



## Game Day Procedures – Tips & Responsibilities

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1. Arrive at the field at least 30 minutes prior to game time. We play a lot of games in very rapid succession. Your player needs to be ready to go at the assigned start time. An early arrival gives us time to match your player with the most appropriate buddy. Late arrivals and no shows are disruptive for everyone. If you can't make a game let your coach know.
2. We will have water bottles stored in the concession stand. A team parent (volunteer) will place the water and ice in the team cooler and take it to the dugout.
3. The Miracle League of Richmond is about players getting to meet and interact with new friends. Unless you are an assistant coach, please stay off the field and out of the dugout. Sit back, take a break and enjoy. You deserve a break.
4. Being disabled and being Medically Fragile are two different issues. If your child is Medically Fragile please communicate this fact to your coach. Work with your coach so we can create and maintain a safe play environment for your child.

### Tips and Responsibilities

1. The focus is FUN.
2. Each player is an individual, get to know them, their interests and needs.
3. Buddies
  - Are used primarily in the infield when the other team is batting.
  - Help protect players from:
    - \* hit balls,
    - \* thrown balls,
    - \* on coming runners,
    - \* overly aggressive play,
    - \* bats.
  - Help players get the ball and throw it to the appropriate base.
  - Can help players bat and run the bases with them.
  - Need to keep players involved (chatter, etc.) in the game.
4. Head Coaches
  - Coordinate team activities with the Assistant Coach and Team Parent and maintain contact with players and families.
  - Ensure that each player receives a uniform.
  - Communicate concerns regarding specific players to the League officials.
  - Manage team equipment and ensures its arrival before each game.
  - Provide copies of team line-up to umpire and announcer before each game.
  - Pitch.
  - Make sure players have the opportunity to learn new skills.
  - Keep up the team spirit.
5. Follow general National Alliance for Youth Sports coaching guidelines.
6. Assistant Coaches
  - Assist Head Coach and Team Parent with the team.
  - Pitch.
  - Verifies that each player has an assigned Buddy.
7. Team Parents
  - Assist Head Coach and Assistant Coach with the team.
  - Create and distributes team snack and drink schedule for players and families.
8. Umpires
  - Are safety monitors.
  - Keep the game moving.
9. Everybody needs to watch for over heating, dehydration and overexertion.

The parents will provide health issues and special requirements to the coaches and team parent.

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