



Coaching tips for Rosedale

General

- Home teams will use the 3rd base dugout, and be responsible for setting up the playing field and bases, returning the bases after the game, and locking the diamond
- Report scores as requested
- Understand and follow the policies and procedures of Rosedale Youth Softball:
<http://www.rosedaleyouthsoftball.com/about.html>
- Encourage participation. This includes swinging the bat. A swinging strike 3 is just fine. A called strike 3 is not
- Demonstrate positive cheering and communicate the expectation to spectators as required

Check the RCC website and social media channels regularly for the most up to date information. Cancellations will be posted there first.

The intent is to play every game as scheduled

- If the city closes diamonds, the information will be posted on the website/social media as soon as it's known. The RCC Executive/Divisional Coordinators will then be notified. Divisional Coordinators will notify their Coaches. Coaches will notify their players
- If it is raining prior to game time, but the City has not closed the diamonds, a game will not be cancelled until the diamond is deemed to be unplayable by the RCC Executive. If a game is cancelled, the information will be posted on the website/social media ASAP, followed by Divisional Coordinator, Coach, and Player notifications
- Once a game starts, a decision to suspend play due to field conditions lies with the Softball Ontario Umpire. In most cases, dialogue will take place between the coaches and umpire regarding field conditions

Make up games

- If a game is cancelled, efforts will be made to reschedule the game. Having said that, there are a number of variables involved in rescheduling a game. Diamonds, Umpires, Coaches and a sufficient number of Players from both teams must all be able and willing to participate. If one of these elements missing, the game will not be played

Umpires

- Establish a co-operative and respectful relationship with the Umpire
- A Coach will influence the tone of the game by how they interact with the Umpire before the game. If the Umpire is new to the park, (or to you) introduce yourself and ask if they have any questions. Make sure they have what they need, and take the opportunity to review some of our park specific rules. Things such as *a player may not pitch more than two consecutive innings or four in total, our mercy rule, etc.* Let them know you will be ready to start on time, or if you need a few extra minutes.
- If the Umpire is one of our regulars, say hi and maybe ask how their day was?
- If a spectator starts to heckle an Umpire, communicate the expectation that positive cheering extends to all participants, including Officials