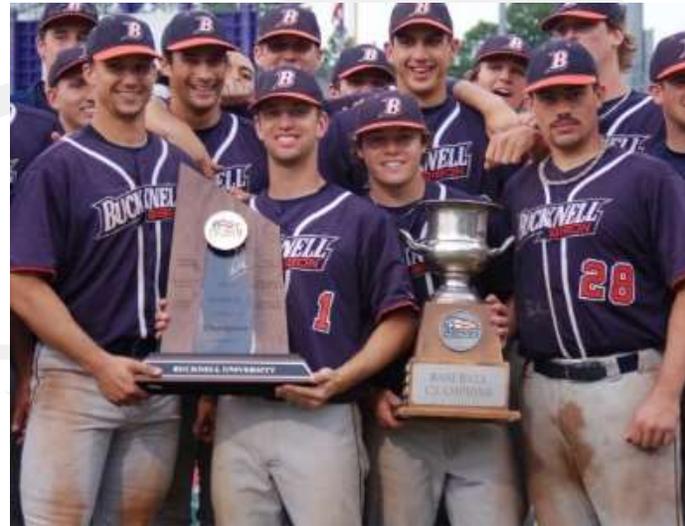
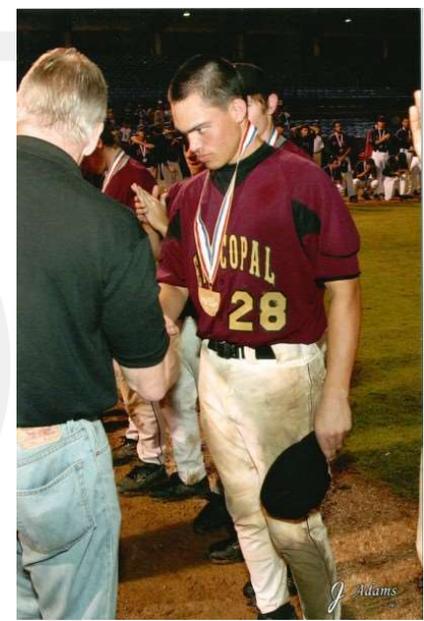


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Zeeland Little League Coaches Meeting

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March 17, 2026



Why ZLL 2026



Approach

The sign of a great Little League coach won't be found in trophies or wins, but rather the number of kids who sign up to play again the next year... that means their coach created an environment that made the game fun for those kids.

