

Tips, Questions, and Answers – For Tee Ball Managers

Help/Coaches – Please ask your parents for help in coaching and keeping order. Many of the parents are willing to help, but just need to be asked. As a manager when the team is batting, you need someone to keep order in the dugout, a first base coach, a third base coach, and someone setting up the hitter. When the team is fielding, you need two coaches in the outfield to guide the kids defensively.

Bases - When playing in the Fairfield Township, retrieve and return bases to the Concessions building. When returning bases, place neatly on shelf. For 2005, the plan is to use permanently mounted bases for Waterworks Park Tee Ball Fields.

Base Hooks - Do not remove hooks for the bases in field. These are for mounting the base in the proper location in the infield. These have been measured for the correct base location. Please prevent the kids from pulling these out also.

Extra Uniforms - Do not discard or giveaway your extra uniforms and hats. These are for late registration signups. You may still get a new player on your team.

Catcher - Please protect your catcher from thrown bats and swinging bats. Make sure the catcher stands behind a coach or umpire near the fence when batting.

On deck Hitter – Please protect the on deck hitter from thrown bats and swinging bats. Make sure on deck hitter stands behind fence.

Bats – Keep bats out of the dugout and along the fence for protection.

Batting order – Have the kids sit in the dugout according to batting order.

Dugout - Keep your dugout clean. Throw all your trash away after the game. Between games, give time for the previous team to clear the dugout before letting the next team enter. This is for preventing equipment mix-ups.

Dogs - Inform your parents that dogs are not permitted in the park for obvious reasons. This rule applies to small dogs also.

Practices during regular season – Once the season starts, there will be no more practices at Waterworks or the Fairfield Township Field Monday thru Saturday. If you desire additional practice time, I would suggest using Oakwood Park. Oakwood Park fields for practice during the season are used on a first come first serve basis. There are four fields at Oakwood Park of which two are assigned for Tee Ball practices.

Field Maintenance - If during your practice a field maintenance crew wants to cut the grass or drag your field, please give way and have your kids sit on the bench for reasons of safety. It should not take too long to perform these maintenance activities and you should be able to resume practice. It should be a rare event that field maintenance is performed during your practice, but please be considerate of the crews maintaining our fields.

Team Treats - Team treats will again be offered at the concession stand for the price of \$TBD for a small treat and \$TBD for a large treat voucher. Tee Ball would normally purchase the small treat voucher of \$TBD. The voucher is good for one small drink or snow cone for each of the kids on the team. The way the program works is that the coach would collect money from each parent before the season begins. I normally would collect $(\$TBD \times 22 \text{ Games}) / (\text{number of kids on team})$ from each parent. I would round the amount to a dollar amount to make it easy to collect. I would then purchase the voucher at the concession stand for the respective game day. The vouchers may be purchased in advance, but I would not purchase too many in advance because of rainouts. If I had any money left at the end of the season, I put it toward a team party for the kids. After the game is completed, the kids would all line up on the right side of the concession stand

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as a team to receive their treat. The manager would give the voucher to the concession worker for payment of his team's treat. It may be helpful to ask a parent to volunteer to coordinate this. I have done this in the past in order to delegate so of the work in running the team.

Questions concerning equipment for Tee Ball:

One question was "who supplies the bases for the practice fields."

The answer is if you are at Waterworks practicing, you can get the bases out of the umpires room near the concession stand. If you are at the Township or Oakwood Park, you are on your own with the exception of the Township for games. What I did in the past was purchase a set of bases for about \$10 for Tee Ball. These are the thin rubber bases (1/4") that Dicks or Play it again Sports has. A set of the normal bases could cost you \$30. I have a set of these for my team. Through the years I have collected a lot of equipment in order to coach the kids.

The second question was "who supplies the bats and gloves."

The answer to this question is that the kid should supply his/her own bat and glove. A kid could borrow a team member's bat also.