

# Hope Twp. Baseball Coaches 2017

Coaches & Assistants Coaches certification: Head Coach and up to two assistant coaches need to be certified and have a background checks. Coaches you can get certified from either certified by the either National Youth Sports Coaches Association (nays), Rutgers youth sports or Babe Ruth coaching, below are links for coaching certification and back ground checks will be done through protect youth sports. I need a copy of your certification and your background must be completed before you can start coaching the season.

**Coaches' certification and background checks will need to be done and a copy given to me by April 7<sup>th</sup>.**

<http://www.nays.org/Coaches>

<http://youthsports.rutgers.edu/program-areas/volunteer-coaches>

[www.baberuthcoaching.org](http://www.baberuthcoaching.org)

Warren County Baseball League Website [www.leaguelineup.com/wcnjbaseball](http://www.leaguelineup.com/wcnjbaseball)

## **Levels of Play**

**5 & 6 yr olds as of May 1<sup>st</sup> – Tee Ball**

**7 & 8 yr olds as of May 1<sup>st</sup> – Cal Ripken Rookie**

**9 & 10 yr olds as of may 1<sup>st</sup> – Cal Ripken Minor**

**11 & 12 yr olds as of May 1<sup>st</sup> – Cal Ripken Major**

**13,14 & 15 yr olds as of May 1<sup>st</sup> – Babe Ruth (Senior)**

## **Days of play**

**Tee-Ball – Friday 6pm**

**Rookie – Thursday 6pm & Saturday 3pm**

**Minor – Tuesday 6pm & Saturday 12:30 pm**

**Major – Wednesday 6 pm & Saturday 10 am**

**Babe Ruth (Senior) – Tuesday 6pm & Saturday 1pm**

## **Filed practice and home games procedures**

1. The fields need to be dragged (raked) and lined, before all home games. **Coaches & parents responsibility to maintain them for the season.** Softball needs to put the bases out and the pitching rubber out.
2. **For all home games** a schedule must be made on who is working the field house, lining the fields and working the scoreboard.
3. The team parent needs to make sure that a parent or guardian is working the concession stand. **The concession stand must be open for all home games.**
4. Call the coach of the other team the night before or sooner to confirm the game and playing field. Make sure they have directions to the fields. (All info is on the league web site)
5. Call the umpire to confirm the game. (Info on web site)
6. If you have practice before the game, make sure you are off the **infield 45mins** before the game and **off the field completely 1/2hr** before the game so the home team can get the field ready.
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8. Coaches/Parents need to make sure everything is cleaned up and put away after each practice and game. Softball coaches need to put the bases away; put the black plugs back in and put the pitching rubber in the shed. Empty paint cans and lime bags that are used for lining the fields should be thrown in the dumpsters not the sheds.
9. Smoking is not permitted in or near the playing area.

Coaches will have to attend the Warren County Mandatory league meeting. **Date: April 4, 2017** at Rock Creek Tavern –**Tee-Ball & Rookie** 6-7pm, **Minors** 7-8pm, **Major & Senior** 8-9pm. At least one coach must attend.

Our opening day parade will be **April 22<sup>nd</sup>** **Players and coaches need to be at the firehouse by 8:30**

**Opening day parade** This is our 10<sup>th</sup> year for the parade so we need to make it special.

All teams will have sponsors and some sponsors like to help with the team float. I will let everyone know who the team sponsor is so your team starts planning the teams float. The team and float needs to be at the the firehouse at 8:30 am.

Also we try and have all home game that day if you team doesn't have a game scheduled for that day please try and arrange for scrimmage against the parents or another team. We try and make it a fun day for all.

June 4<sup>th</sup> All Star game (minor, major, senior) rain date June 11<sup>th</sup> all games at Harmony Time TBD

June 6<sup>th</sup> & 7<sup>th</sup> 1<sup>st</sup> round of the playoffs

June 10<sup>th</sup> 2<sup>nd</sup> round of the playoffs

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## **Rule Change for 2017**

International walk allowed

Catchers are required to have through guard (even with hockey style mask)

No chrome batting helmets or catcher's helmets. Nothing reflective allowed.

Rule clarification – No stealing home for minors. Runners must be forced home on a batted ball.