

Harrisburg Youth Athletics

Coaches Handout – March 26, 2023

1. Coaches Information:

- a. Have a parents meeting explaining any rules and how you will coach.
- b. Please always present yourself in proper clothing.
- c. Be Prompt. Coaches should arrive 15 minutes before scheduled practices and games. When games start, coaches in the 12U and 9U programs should arrive 15-30 minutes before game to warm up.
- d. Please take care of your equipment bag, helmets and catchers gear. If you need anything replaced or if something breaks or does not fit then contact the park office.

2. Field Rules:

- a. Each field has its own storage bin... your key works all the storage bins and the restrooms
 - i. Keep the storage bin lids closed at all times when not getting something out of them – safety issue
- b. **NEVER** move, exchange, or take equipment from the storage containers from another field
- c. Make sure all the storage bins are locked when you leave the facility
- d. It is your responsibility to get out and put up the bases and pitchers plate (if necessary)
- e. Make sure the boxes to the lights are locked before you leave
 - i. **Field 1:** Pole behind first base side bleachers
 - ii. **Fields 2 & 3:** Back side of concession stand wall facing fields – 2 boxes
 - iii. **Field 4:** West side of large building – small box only labeled lights
- f. If you are the first game or the first practice, please unlock restrooms closest to your field. If you are the last game or practice, make sure restroom lights are off and doors are locked
- g. Please impress upon your players to stay off the fences. No hitting or throwing will be allowed on the fences. This rule will be enforced.
- h. After every game, please clean out the dugout... Pick up and throw away your trash
- i. If the fields are muddy, **STAY OFF!** You can still run your practices in the outfield grass, batting cages or use the parking lot. Practices are **NEVER** cancelled by HYA. This is up to the coach to decide on canceling practice.
- j. Any rainout **GAMES** will be the decision of the Harrisburg Park Staff.
- k. To find out if your game is going to be played please wait on an announcement via the SportsEngine App **AFTER** 4:00 P.M. No decision will be made until 4:00 P.M.
- l. Start and end practices and games **ON TIME**. For 12U and 9U, no new inning will start after 1 hour and 10 minutes of playing time. For 7U no new inning will start after 1 hour. For TBall, games will end after 45 minutes, allowing 15 minutes to transition for the next game to start on time.
- m. **NO** metal spikes will be allowed in the recreation league program
- n. **HOME** team will always occupy the third base dugout, the **VISITORS** will take the first base dugout
- o. Shaw Street can be used for additional practices – 3 fields – Colors: black, green, blue – These are first come first serve and you might have to share a field and the batting cages when you show up.

3. Texts/Alerts: The park office will send out information regarding cancelations, meetings, updates and other important information. We are now utilizing the SportsEngine App. Please become familiar with the App and discuss it with the parents when you have a parents meeting for your team. Please use the Chat feature in the App to communicate with your team.

4. Concession Stand: Concession Stand Ticket costs were included in the Registration Fee this year. Coaches just need to go up to the concession stand and get the number of tickets they need each game and hand them out at the end of the game.

5. HYA Picture Day: Saturday, April 29th. Please be prompt on your scheduled time. We will not cancel. If it is raining we will have an indoor location announced. Picture schedules are uploaded in the SportsEngine App.

6. Trophies or Medallions will be provided by HYA for every boy and girl.

- a. T-Ball and 7U – Trophies
- b. 9U and 12U - Medallions

7. Recreation League - Distances

	<u>Pitching Distance</u>	<u>Bases Distance</u>		<u>Pitching Distance</u>	<u>Bases Distance</u>
12U Boys	44	70	12U Girls	35	60
9U Boys	40	60	9U Girls	30	60
7U Boys	N/A	50	7U Girls	N/A	50
T-Ball Boys	N/A	50	T-Ball Girls	N/A	50

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8. An HYA Board Member or Representative will be at the field each and every day of games. Please check list at concession stand for contact information. Those persons have the authority to make decisions if needed to.

9. HYA Website Links – www.harrisburgpark.net/HYA and <https://harrisburgparkdistrictsports.sportngin.com/>
- a. Review what the coaches should be teaching – www.harrisburgpark.net/HYArules
 - b. Review rules – www.harrisburgpark.net/HYArules
 - c. Review Concussion Information www.harrisburgpark.net/concussion-info
 - d. Review Abused Children Information www.harrisburgpark.net/abusedchildren

10. 2023 Rule Changes

- a. Catchers
 - i. 7U Boys & 7U Girls will not use Catcher Position again this season.
- b. 7U Baseball and Softball Game Length
 - i. Changed to 1 hour and 15 mins with no new inning starting after 1 hour.
- c. 9U & 12U Baseball
 - i. Pitchers shall not pitch in more than two innings in one game.

11. Scoreboards

- a. Scoreboards were installed at Field 1 and Field 4.
- b. To be used for 9U and 12U Baseball and Softball Games.
- c. Home Team is responsible for designating a person to keep the score.
- d. Process of Utilizing Scoreboard:
 - i. Go to concession stand and get the scoreboard remote.
 - ii. Go to the Scoreboard and use your key to unlock the power and power on the Scoreboard.
 - iii. Turn the Remote on (After the Power has been turned on at the Scoreboard).
 1. When you Power on the Remote it will say Discovering Devices
 2. It will then say End of Discovery
 3. It will then say Select Network
 - a. It should say Field 1 when using remote control for Field 1
 - b. It should say Field 4 when using remote control for Field 4
 - c. Hit the Enter Key at bottom right corner on remote
 - iv. After first game make sure the Remote is given to someone from the Home team of the second game. (If there is not a second game then follow return procedures below)
 - v. At conclusion of second game turn off the power at the Scoreboard and turn in remote at the concession stand so it may be charged.
- e. Using the Scoreboard is meant to be fun for the kids to be able to see the inning and score. If the Scoreboard and Remotes are not used correctly and procedures not followed as mentioned above, then we will discontinue use if needed.
- f. Scoreboard Operation Manuals will be available in the Storage Bins and at the Concession Stand

12. Equipment Handout

- a. Bag – includes helmets and catchers gear (for 9U and 12U)
- b. One dozen balls
- c. Key – attached to bag
 - i. \$10 Deposit – Will be returned when you turn in Equipment & Key
- d. Uniforms – Will be notified in the SportsEngine App when Available for pickup

13. Equipment/Key Return: Return to Park Office after your last game.

ON BEHALF OF THE HYA BOARD, THANK YOU FOR BEING A PART OF OUR PROGRAM!