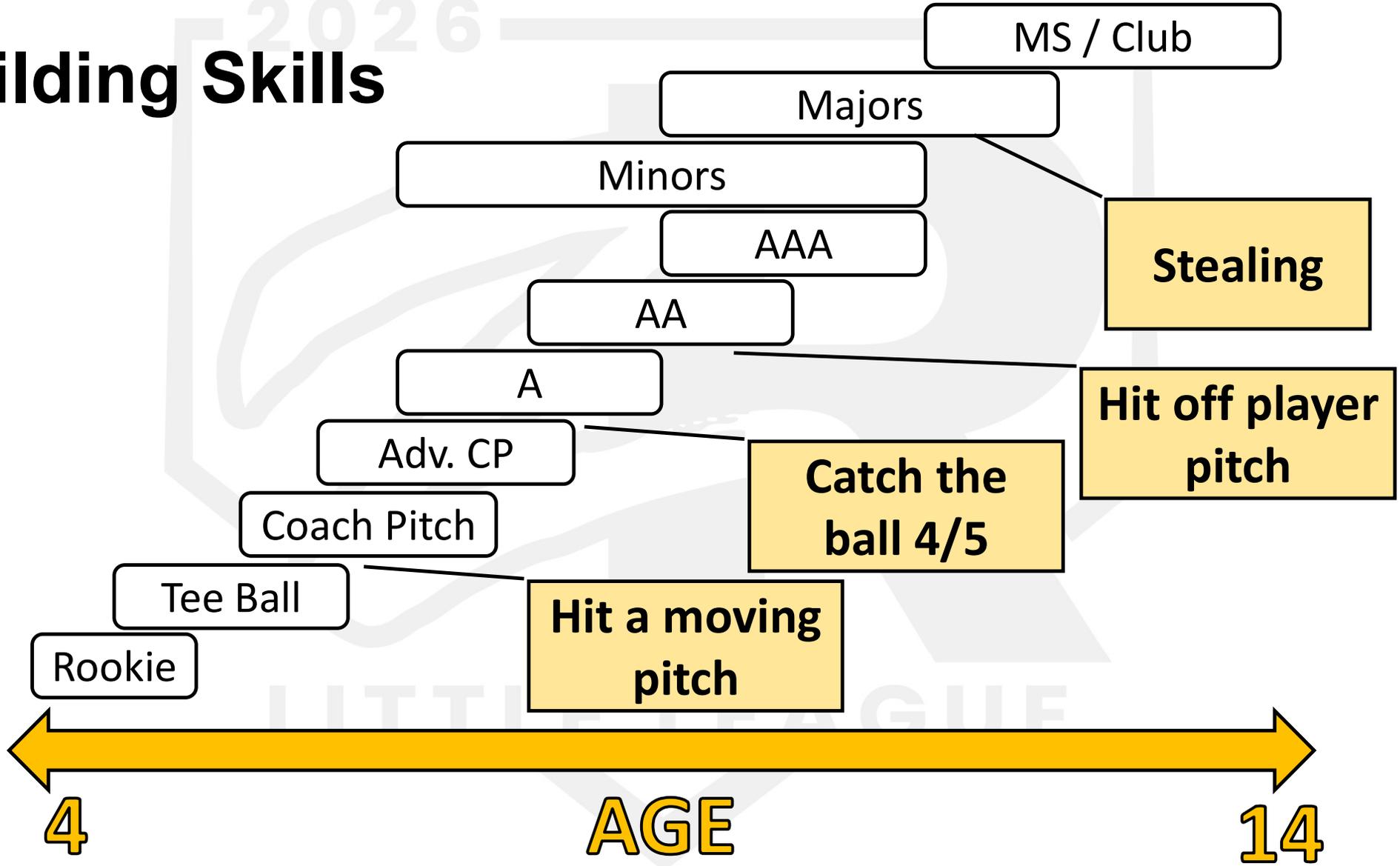
- Darren Fenster

Math

Division	2025	2026
Rookie Ball	55	27
Baseball Tee Ball	123	147
Baseball Coach Pitch	108	123
Baseball Advanced Coach Pitch	103	107
Baseball Single-A	133	92
Baseball AA	99	113
Baseball AAA	80	103
Baseball Majors	84	82
Softball Tee Ball	57	68
Softball Coach Pitch	75	78
Softball Advanced Coach Pitch	0	43
Softball Minors	65	49
Softball Majors	60	58
TOTAL	1042	1090

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Building Skills



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Administration

- ZPS Background Check
- Concussion Certification
 - Only if you have not coached for Zeeland Rec in school year 2022-2023
- JDP Background Check (email from Zeeland Little League)

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Team Sideline

- Schedule
- Roster
- Communication
- RESOURCES
- [Teamsideline.com/zeelandrecreation](https://teamsideline.com/zeelandrecreation)



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Upcoming Events

Upcoming Events | Calendar

- Mar 27 Wed**
Practice
 Spark
Practice
 For: Ava Larosa
 5:30 PM - 7:00 PM
- Apr 1 Mon**
Practice
 Dodgers
Practice
 For: Cole Larosa
 6:00 PM - 7:00 PM
- Apr 8 Mon**
Practice
 Dodgers
Practice
 For: Cole Larosa
 6:00 PM - 7:00 PM
- Apr 9 Tue**
Practice
 Wildcats
Practice
 For: Jovie Larosa
 6:30 PM - 7:30 PM

Calendar | Teams | Officials | Emails | Account

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Teams

Current | Family & Friends | Archived

- TS Dodgers**
 Spring 2024
- TS Spark**
 Spring 2024
- TS Wildcats**
 Spring 2024

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EDIT PICTURE

TS Dodgers

- Chat
- Announcements
- Roster
- Events
- Attendance
- Links

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Emails

- SYSTEM** 03/26/24 02:24 PM
 Forgot Password | Zeeland Recreation
- Zeeland Recreation** 03/26/24 11:42 AM
 Outdoor Practices Cancelled Today - March 2...
- Dodgers** 03/24/24 09:14 PM
 Dodgers Reminder: Practice | Reply to the Poll...
- Cassie DeKleine** 03/24/24 09:14 AM
 Add a parent | Wildcats Communication | Tea...
- Andrea Fantin** 03/23/24 04:06 PM
 Welcome to Team Wildcats! | Wildcats Comm...
- Brandon Larosa** 03/21/24 02:56 PM
 Announcement | Wildcats Communication | T...
- SYSTEM** 03/21/24 03:04 AM
 Official Assignments | TeamSideline.com
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Rules

