



FOR YOUTH DEVELOPMENT
FOR HEALTHY LIVING
FOR SOCIAL RESPONSIBILITY

To: Coach Pitch Parents
From: Chris Wesley
Re: Coach Pitch Season

Welcome to the 2019 Coach Pitch season! This letter will better help parents to understand the YMCA's philosophy on youth sports. This framework embodies the mission of the YMCA and provides the foundation on which each child will develop the YMCA character values – Honesty, Caring, Respect, Responsibility and Inclusion.

- 1. Safety first.** Although some children may get hurt playing sports, we do all we can to prevent injuries. Our goal is to make sure the equipment and facilities provide a safe learning experience. Skills taught are appropriate for children's developmental and fitness level. Coaches are encouraged to constantly supervise players.
- 2. Fair play.** Fair play is about more than playing by the rules. It's about players, coaches, and parents showing respect for all who are involved in YMCA Youth Sports. Parents and coaches are expected to be good role models of sportsmanship and guiding players to do the same. We are more interested in developing children's character through sport than in developing a few highly skilled players.
- 3. Family involvement.** YMCA Youth Sports encourages parents to be involved appropriately along with their child's participation in our sport programs. In addition to parents being helpful as volunteer coaches, we encourage them to be at practices to support their child's participation.
- 4. Sport for fun.** Sports are naturally fun for most children. They love the challenge of mastering the skills of the game, playing with their friends, and competing with their peers. Remember, that these sports are for the kids; let them have fun.

Other Important information:

Schedule: Coach Pitch will meet on Tuesday's at 4:30-5:30pm from May 7 to June 4

Practices: All practices will be held at the Dover Foxcroft Fairgrounds

Equipment: Your coach will provide helmets, balls and bats. You will need to have your child bring a glove, helmet (if you prefer to use your own), cleats or sneakers.

Cancellation policy: If a practice is to be cancelled due to inclement weather or other unforeseen circumstances, it will be posted on the home page of the PRYMCA website (prymca.org) and the PRYMCA Facebook page alerting you of the cancellation by 1p on Tuesday. If you do not have access to the Internet, please call the PRYMCA at 564-7111 to check for any cancellations. Thank you.

Thanks for taking the time to read thru the YMCA's philosophies and for choosing the YMCA where we are committed to youth development, healthy living and social responsibility.