



Lebo Baseball Coach Checklist

1. At the Draft (Minor, Major, Pony):

- Review Division Rules (*submit potential changes to MLBA Board*).
- Draft for Parity across Division teams.
- Only 1 pre-selected assistant coach allowed.
- Draft Order will be determined by slotting coach's players or picking # from hat.
- Draft format is "Snake Draft" or "Parity Draft".
- Major/Pony Draft only- recommended to Draft older (6th / 8th grade, 12/14 year olds) players first to ensure equal distribution.
- * Take into account coach/teammate request (when applicable). *Special requests must be approved by Division Commissioner, Rec League Director and President.*

2. Make sure the kids have fun and come back next year!

- Teach safety, fun, sportsmanship, and fundamentals.

Focus on:

- effort over scoreboard results.
- learning over comparison to others.
- the ability to bounce back from mistakes

* Baseball is a game of failure. It teaches kids to be resilient which will help them succeed later in life.

3. Safety is the top priority.

- Never leave a child unattended, including after practice/games
- Make sure kids can't get hit with overthrows or swinging bats

4. Complete and Submit Volunteer Clearances ([see www.lebobaseball.org](http://www.lebobaseball.org))

5. Introduce yourself and communicate with your parents before the first practice

- Send a short note that explains what they can expect from you.
- Make sure you are available to answer questions.
- Use website and GC Team Manager mobile app for schedule and communication.

6. First Practice: Sharing expectations of them and what is important to you

- Learn their names quickly
- Hint: Keep it to the 2-3 items you want them to remember
- Handout Uniforms (*do not let players pick numbers; line up players in order of size*)
- Handout Pirates Raffle Tickets (*10 per player*)

7. Review the "Coaches Corner" section of the Lebobaseball.org website.

- Find coaches contact info, pool/call-up players, division rules, etc.
- Use Dugout Captain to help plan practices.

8. Before games:

- Prepare the field- line batter's box, foul lines, rake and/or drag infield.
- Move bases/pitching rubber to proper distances (*see division rules*).

9. After games:

- Dispose of garbage. We don't have a garbage crew, it's on all of us.
- Rake the fields. Especially make sure to fill in any holes around bases, mound, and home plate.
- Put the bases and any field equipment in the storage area if you are the last game of the day.
- Enter scores and any additional information on the website (*Major and Pony*).

10. Respect the Game

- Respect the Umpires, parents and players.
- It's youth baseball, don't embarrass yourself.

11. Know your Division's Commissioner

- They are your first line of help and support (*see Division rules*).

12. Enjoy yourself and the time with the kids. If you have fun, kids will have fun and play again next season...