- Review Rules
- Resources -> League Rules

ZLL SUMMARY AND FAQ SHEET

EQUAL PLAYING TIME RULES

DIVISION RULES

BASEBALL

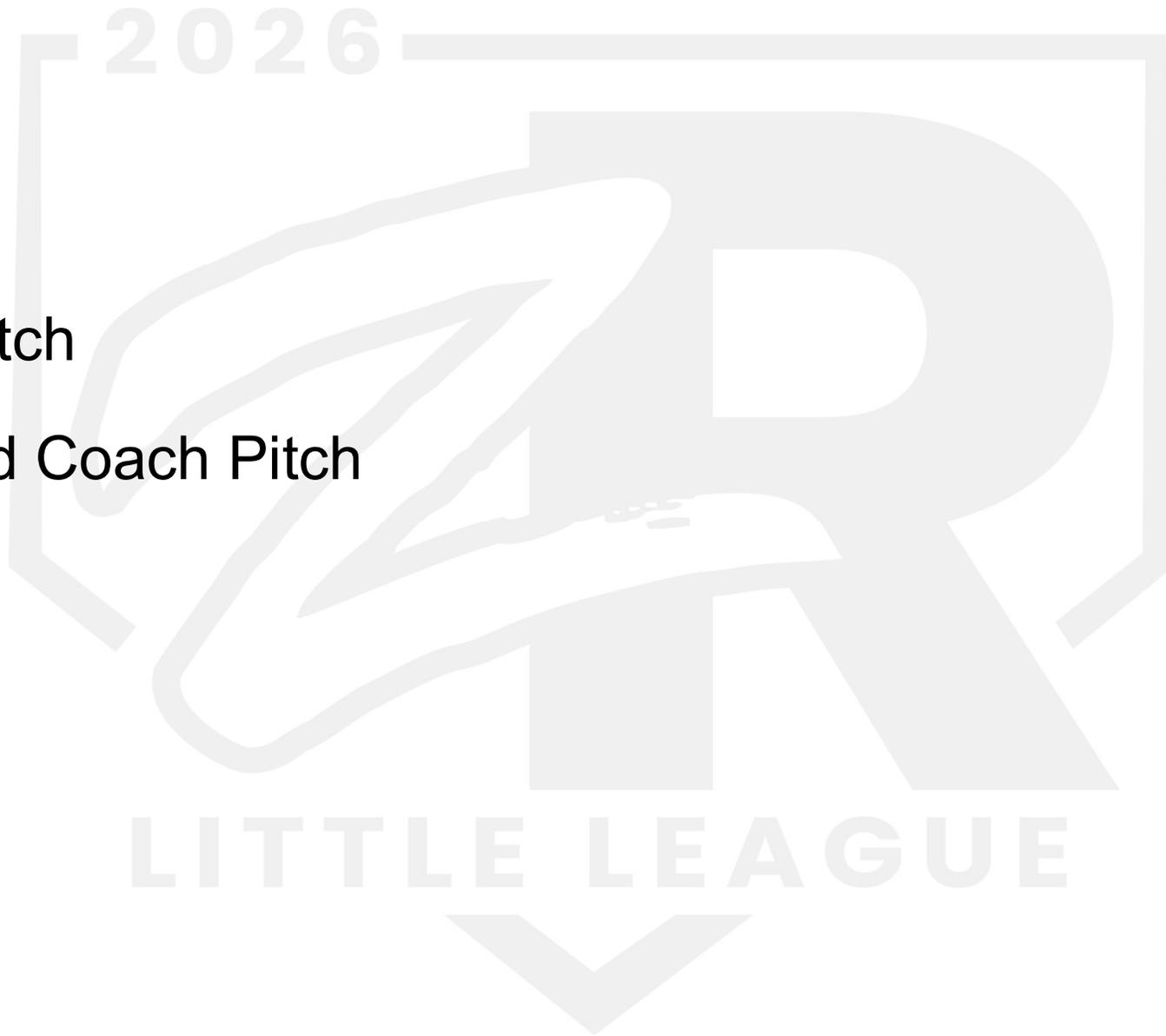
Tee Ball - Baseball
Coach Pitch Baseball
Advanced Coach Pitch
A-Baseball Rules
AA-Baseball Rules
AAA-Baseball Rules
Majors Baseball

