

Coaching Day Checklist: Blastball

City Diamond Closure

Please check the FHTBA website at 5:30 p.m. (8:00 a.m. on Saturdays) on game day. If the city has closed the diamonds due to weather or field conditions, games are canceled and the website will be updated accordingly. *You will have to advise your team of the cancelation.* We recommend ensuring you have up-to-date email addresses for all parents, so that this notification can be done quickly. You must call any parent who has not indicated email as their primary means of notification.

Threat of Rain

If the city does not cancel the games, play may proceed. If there is active weather shortly before the game start time or during the game and both coaches decide that the weather is too much for the kids, **or** there is lightning at any point during the game, the game should be canceled. *In this event, please ensure that all parents are notified. In addition, please email our office to advise of the cancelation:*

office@foresthilltball.com

Hopefully, your team will get to play! In this case:

- Arrive at the diamond for game set up and team meet-and-greet, at least 10 minutes before the start of the practice/game.
- Practice skills/drills with the kids from 6:30 until 6:45 (9:00- 9:15 for Saturday games).
- Blastball games begin at 6:45 (9:15) and run for approx. 30 to 40 minutes.

DURING THE GAME: For the first few games, use only the BLAST! bag, as first base. As the season progresses, add on a second, and eventually third base, so that your mini field mimics a small baseball diamond. This will help prepare the players for junior t-ball.

AFTER THE GAME: Email the office with any questions or concerns you may have.

Note: There are several blastball teams scheduled to play on one field at a time. Only two (competing) teams will be on the actual baseball diamond during a game. Please see your schedule to determine which area of the field you will be playing on.

FIRST GAME:

ON THE FIRST SCHEDULED GAME, YOU WILL NEED TO TAKE TIME TO INTRODUCE YOURSELF, MEET YOUR TEAM, AND HAND OUT PARENT PACKAGES. THIS WILL DELAY THE REGULAR START TIME. PLEASE COORDINATE WITH THE OTHER COACH WHEN TO BEGIN YOUR GAME ON THE FIRST DAY.