



Initial Team Meeting – Agenda

1. Welcome & Introductions
 - a. Manager, Coach, Players, Parents
2. Season Objective: to inspire the families and players with the game of baseball such that they want to play again next season even more than they do today.
3. Assign Official team jobs:
 - a. Team parent
 - i. Snack schedule
 - ii. Picture day
 - iii. Team & League communication
 - b. Team photographer(s)
 - i. Pictures for families and yearbook
 - c. Practice coaches (help with practices)
4. We coach from the field and cheer from the stands.
 - a. The game is for the players. Cheer; be supportive but stay out of the game.
 - b. If you don't have anything nice to say, it is better to say nothing at all.
 - c. We all know when we have made a mistake. A parent or coach pointing it out by shouting across the field only serves to erode our confidence.
 - d. 2 coaches on the field at any given time from each team. 1 or 2 in the dugout.
 - e. Players/Parents Code of Conduct – to be signed
5. Only the manager interfaces with the umpire.
 - a. Parents and players are not to question calls.
 - b. Umpires will make mistakes – guaranteed. It is part of the game. Our kids can learn from this. Things are not always fair.
 - c. By the rules of baseball, judgment calls (out vs. safe; ball vs. strike) cannot be questioned. Interpretation of the rules can be.
6. We are a team on and off the field. In order for this to be a successful season, we have to work together as a team, both parents and players.
 - a. Support one another by highlighting success and being enthusiastic (let the mistakes go)
 - b. Do your share and work hard
 - c. Accept that baseball is not a game of perfect
7. The parents have important roles on the team:
 - a. Cheerleaders
 - b. Rake/drag/sweep/water/chalk the field;
 - c. Being on time
 - d. Working the snack stand
 - e. Helping with practice

8. Use the website www.tolucabaseball.com for:
 - a. Rain hotline 818-660-6557
 - b. League rules
 - c. Other league information

9. LiveScan Policy
 - a. All coaches, managers and board members are fingerprinted and entered into the State Department of Justice LiveScan database.
 - b. The league is notified of past criminal record, if any.
 - c. The league is notified of any subsequent arrest or conviction
 - d. Any

10. Key Dates:
 - a. Opening Ceremonies, Sunday March 4th
 - b. Games begin week of February 27th
 - c. Picture Day, Saturday, March 31st
 - d. League is down for Easter/Passover holiday (April 6th – 8th)
 - e. League is down for Memorial Day holiday (May 25th – 28th)
 - f. Dodger Night, TBA
 - g. Closing Day Ceremonies, Saturday, June 9th

11. Misc.
 - a. The league is a non-profit corporation. It runs on the league fees, donations and fundraisers. The league is run by volunteers.
 - b. Everything the league does needs to be paid for: fields, equipment, uniforms, insurance, field maintenance, etc.
 - c. Use the Amazon Link on the league website to earn the league money while you shop (costs you nothing)
 - d. CharityBuzz: help earn money for the league by donating entertainment, music, travel related items to be auctioned to a national audience. See web site for more details.

12. Adjournment