



## Initial Team Meeting – Agenda

1. Welcome & Introductions
  - a. Manager, Coach, Players, Parents
2. Season Objective: to inspire the families and players with the game of baseball such that they want to play again next season even more than they do today.
3. Assign Official team jobs:
  - a. Team parent
    - i. Snack schedule
    - ii. Picture day
    - iii. Team & League communication
  - b. Team photographer(s)
    - i. Pictures for families and yearbook
  - c. Practice coaches (help with practices)
4. We coach from the field and cheer from the stands.
  - a. The game is for the players. Cheer; be supportive but stay out of the game.
  - b. If you don't have anything nice to say, it is better to say nothing at all.
  - c. We all know when we have made a mistake. A parent or coach pointing it out by shouting across the field only serves to erode our confidence.
  - d. 2 coaches on the field at any given time from each team. 1 or 2 in the dugout.
  - e. Players/Parents Code of Conduct – to be signed
5. Only the manager interfaces with the umpire.
  - a. Parents and players are not to question calls.
  - b. Umpires will make mistakes – guaranteed. It is part of the game. Our kids can learn from this. Things are not always fair.
  - c. By the rules of baseball, judgment calls (out vs. safe; ball vs. strike) cannot be questioned. Interpretation of the rules can be.
6. We are a team on and off the field. In order for this to be a successful season, we have to work together as a team, both parents and players.
  - a. Support one another by highlighting success and being enthusiastic (let the mistakes go)
  - b. Do your share and work hard
  - c. Accept that baseball is not a game of perfect
7. The parents have important roles on the team:
  - a. Cheerleaders
  - b. Rake/drag/sweep/water/chalk the field;
  - c. Being on time
  - d. Working the snack stand
  - e. Helping with practice

8. Use the website [www.tolucabaseball.com](http://www.tolucabaseball.com) for:
  - a. Rain hotline 818-660-6557
  - b. League rules
  - c. Other league information
  
9. LiveScan Policy
  - a. All coaches, managers and board members are fingerprinted and entered into the State Department of Justice LiveScan database.
  - b. The league is notified of past criminal record, if any.
  - c. The league is notified of any subsequent arrest or conviction
  - d. Any
  
10. Key Dates:
  - a. Opening Ceremonies, Sunday March 4<sup>th</sup>
  - b. Games begin week of February 27<sup>th</sup>
  - c. Picture Day, Saturday, March 31<sup>st</sup>
  - d. League is down for Easter/Passover holiday (April 6<sup>th</sup> – 8<sup>th</sup>)
  - e. League is down for Memorial Day holiday (May 25<sup>th</sup> – 28<sup>th</sup>)
  - f. Dodger Night, TBA
  - g. Closing Day Ceremonies, Saturday, June 9<sup>th</sup>
  
11. Misc.
  - a. The league is a non-profit corporation. It runs on the league fees, donations and fundraisers. The league is run by volunteers.
  - b. Everything the league does needs to be paid for: fields, equipment, uniforms, insurance, field maintenance, etc.
  - c. Use the Amazon Link on the league website to earn the league money while you shop (costs you nothing)
  - d. CharityBuzz: help earn money for the league by donating entertainment, music, travel related items to be auctioned to a national audience. See web site for more details.
  
12. Adjournment