SOFTBALL

Tee Ball - Softball
Coach Pitch Softball
Minors Softball
Majors Softball

Rules

- Tee Ball
- Coach Pitch
- Advanced Coach Pitch



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Equipment

- **SHEDS – 7-6-7-6 LOCK COMBO**
 - Helmets
 - Bats
 - Balls
 - Tees

Drenthe – Key for storage room in outlet box

**Put equipment away and lock up the shed after your
practice/game**

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Fields

CHECK YOUR SCHEDULE

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Fields

New Groningen Elementary
Tee Ball Softball



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Fields

Woodbridge Elementary
Tee Ball Baseball



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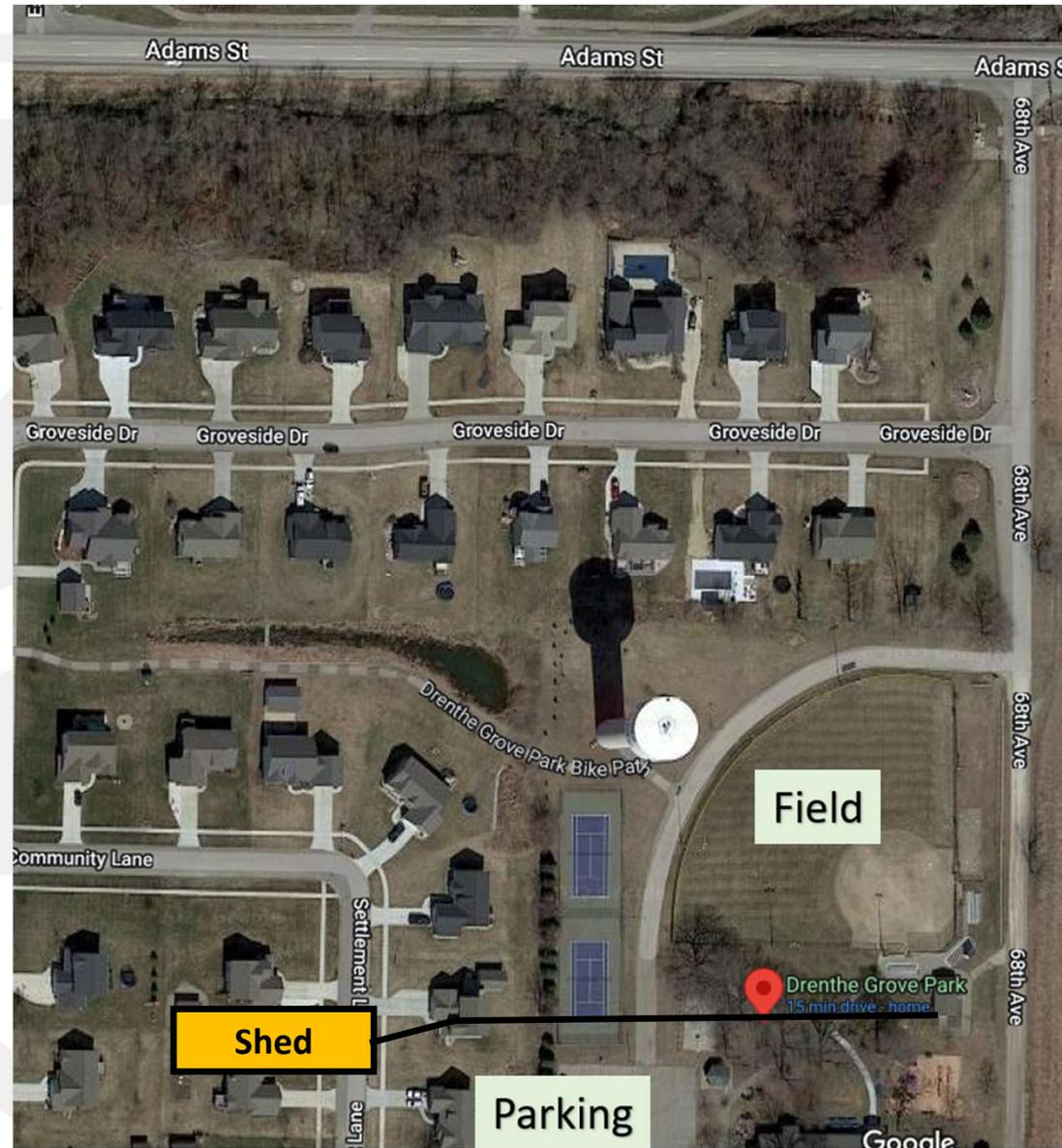
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Drenthe Grove

Coach Pitch Softball

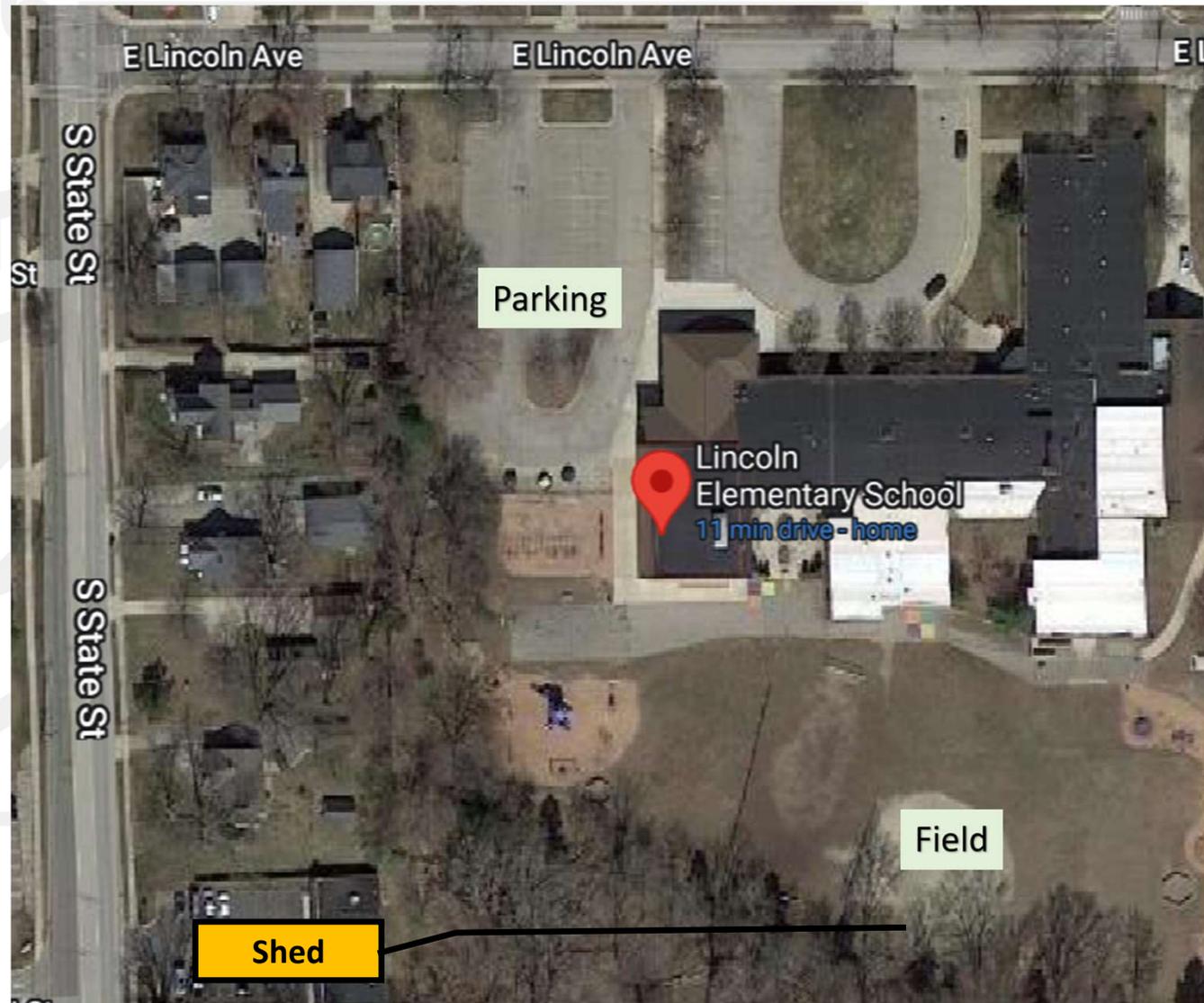
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Fields

