

## Tips for Coaches

- Remember that the objective of this league is to provide the opportunity for teens to play baseball that they may not otherwise have.
- Check in regularly with the website at [itl-baseball.com](http://itl-baseball.com) for notices, standings and schedule updates.
- Home coach should contact the visiting coach 2 days before the game to confirm the date, time, and field. This helps prevent any confusion due to schedule changes and/or missed communications. Coach phone numbers and email addresses are posted on the website.
- It is the responsibility of the winning coach to report game results to [dadetwiler@aol.com](mailto:dadetwiler@aol.com). Be sure to include the game number which becomes very important when games get rescheduled due to rainouts, etc.
- If games are postponed, make them up as soon as possible. The regular season is only 6-7 weeks long and there can be more rainouts. Rescheduling games at the end of the season can get tough when they stack up.
- Talk to the other coach and the umpire about any time restrictions for the game before it starts.
- Bring a copy of the Rules to each game and/or make sure you have website access to the Rules. ITL has some rules that umpires may not be familiar with and it is the coach's responsibility to inform the umps.
- If there is a possibility that your team will be short of players (more often occurring in the 16-19 age group), find out ahead of time and see if you can call up players from a younger team. Remember that a team can play with only 7 players (which actually works better than you might think). If you can't field a team, call the opposing coach at least 24 hours before game time about rescheduling the game. Less than 24 hours' notice for game cancellations other than weather is a forfeit situation. The opposing coach has the option of accepting the forfeit or rescheduling the game. The ITL objective is to play baseball games and not award forfeits but giving adequate notice to the other team is the right thing to do.
- If a game is cancelled or postponed be sure to notify the umpires as soon as possible. When the game is rescheduled, be sure to arrange for umps. Some umpire contact information is included with the Coach Contact info.
- Playoffs begin the Tuesday and Wednesday after Memorial Day. Regular season games must be played before the Sunday of Memorial Day weekend in order to affect playoffs seedings.