



2025 SUMMER

BASEBALL COACHES MEETING



JUNE 17, 2025 @ 7:00PM

SPOKANE
INDIANS
YOUTH BASEBALL & SOFTBALL™





INTRODUCTIONS

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Recreational Baseball/Softball Coordinator

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- If you have any questions throughout the season, please feel free to reach out to Taylor.
- If you call and there is no answer, please leave a voicemail.



REACHING OUT TO YOUR TEAM

- Now that rosters are released, everyone on the team has been emailed
- It also opened up access to your team page on Sports Connect
 - Log into your account
 - Click on “Volunteer” in left-hand-side menu
 - Click on the **Blue Team Name** that appears by your name
- You will be able to access contact information and email your team directly from your team page



TEAM INTRODUCTIONS

- Please reach out to your team to introduce yourself, share practice information, set expectations for what to bring to practice, and any additional information you would like to share
- Team culture starts with YOU - please ensure it is positive from the start



PRACTICE FIELDS

FIELD CONFIRMATION

- Fields are not available until SIYBS gets authorization
- Do not go on fields until you receive confirmation from SIYBS (if you are using an SIYBS field)



PRACTICE SCHEDULE

- 10u will practice Monday and Wednesday for the first week of the season. For all other weeks, 10u practice will be on Mondays.
- 12u/15u will practice Tuesday and Thursday for the first week of the season. For all other weeks, 12u/15u practice will be on Tuesdays.



CLEAN UP & SHARED FACILITIES

- Please take time to clean up the dugout and seating area after each practice and game
- Please be respectful of other groups using the same facilities for both practices and games



QUESTIONS ABOUT FIELDS

- To schedule a practice field or if you have any questions/issues come up, please email taylor@siyb.org





MAKEUP GAMES

MAKEUP GAME DEFINITION

- Any game that is not able to be started or completed 3 or more innings due to weather or the league sending a cancellation
- Click [HERE](#) for Heat Index Calculator
- Games would be cancelled for estimated 105 or above HEAT INDEX



RESCHEDULE FORM

- It is the responsibility of the coaches to agree to a make up date & time - plus a back up
- Once agreed upon, one coach must submit a reschedule request
- Click [HERE](#) for form (also listed on our website summer recreational page)



RESCHEDULE CONFIRMATION

- Once the baseball coordinator has secured a field and submitted request to umpire association, the game will be updated on Sports Connect and teams will be emailed via Sports Connect
- The game is NOT confirmed unless you receive a schedule update from Sports Connect



REMINDER

- Friday and weekends are the best days for makeups due to field and umpire availability





GAME SCHEDULE

10U

Wednesdays
(1 game per week)

12U/15U

Thursdays
(1 game per week)

- 9 Total games
 - Games start week of June 30th
- Games start at 6:00pm
- Double Header & Picture Day
 - 10u - Saturday, July 12th
 - 12u & 15u - Sunday, July 13th



FLEX SCHEDULES

- Flex Schedules help SIYBS promote the best playing environment possible
- Coaches will report their scores in Sports Connect for the first 5 games of the season to produce standings
- Based on standings, your team's final 3 games will be matched against similarly ranked teams
- The goal is for teams to play against like skilled teams to challenge those that need to be challenged more, and allow for more development where it is needed

REPORTING SCORES IN SPORTS CONNECT

- Login to your Sports Connect Account
- Once logged in, click volunteer on the left side of the screen
- Find your name
- Under your name, click Visit Team Page
- Once on team page, click Calendar
- Once on calendar, click RESULTS
- Once Results load, select the game and edit the score
- ONLY THE HOME TEAM CAN ENTER SCORES
- If the home coach does not report the score within 48 hours of the game, the away coach can email their scores to taylor@siyb.org and the baseball coordinator will update



UMPIRES

THERE IS CURRENTLY A SHORTAGE OF UMPIRES IN THE SPOKANE AREA

- There is a strong likelihood that we will be short an umpire for some of your games during this season
- *You will be notified via email by 3:00pm on games days if an umpire is not confirmed for your game*
- To help create as little disruption with this as possible, we ask that you each have one parent on your teams willing and ready to step in as an umpire if needed
- We will reimburse volunteer umpires \$60 a game, for reimbursement please fill out the form at this link:
<https://forms.gle/LnVaELSqEavYZhZZ7>





CODE OF CONDUCT

ZERO TOLERANCE

SIYBS has a “Zero Tolerance” policy regarding inappropriate behavior. This policy will encompass all interactions during the course of the season.



