

Pee Wee Baseball Coaches Agenda

Wednesday, April 9, 6:00PM (Google Meet)

Introduction

Pee Wee Baseball was established in Franklin in the spring of 2000, using safety equipment and fundamental drills to develop young players' baseball skills. The league consists of three distinct age groups (4-6 years old), focusing on skill-building in a fun and engaging environment.

This season, Sean Fitzpatrick will assist in making this a great experience for everyone. Additionally, John LoPresti and Jimmy Santoro will support field setup and ensure you have all necessary equipment.

Welcome & Coaching Philosophy

Thank you, Coaches! Your dedication to volunteering is invaluable. Coaching at this level requires patience, commitment, and a fun, positive approach.

- **Keep it simple:** Overly serious or technical instruction can cause frustration and disengagement.
- **Find a balance:** Teach proper technique while ensuring the game remains enjoyable.
- **Remember:** These players are only 4-6 years old—fun should be the top priority!

CORI Forms (Background Check Requirement)

- Every volunteer **must complete a [CORI form](#)** before working with their team.
- Submit forms to **Sheila Adiletto** at: sadiletto@franklinma.gov
- Forms can be emailed, scanned, or dropped off at the Recreation Department—whichever is easiest for you.
- **No coaching until your CORI form is processed.**

Equipment Inventory & Storage

Equipment Provided:

- Tees, balls, bats, helmets, bases, carts, and storage containers.
- **Storage Container Combination:** 2350.
- Extra practice times can be scheduled using **Sign-Up Genius** (details below).

Practice Format

- Drills & Fundamentals
- **Preseason:** Three scheduled team practices before games begin.
- Teams will **share the field** with another team and can either:
 - Split time evenly (hitting, fielding, throwing, base running), or
 - Combine efforts for a larger group practice.
- **Franklin High School Varsity Baseball players** will assist on **April 19 & 26** (5- & 6-year-olds).
- Additional practices can be scheduled through **Sign-Up Genius** (coaches will receive instructions on how to use it).

Game Format & Rules

- **4 & 5-year-olds:** Tee ball format.
- **6-year-olds:** Coach pitch format.
- **5-year-olds progression:**
 - Begin with tee ball and transition to coach pitch by mid-season.
 - **Guideline:** Max **4-6 pitches** per batter before introducing the tee.
 - Avoid excessive pitches—keep the game moving!
- **Game Flow:**
 - **One time through the lineup OR 3 outs per inning**, whichever comes first.
 - **Fielding Activity:** While waiting for batters, players should field grounders and practice throws.
 - **Outfielders:** Coaches can throw fly balls between innings to keep players engaged.

Opening Day Event

Date: Friday, April 25 | Time: 4:30 PM - Dark | Location: Fletcher Field

FYBO will host an **Opening Day Event** featuring:

- **Music & Food Truck**
- **Activities for all ages, including Pee Wee players:**
 - Face painting & temporary tattoos
 - Pocket radar pitch speed challenge
 - Cornhole & ring toss
 - Dizzy bat races & self-toss longest drive
 - Dunk tank & inflatable baseball toss
 - Bouncy house

Weather & Cancellations

- If it's **raining, games/practices will be canceled.**
- Notifications will be sent via email.
- **Make-up games** will be scheduled on a Thursday (off night) or at the end of the season.
- The existing schedule will remain unchanged to maintain consistency.

Thank you for your time and commitment! Let's have a great season