

Baseball Coaching Clinic - April 22, 2026



Introductions

MAA and Broncos Program Philosophy –

Coaches are the foundation for the success of MAA:

- The #1 factor families consider when measuring if their child and family had a good experience is the head coach. The #2 factor is the assistant coaches.
- Fun needs to be the #1 goal for every child
 - Make sure no child is alienated from this
- Baseball skills development
- Use baseball to teach life skills – compliment sandwich
- Sportsmanship & team play
- Winning or losing the game is irrelevant
- 5 Basic Rules to reinforce at every practice and game
 - Fun - Safety - Encouragement - Hustle - Respect
 - Respect – each other, coaches, umpires, parents, the game
- Coach / Parent / Player code of conduct

Playing time and Positions:

- Equal playing time must be adhered to
- Multiple positions for all players – not necessarily all positions
 - Coaches should put players in a position to succeed
 - General guideline by age
 - 5/6 coach pitch – all positions
 - 7/8 baseball – minimum of 5 positions
 - Broncos at all ages – minimum of 3 positions (at least one infield)

Practices

- Constant teaching and correcting on fundamentals – (muscle memory, 2nd nature)
 - Fundamentals handouts
- Throwing / Catching – every practice
- Use stations – ask parents to help
- Start and end on time
- Any and all help is welcome – efficiency from more volunteers
- All coaches need coaching hat instead of parent hat at practice
- Coach's attitude and demeanor set the tone for the entire team – be positive and upbeat

Games

- Limited "coaching" – basic corrections and reminders – let them play!
 - Too much coaching at games creates confusion and can take away from the fun
- All coaching during games from coaches on field or bench, never singling out a player in front of team
 - Communicate to parents ahead of time that they shouldn't be "coaching" from the stands. Instead, they should be cheering for both teams.

Age-Specific Rules – review basics, coaches can access from website

Q&A