1,2,3 POLICY

-This season, umpires will be enforcing a new 1,2,3 policy.

-During a game, any haggling, arguing, or other inappropriate behavior by a coach, fan, or player will result in a warning.

-The next time it happens, a final warning will begin

-If it happens a third time, the game will be called



COACHES RESPONSIBILITY

-Coaches are responsible for all their coaches, players, parents, and fans.

-If anyone on your bench or sideline is being inappropriate, it is your responsibility to remind them of the zero tolerance policy and shut it down



INCIDENT REPORTS

-If any incident does occur that is in need of the league investigating, please complete an incident report

-Click [HERE](#) to access the incident report or find it on the SIYBS Recreational website page

-Umpire incidents will be forwarded to SBU



BOB ROBERTSON SPORTSMANSHIP AWARD

*To be awarded by the opposing team
to the player that most exemplifies
the following characteristics:*

- Abides by the rules of the game
- Play fair & hard
- Follow the directions of the coach
- Shows respect to the other team & their efforts
- Offers encouragement to teammates & is a leader
- Shows respect for the umpires judgment calls
- End the game smoothly - shows class in victory & defeat





BOB ROBERTSON SPORTSMANSHIP AWARD

- The award will be given out at home plate at the end of every game.
The goal is to end every game win a positive fashion & to give a player an opportunity to be recognized for outstanding behavior
- To best instill this within the players, this year we would like the players of your team to select the player on the other team that best deserves this award
 - Make a point of talking about what this award means with your team prior to the first game
 - This is NOT an MVP Award

A stylized graphic of a baseball with white stitching on a red background, positioned in the top left corner.

BOB ROBERTSON SPORTSMANSHIP AWARD

- At the end of the season, the player from each team with the most pins will be invited to a special Sportsmanship Recognition Night at a Spokane Indians Baseball game on **August 28th**
 - Players will receive two tickets to the game and \$10 Indians Bucks that can be spent on concessions
 - In the event of a tie, the coach will need to decide the player to send
 - Coach will need to fill out a form with the players contact information at the end of the season



GEAR PICKUP

*WEDNESDAY & FRIDAY
JUNE 18TH AND 20TH
3:00PM - 6:00PM*

Pick up at SIYBS Storage
123 E Mission Ave. Spokane. WA 99202
(Next to Black Goat Fitness)

Each team receives:

- Gear Bag (Catcher's Gear, 5 Batting Helmets)
- Uniforms (Jersey, Hat, Belt, Pants)
- 1 Box of Game Baseballs
- Sportsmanship Pins
- Lineup Cards
- Scorebook



RULES

Special Rules	10u	12u	15u
Innings	6	7	7
Lead Off Allowed	no	no	yes
Uncaught 3rd Strike	no	yes	yes
Stealing Allowed	no	no	yes
Stealing Once Ball Crosses Home Plate	no	yes	n/a
Can Advance on Passed Ball by Catcher/Pitcher	no	yes	yes
Can Score on Passed Ball by Catcher/Pitcher	no	yes	yes
Inning Run Limits (must switch)	5	7	n/a



RULES

- Mercy Rule: 10 runs after 3.5 or 4 innings
- Must bat entire lineup - Every player must play AT LEAST 3 innings in the field
- Headfirst slides are permitted at all age levels except at home plate
 - Penalty for headfirst slide at home = Runner out
- To view the SIYBS handbook/Rulebook for an in depth look at rules/policies/procedures, please click [HERE](#)
- Base & Pitching Distance
 - 10U: Base Length - 60ft, Pitching Distance - 46ft(no mounds)
 - 12U: Base Length - 70ft, Pitching Distance - 50ft (mounds)
- Pitching - to view the MLB Smart Pitch Guidelines, please click [HERE](#)
 - Keeping track of pitches for each player will be the coach's responsibility

REMINDERS

SIYBS GROUP NIGHT AT SPOKANE INDIANS

June 22nd

- Discount tickets for SIYBS familes to attend Spokane Indians Baseball Game
- Access discounted rates [HERE](#)





THANK YOU FOR COACHING!!!

“ONE COACH WILL IMPACT MORE
YOUNG LIVES IN A SEASON, THAN AN
AVERAGE PERSON IN A LIFETIME”

—BILLY GRAHAM

Social Media

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