Lincoln Elementary
Coach Pitch Baseball



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Fields

Lawrence Park

Coach Pitch Baseball



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Fields

Main and Fairview

Coach Pitch Baseball



Fields

Bill Mar Jr

ADV. Coach Pitch

Softball



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Fields

Adams Elementary

ADV. Coach Pitch

Baseball



Fields

Quincy Elementary
ADV. Coach Pitch
Baseball



Safety

- What to do in case of emergency
- Emergency contacts
- Incident report to Zeeland Rec
- First Aid Kits in sheds

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Uniforms

- Uniform pickup will be week of April 20 at Zeeland Rec
- Shirts and hats
- Team colors

Tee Ball & Coach Pitch	Shirt Color	Logo Color
Dragons	Red	White
Eagles	Maroon	Yellow
Gators	Orange	navy
Hawkeyes	Black	Gold
Jaguars	Orange	Black
Knights	Red	Black
Lions	White	Navy
Pandas	Red	White
Sharks	Black	Teal
Spartans	Dark Green	White
Storm	Yellow	Dark Green
Warriors	Silver	Black
Waves	Blue	White
Wildcats	Purple	White
Wolverines	Navy	Gold

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Schedule

- Practices start week of March 30
- One practice per week
- Games start April 25
- 6 Games on Saturdays – April 25 – June 6 (skip Memorial Day Weekend)
- Advanced/Regular Coach Pitch – 2 weeks where you play a game instead of practice on a weeknight

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Schedule

- Need to change practice?
 - Look at facility calendar to see what's available
 - Edit your practice to that opening or ask me
 - Notify your team of the change
- Need to change your game?
 - Only do this in extreme circumstance
 - Contact both teams involved to find common date that works
 - Notify me of the situation and proposed plan

A screenshot of a facility calendar for the date 3/31/2025. The calendar shows a grid of time slots from 09:00 AM to 07:00 PM. Several teams have orange practice blocks scheduled:

Team	09:00 AM	11:00 AM	01:00 PM	03:00 PM	05:00 PM	07:00 PM
Adams Ele.						
CAGE Legion					Practice: Bla	
CAGE Macatawa					Practice: Bre	
CAGE Ray Schaap					Practice: Bar	
CAGE Request						
CAGE Sara Lee					Practice: Rex	Practice: Pira
Drenthe Park						
Lawrence Street Legion					Practice: Vol	

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Practices

- Practices are scheduled for 1 hour
- Have a PLAN
- Weekly emails with practice plans
 - It is OK (and recommended) to repeat practice plans

Fun > “Development”



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Game Plan

- Write Line-Up and Positions BEFORE the game
- Establish time for players to be there before game (10-15 min)
- Have a “pre-game” plan
- Post the lineup
- Create (or ask a parent) to make a snack/drink sign-up

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TEAM: _____

ZLL Positional Chart

	Player Name	Inning						
		1	2	3	4	5	6	7
1								
2								
3								
4								
5								
6								
7								
8								
9								
10								
11								
12								
13								

Positions:

