

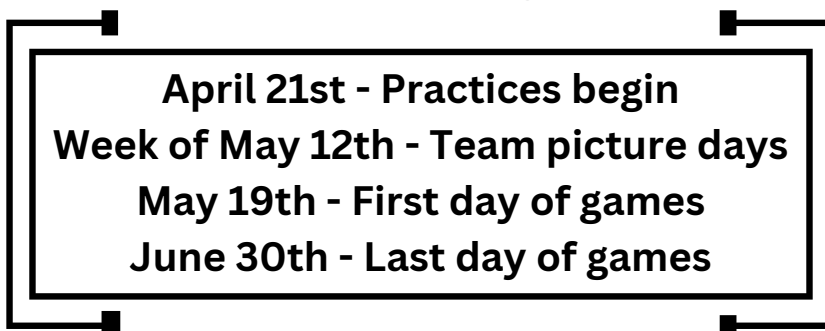
# **Youth Baseball & Softball 2025**

## **Coaches Information:**

### **COMMUNICATE WITH PARENTS**

After the coaches meeting, use the team roster to contact parents/guardians about practices. Some helpful tips to get in contact with parents/guardians include:

- Create a group text and remind the team of practices and games on a weekly basis.
- Download GroupMe or another free team communication app.
- Encourage parents/guardians to Like & Follow Maize Rec on Facebook.
- Over-communicate! Do not assume parents/guardians already know the details.



### **SCHEDULES & GAME REQUESTS**

Schedules will be posted on the Maize Rec website by Monday, May 5th. Coaches are responsible for communicating the schedule to players and parents. Coaches can make one game time/date request for the season. These requests need to be made by Monday, April 28th. Requests are not guaranteed, but staff will do their best to accommodate.

### **UNIFORMS**

Once team rosters are finalized, uniforms will be ordered. Uniforms are typically handed out the week before picture day. Coaches will be notified by email when uniforms are ready for pick up.

### **PICTURES**

Rustic Creek Photography will be taking team and individual photos. Order forms will be available at the picture site and on our website.



# **Coaches Code of Conduct**

**As a coach, your primary responsibility is to educate and inspire athletes through participation in sports activities. Your influence extends beyond the game, impacting the personal development, confidence, and character of each player. This code of conduct outlines the values we uphold to ensure a positive and safe environment for all participants.**

## **Respect for the Game and Participants**

**Lead with Integrity:** I understand that my role as a coach is not just to teach the skills of the game but also to build character and sportsmanship. I will prioritize the development of each player over winning at all costs.

**Model Positive Behavior:** I will lead by example, demonstrating respect, fair play, and kindness toward players, parents, other coaches, officials, and administrators.

## **Player Development and Well-being**

**Focus on Growth:** I will encourage fun, foster a love for the game, and emphasize personal growth. My feedback will focus on positive reinforcement, constructive learning, and the long-term development of the athlete, both on and off the field.

**Embrace Diversity:** I will respect and support all players, regardless of skill level, background, or ability, ensuring everyone has a safe and inclusive environment to thrive.

## **Knowledge of the Game and Safety**

**Educate and Inform:** I commit to understanding the rules, strategies, and best practices of the sport and will pass this knowledge on to my players, parents, and spectators.

**Player Safety First:** I will ensure that all players are provided with a safe playing environment, and I will promote safe practices, including proper warm-ups, equipment use, and injury prevention.



## **Communication and Respectful Engagement**

**Respectful Communication:** I will treat everyone involved in the league with respect, engaging in positive and open communication with players, parents, coaches, and officials.

**Uphold Good Sportsmanship:** I will refrain from engaging in any form of negative behavior such as yelling, berating, or arguing with officials, players, or other coaches. Disagreements will be handled professionally, and I will teach players to do the same.

## **Behavior and Conduct**

**No Substance Use:** I will refrain from the use of alcohol, tobacco, or any controlled substances during all Maize Rec events or in the presence of minors.

## **Background and Accountability**

**Background Check:** I will submit to a thorough background check prior to engaging in any coaching duties, conducted by Maize Recreation Commission.

**Accountability:** I acknowledge that I am responsible for upholding this code of conduct and understand that failure to adhere to these principles may result in disciplinary action, including suspension or removal from my coaching position.

### **For the Kids**

**Keep it Fun:** I understand that youth sports are for the enjoyment and development of the children, not the adults. I will create an environment where children can learn, play, and grow without the pressures of adult competition.

**By signing this code of conduct, I agree to uphold these standards and promote a positive experience for all participants.**



**Maize Recreation Commission will use the following guidelines when evaluating and penalizing violations to the Coaches Code of Conduct:**

- 1. Penalties will be based on the nature and severity of the violation.**
- 2. Offenses within similar circumstances will generally warrant similar penalties.**
- 3. Maize Recreation Commission will keep records of all violations and shall document each violation’s assessment of penalties.**

**All decisions regarding penalties and violations of the Maize Recreation Commission’s Code of Conduct shall be final and no appeals shall be granted. Maize Recreation Commission’s Sports Division will determine the appropriate penalty for any violation of the Coaches Code of Conduct. Penalties may include**

**any of the following:**

- 1. Verbal Warning**
- 2. Written Warning**
- 3. Suspension - Single Game Suspension - Multiple Game Suspension - Indefinite Suspension from League**
- 4. Expulsion from the league and/or all Maize Recreation Commission programs without refund of current program.**
- 5. Multiple suspensions over time may result in the coach no longer coaching for any Maize Rec youth sports program or league.**

**Signature:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Print:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Date:** \_\_\_\_\_

