



Meet Your Coach (for ALL Volunteers)

We always reach out to the families that have signed up for the season and encourage them to volunteer. Sometimes, teams might end up with many parents volunteers and sometimes there might be one. Meet Your Coach allows the teams to come together for a meet and greet and fill out any available positions. Uniform information should be available and it would be up to the coaches to share to the team the jersey info and decide on the color for the Pants, Socks, Belt during the event.

Get yourself ready for the event:

- 1) Reach out to any other volunteers in your team and ensure you introduce yourself. If there is no Head Coach assigned, please discuss the option of someone stepping into that role. We will not automatically assign someone to a Head Coach position unless the volunteer expresses they want to be a Head Coach. Also, decide on uniform information (Pants, Socks, Belt) so it can be presented to the parents during the Meet Your Coach event.
- 2) Print out the team roster (don't forget to include the additional contact for players).
- 3) Get practice information such as days, times, location (games schedule will probably be coming out soon).
- 4) Familiarize yourself with equipment needed (new Tee Ball parents will want to know what they need, size of glove, size of bat, helmet, etc). You can find resources for sizes to recommend on the Coaches Corner page. The league will provide you with practice equipment such as baseballs, helmets, bats, Batting Tee (for tee ball only), Catchers Gear (Minors division and Up). Ensure parents know that if a player does not have a Helmet or Bat, there will be some to borrow from the practice equipment.
- 5) Familiarize yourself with the Bylaws for the league (specifically for your division) which can be found on the Coaches Corner. They are updated every Spring season.
- 6) If you have ANY QUESTIONS that will allow you to feel more prepared for the event, please reach out.
- 7) Familiarize yourself with the volunteer positions available in your divisions (Minors and up will need a Scorekeeper and Umpire). Resources for those positions are also available on the Coaches Corner page if anyone is unsure of what to do in that position.
- 8) Send out an introductory text message/email to the team reminding them of the event and reminding them to bring the Medical Release Form. Email can be sent through the Team Page website. If you need assistance finding out how to send the email, Coaches Corner has information to assist you.

Expectations during the Meet Your Coach event:

- 1) Introduce yourself, share any coaching experience, share your expectations for the team, and what the goals are for the season. Please allow other volunteers to introduce themselves as well.
- 2) If you have volunteer positions opened, make sure you ask parents to volunteer for those positions and have them fill out the volunteer registration form on the website. If they don't fill out the form, they will not be allowed to be on the field with the players.



Let them know there are resources to get some assistance for the different volunteer positions on the Coaches Corner page.

- 3) Go over uniform information for the team (The league provides jersey and hat, parents are responsible for Pants, Socks, and Belt).
- 4) Work with the players to come up with a Team Name.
- 5) Figure out what the preferred way to communicate with parents is. Text Message can get complicated when getting additional requests to add more people to the group, you end up with many message threads. You won't be able to add more than 20 people to a message group. You can use the Game Changer app which will allow you to add the practice schedule and game schedule (Team Parent can assist with keeping the app updated). Parents can respond whether their player will be attending on that one day or not (so it will be useful for the Coaches to know ahead of time who will be attending/missing). Ensure everyone knows the coaches names and have their contact information.
- 6) Coaches/Team Parents should ask if there are any food allergies that the team should be aware of while planning for the snack schedule.
- 7) Ask if parents have any questions or concerns that can be addressed. Board Members will be available to assist in answering questions.
- 8) Collect Medical Release Forms.
- 9) Thank everyone for showing up and dismiss the team.

After the Event:

- 1) Email the coordinator for your division (Please visit our Board Contact Information page) with the team name and any additional volunteers added to your team.
- 2) If you have any questions please address them with the coordinator . They will also be there to assist you throughout the season.

Thank you again for volunteering this season, we truly appreciate your dedication to the league. Copper Hills Little League is as strong as its Volunteers. We want to ensure you have the resources to have a successful season and ask that you demonstrate a positive attitude throughout the season. If any issues arise during the season, please reach out ASAP so we can assist. We won't know of any issues if they do not get brought up to the Board. We also welcome any recommendations.