1B	2B	SS	3B
LF	LCF	RCF	CF
RF	C	P	Bench



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Playing Time

- Move kids around positions
 - You can even do this mid-inning!
- Mix up the lineup **each inning**



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TEAM: GATORS

ZLL Positional Chart

Player Name		Inning					
		1	2	3	4	5	6
1	Jonathan	1B	C	SS	1B	C	SS
2	Titus	2B	P	3B	2B	P	3B
3	Carson	RF	Bench	RCF	RF	Bench	RCF
4	Evin	RCF	1B	RF	RCF	1B	RF
5	Levi	SS	2B	C	SS	2B	C
6	Roman	3B	RF	P	3B	RF	P
7	Cole	LF	RCF	Bench	LF	RCF	Bench
8	Emmet	LCF	SS	1B	LCF	SS	1B
9	Everett	C	3B	2B	C	3B	2B
10	Ike	P	LCF	RF	P	LCF	RF
11	Lake	Bench	LF	RCF	Bench	LF	RCF
12							
13							

Positions:

1B	2B	SS	3B
LF	LCF	RCF	CF
RF	C	P	Bench



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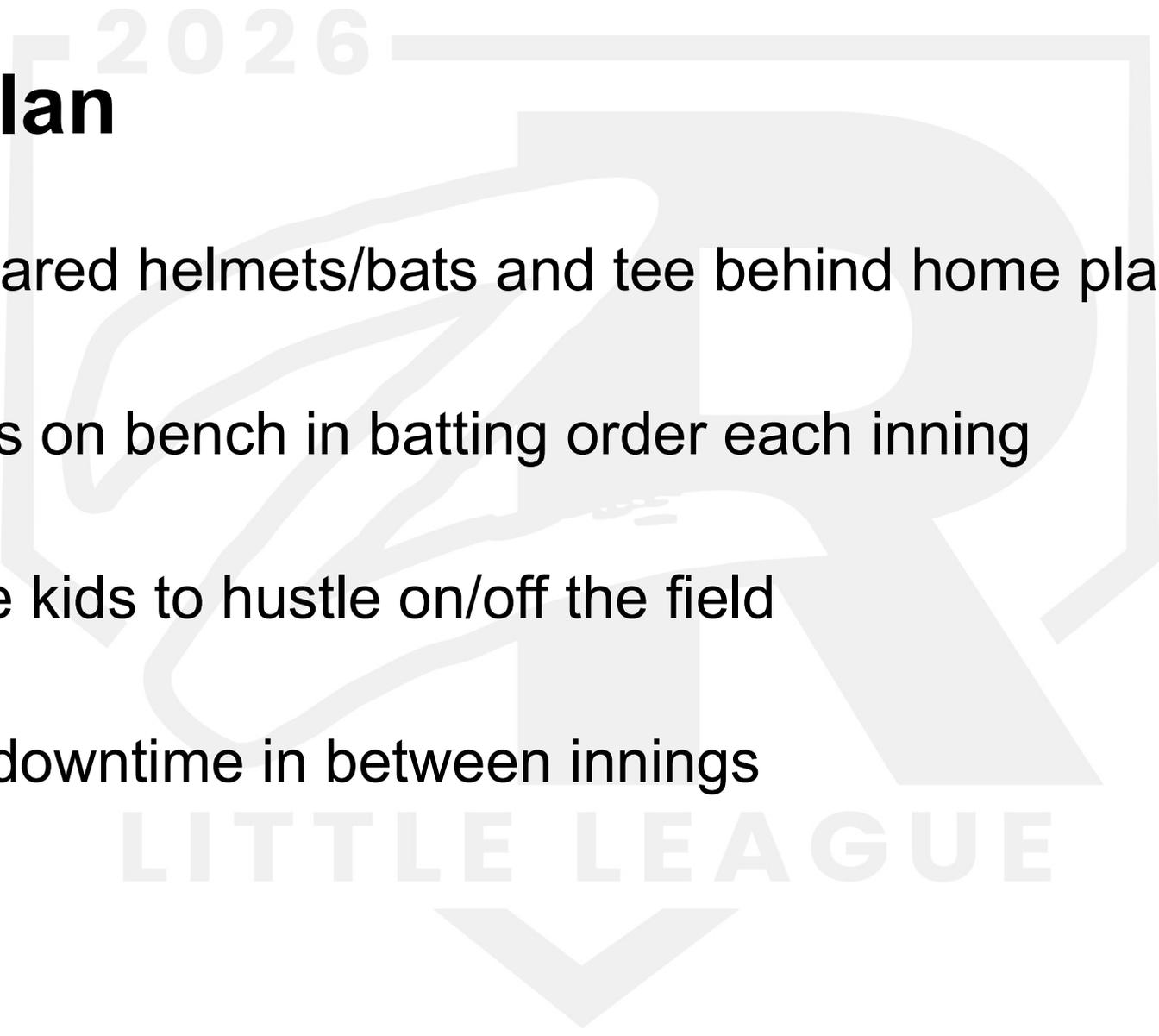


