaching job too seriously.
- The BYA focuses on fundamentals, skill development, equal participation and fun.
- Success should not be measured in wins and losses. You're successful if your players leave the field learning something they didn't know before. Our league is successful when our players have learned enough to move on to the next level.
- Be organized and keep parents informed. Let them know your expectations for the season. Have an open communication policy so they can contact you with questions or concerns.
- Preparation breeds confidence. Be prepared for practices and games. Don't just "wing it".
- Ask parents to be involved. We're always looking for Dugout Helpers and Team Moms.
- Ask parents not to coach from the stands as this can be a distraction to the players.
- Value the child, not the performance. Don't put kids down for making mistakes. Build them up with positive words of encouragement.
- Every improvement, however small, deserves a compliment.
- Focus on effort. Children can't control the outcome of games, but they do control how much effort they put forth.
- Recognize and applaud ethical behavior and good sportsmanship every time you see it.
- Be a good role model – your players are watching your every move.
- Teach discipline. You're the coach. When you're talking, players should be listening.
- Teach respect. Respect of coach, team, umpires and opponents.
- Teach your team the importance of being gracious in both victory and defeat.
- Teach during practices, coach during the game.
- Use drills during practices that provide opportunities for the players to see improvement – this fuels confidence.
- Repetition is the key to success. Practice fundamentals repeatedly until it becomes second nature.
- No standing around at practices! Use stations at practices to keep all players active all the time.
- Minimize lecture and listening time. Players progress quicker through activity.
- Promote equal participation. All players should be given equal opportunity to play at all positions.
- Encourage players to arrive 15 minutes prior to game time.

Age Specific Guidelines

- The most capable players are those who have equally balanced skills of throwing, catching and hitting
- At each age group, these are the skills that should be focused on...
 - Tee-Ball (ages 3-4) – hit ball & run, direction to run, how to make an out, use glove to field the ball, throw towards first base, swing bat
 - Rookie (ages 5-6) – basic rules, throwing mechanics, catching, tracking, proper swing, infield positions, baserunning
 - 8U (ages 7-8) – basic rules, throwing mechanics, catching (incl. popups), fielding, proper swing, hitting (balls & strikes), infield strategy, baserunning
 - 10U (ages 9-10) – pitching, throwing mechanics, hitting, infield & outfield play, situational strategy, baserunning strategy, sliding

REMEMBER

Parents and players remember a coach (good or bad) long after the season is over. During the season, you become the representative of the BYA mission. What you do (or don't do) during the season determines whether a player comes back next season. Our goal is to give our coaches everything they need to be remembered as one of the best coaches ever!



BYA Coach Timeline

Before April 1st

- Turn in all background check and child abuse clearance forms
- Watch Dugout Captain intro videos on our website
- Review game rules and coaching guidelines
- Install the Spond mobile app and try it out – post a welcome message on your team board
- Send welcome email to parents
- Start scheduling your pre-season practices
- Complete your Positive Coaching Alliance course (optional)
- ASK US QUESTIONS!

April 6, 2019 - BYA Field Day @ 10am

April 7, 2019 - Meet the Coaches Event, Baden McDonald's, 12:30pm – 2:30pm

April 14, 2019 – Team Pictures. Baden Borough Community Room. Schedule coming soon.

April 27, 2019 – Opening Day!

After April 27

- Teach the kids a thing or two about baseball, but more importantly teach them to become better teammates, better sportsmen/sportswomen, better people!
- Communicate, communicate, communicate!
- Ask us for help
- Make us look good!
- HAVE FUN!