



Salmon Arm Minor Baseball Association  
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## Spring League Coach

**Role:** The spring league coach is the teacher and mentor of the team he/she is coaching. They contribute to the skill development of players and foster a positive attitude towards baseball as a life-long sport. Teach the game of baseball with players learning all positions, especially at the younger age divisions.

### **Duties:**

- Once registration is completed, obtain a list of players from the division manager.
- **Assessment Day:** Communicate with the division manager to set up an assessment day. Notify parents/players of time, place and process. With other coaches, have basic skill stations and rate players. Then divide the teams as equally as possible keeping in mind that house play is for fun and skill development for all players.
- **Coaching credentials:** It is highly recommended coaches attend the free coaching clinics when offered.
- **Parent Involvement:** Recruit parents to help manage the team, score keep, do pitch counts, line the fields before games, raking after games and managing the uniforms.
- **Assistant coaches:** Recruit as needed.
- **Scheduling:** Obtain your schedule from the division manager.
- **Umpires:** Notify the division manager as soon as possible if you need to cancel a game.
- **Practices:** Consult with the division manager about practice times and fields. Plan pregame warm-ups with clear, consistent guidelines for conduct.
- **Equipment & Uniforms:** Talk to the division manager about uniforms & equipment. (At the last game, collect all uniforms and equipment to return to the division manager or uniform manager.)
- **Score sheets:** can be obtained from your division manager. A number of score sheets are usually kept in the equipment storage at diamond #2 at Elk's or Blackburn.
- **Tournaments:** Coordinate home tournaments with the division manager. League policy is that all tournaments are self-supported (tournament fees must cover all costs). Try to plan when umpires are available (i.e., many umpires also play so ensure there are umpires in town).
- **Out-of-town house tournaments:** Plan early which tournaments you might want to enter. Check nearby associations' websites for tournament dates.
- **Results:** Report results of league play and tournaments to the division manager. Keep score sheets for future reference.
- **Information Sharing:** Circulate pertinent information to parents such as contact lists, information about out-of-town tournaments, rules, baseball clinics, coaching and umpire clinics, all-star tryouts, etc.