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Game Plan

- Line up shared helmets/bats and tee behind home plate
- Put players on bench in batting order each inning
- Encourage kids to hustle on/off the field
- Eliminate downtime in between innings

Resources

www.teamsideline.com/zeelandrecreation

Coaches -> Coaches Resources

Administration

Background Check Instructions

Practice Guides

Tee ball Division Guide

Coach Pitch Division Guide

ZLL Coaches Guide (Minors and Majors)

Practice Plan Template

Game Planning

Game Prep - A, AA, AAA, Minors, and Majors

Game Prep - Tee Ball and Coach Pitch

Line-Up Card

Position Chart

Pitch Count Log (excel)

Pitch Count Log (pdf)

Moving Players in Game - Tee Ball and Coach Pitch

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Weather Policy

- ***TRY*** to make decisions by 5:00PM
- Final decision will come from either Brett, Mandee, or Brandon via email and app
- If something comes up mid-game = DELAY
 - Be smart and use your best judgement
 - Mid-Practice = you can delay or cancel
 - If you get message from us to cancel, SHUT IT DOWN!
- There is such a thing as too hot
- Weather policy emailed out before practices start

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Extra Coaches

- OK to ask parents to help at practice and games as long as ZLL Coach is present
- If someone else wants to help be a COACH, they must sign up on the coaching form
- Should never have a situation that someone is running a practice or game and NOT a signed up ZLL Coach

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To do...

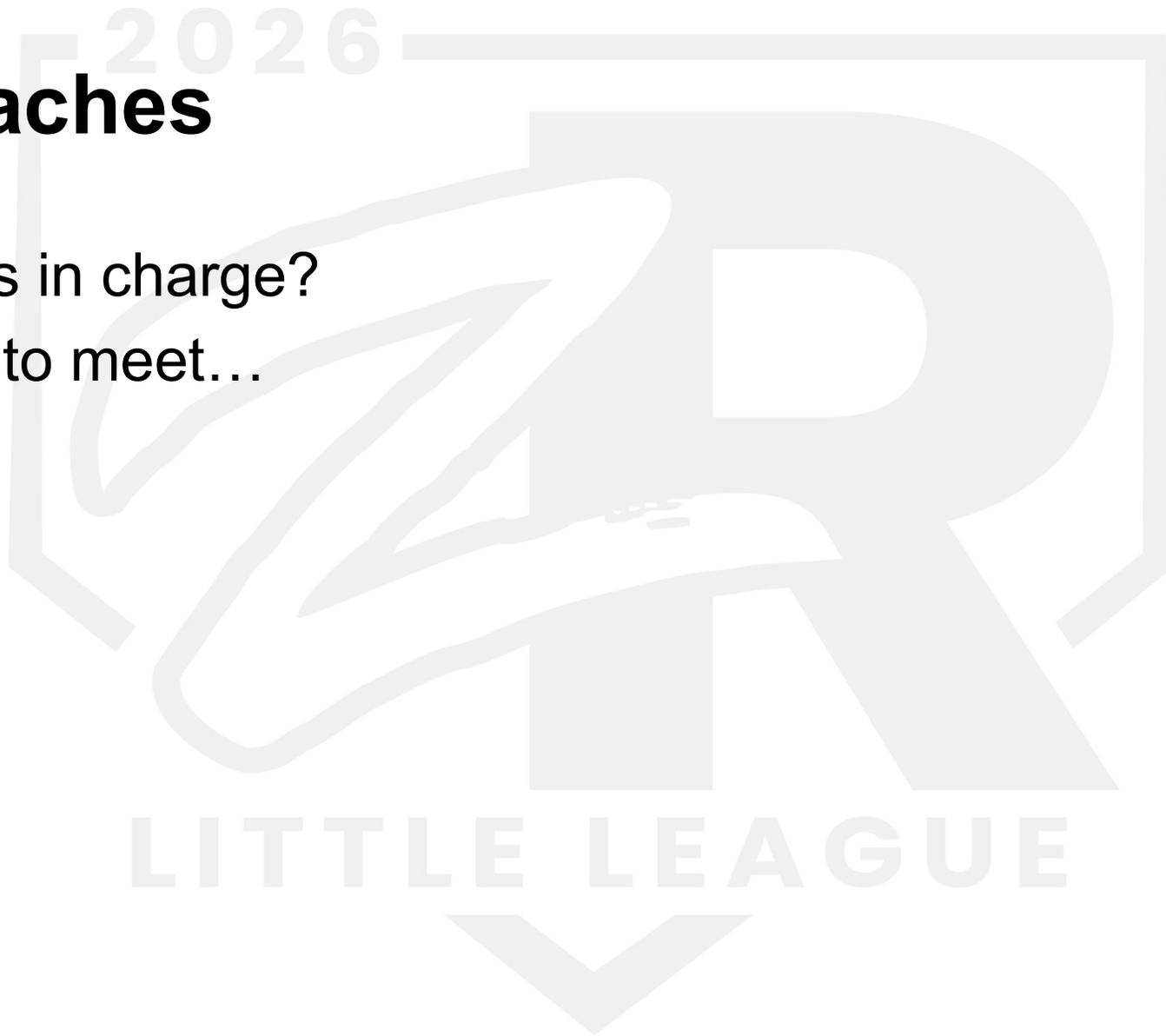
- Admin tasks (ZPS Background, Concussion, JDP Background)

ONCE TEAMS GO LIVE...

