

What Am I Expected To Do As A Parent?

Sign up for a task on the volunteer form.

Make sure your child attend practices and games on time.

Make sure your child has arrangements for getting home safely after practices and games.

Come to games whenever possible and volunteering to help the manager and team parent.

Set an example by demonstrating good spectator sportsmanship at games by:

- cheering for your child's team, and encouraging all players;
- not criticizing or "razzing" the opposing team — this is forbidden;
- not criticizing an umpire's call; this is unproductive and sets a bad example for the players. If you are knowledgeable enough about baseball to criticize the umpire, please sign up to be an umpire.

Stay informed of activities and schedule changes by reading coaches emails or texts.

What volunteer responsibilities are available?

Head coach: Head coaches are chiefly responsible for the team and must be reliable and organized. At the t-ball and coach pitch level, experience working with youth trumps knowledge of the game. However, the head coach should understand the basic skills of the game and be able to teach the properly to players and assistant coaches. Impact badge is required.

Assistant coach: Assistant coaches are needed to help keep kids engaged in the game. Baseball experience or knowledge is not necessarily needed at the t-ball and coach pitch level. If you can keep kids entertained and safe while waiting to bat or while in the field, you're ready to be an assistant coach. Impact badge is required.

Team manager: Team managers generally handle the paperwork. This can mean collecting registration forms or birth certificates (for older divisions), passing out schedules and sharing information with parents. This is largely an administrative position and does not require knowledge of the game. Impact badge is required if sitting on the bench during games.

Team parent: Team parents coordinate support from the players' families. This can mean putting together a snack schedule, coordinating carpooling, making posters to cheer on players or supporting the team in any other capacity. Team parents must set the standard for good sportsmanship for other parents to follow. Impact badge is not required unless parent is also engaged as a coach or manager.

Other: No matter what level of commitment you can make to the team, you still have something to contribute. Offer to bring snacks or bring a dish to the end of year celebration. Help raise funds to take the kids to a Tiger game. Offer to car pool when you can. Or just come to the games and cheer for all the kids. Every little bit helps! Impact badge is not required.