

Waxahachie Youth Baseball Association

Blastball Objectives

Blastball is Waxahachie Youth Baseball's introduction to baseball for age 3 and 4 year old boys and girls. Games are played on Saturday morning. Games should last anywhere from 30 to 45 minutes each. No scores are kept. Each team will bat through their lineup twice and play on defense twice.

The objective of blastball is to teach the very basics of baseball, team unity, and good sportsmanship.

Players on each team will wear all the same jersey and cap which has been chosen by the Blastball Director. Teams will be made up of 5 to 10 players depending on how many players and coaches that we have signed up for a particular season.

We use a soft foam bat and oversized foam ball for this league. Coaches will be given a tee ball stand, bat, and ball to practice with. Practices can be done anywhere and most of the time at the coaches use their yard at their house.

Our mission is for players to learn the basics of throwing, fielding, hitting off of tee ball stand, running to all bases, team unity, and good sportsmanship.

When team is on offense (batting) every player will bat once. After hitting the ball, the runner will go to 1st base and stop. The next batter will hit and run to 1st. Runner on 1st will run to 2nd. Each batter will hit and run one base at a time, with previous batters advancing one base and stop. When the last batter has hit, then all runners will keep running until they have crossed home base.

You will need to have 5 parents to help you when on the offense. #1 parent will be with the batter teaching him to hit. (Teach the kids where to stand and how to swing the bat). #2 parent will be at first base. (They will instruct runners on what base they are standing on and where to run to 2nd base). #3 parent will be on 2nd base. (They will instruct player as did the coach on 1st). #4 parent will be on 3rd base. (Again they will instruct player as did the other coaches). #5 parent will be at dugout keeping batters in the right order.

By doing these task we are teaching the kids to hit off tee ball stand, running the bases, and what each base is called.

On defense we will teach the players to field the ball, throw to first, and also the start of catching the ball. You will need 1 coach at the pitcher's mound and one coach at 1st base.

On defense you will start with one player on the mound and one player on 1st. When the ball is hit the fielder will field the ball and throw to the player at first. The player at first will field the ball and then touch 1st. On the next batter the players will switch places and repeat. Those two players go back to dugout and two more players come out and repeat same. We continue to do this until all of the opposing team has batted.

As we said before each team will bat through line-up twice and play the field twice.

At the end of the game each team will greet each other on the field for a "Good Game" high five.

Water is supplied by concession stand. The jugs will be there for you to use. If you are the last game, please empty the jugs and take back to concession stand. Also if last game and you are the home team please take equipment back to concession stand.

Awards are given out to all blast ball players at the last game of that season.

We have found that if we teach these basics to the kids then when the move up to 5u tball, then they are a big step ahead of players that don't go through blastball.