- Check your schedule – let me know if a practice needs to be moved
- Email your team and introduce yourself! One coach can send the email on behalf of all.
- As the season goes...remind your team of upcoming games and practices!

The Coaches

- Who's in charge?
- Time to meet...



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Softball Tee Ball

Team	Coach	Coach	Coach
Sharks	Brendan Coallier	Cody Zoerhof	
Eagles	Kyle Mead	Zack Golin	
Wildcats	Clayton Sommers	Johnathan Van Byssum	Trevor Blattner
Jaguars	Ashlee Dysert	Meghann Pittman	Ashley Hengst
Spartans	Cori Glashower	Ashley Mason	
Lions	Nathan Sheridan	Kailey Kent	

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Softball Coach Pitch

Team	Coach	Coach	Coach
Wildcats	Tim Kooiker	Josh Bergmans	
Sharks	Jon Klunder	Crista Holstege	Ross Bouwkamp
Eagles	Ryan Baas	Jake VanAlten	Tim Spaman
Jaguars	Kyle Mead	Stephen Peterson	Angela Veltkamp
Spartans	Courtney Vogelzang	Alex Vogelzang	Kelsey Volkers
Lions	Jason DeWitt	Sara DeWitt	Marcy Koch
Pandas	Emma Gontjes	Jaymes Gontjes	Jacob Heemstra
Storm	Derek Rymill	Brittany Houtman	Nikki Walworth

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Softball Advanced Coach Pitch

Team	Coach	Coach	Coach
Volts	Brandon LaRosa	Karen LaRosa	
Blaze	Josh Lamer	Jason Maldonado	
Bandits	Chris Scheuermann	Steven Yonker	Victoria Anderson
Talons	Jeremy Stein	Brittany Lane	Jenn Lake

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Baseball Tee Ball 2026

Team	Coach	Coach	Coach
Hawkeyes	Brian Niewiek	Andrew Steenwyk	
Waves	Aaron Tibbe	Chris Bosch	
Wolverines	Brendan Coallier	Addison Webb	
Spartans	Cody Ryan	Tony Seville	
Eagles	Dan Meiste	Tim Kooiker	
Storm	Matt VanderHulst	Drew Bowman	Margo Bowman
Gators	Jared McNitt	Jeff Dalman	
Lions	Nate Elzinga	Kacie Elzinga	
Dragons	Nathan Bazan	Zane Breslin	
Knights	Scott Miller	Luke Beckett	John Westra
Quakes	Tim Holstege	Jason Sissing	
Sharks	Tyler Dunifin	John Greaney	
Warriors	Jeremy Bosman	Calvin Hofman	
Stars	Rece Sweitzer	Jeff Sweitzer	Lisa Medley

Baseball Coach Pitch 26

Team	Coach	Coach	Coach
Wolverines	Bradley Voorhorst	Shayne Krommendyk	Jason Turkstra
Hawkeyes	Erin Hillary	Jeremy Molewyk	
Spartans	Michael Murray	Jared Victor	Ben Stevens
Lions	Cody Bloemendal	Joshua Liske	
Gators	Brooke Dobberstein	Sean Dobberstein	
Waves	Tyler Huizenga	Jon Kloosterman	
Sharks	Nicholas Holt	Levi Hedberg	
Warriors	Marc MacVean	Gergory Garza	
Knights	Ben Wilsey	Anthony Davis	
Eagles	Steve Merlino	Ryan Byma	
Jaguars	Molly Litty	Ryan Jewell	Denise Jongekrijg
Storm	Cory Schmidt	Josh Mugford	Matt Beck

Baseball Advanced Coach Pitch

Team	Coach	Coach	Coach	Coach
Wolverines	Joshua Smith	Chris Zinke		
Hawkeyes	Doug Hearit	Derek Ledy		
Spartans	Mark Eardley	Josh Craycraft	Andrea Mason	Luke Beckett
Lions	Christian Lookhart	Luke Foerch		
Gators	Joe Baillargeon	Nate Dewitt	Kyle Walcott	Zachary Tamminga
Waves	Jerry Wyrick	Zachary Wyrick	Ken VanderZwagg	
Sharks	Mitch Pike	Jordan Johnson	Justin Roelofs	
Warriors	Lukas Aukeman	Jeff VanderMolen		
Knights	Tim Meyer	Tadd Strabbing		
Eagles	Cory Schmidt	Andrew Plaska		

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THANK YOU

**PLEASE HELP PUT THE
CHAIRS AWAY!!!**

