



As we begin another season, our 54th, I'd like to welcome all the new families, players and sponsors to Westchester Babe Ruth Baseball.

What is great about our all-volunteer program is that there are opportunities for everyone to contribute to our program. Each of us has a defined role, and when those roles are performed effectively, we create a powerful force that directly benefits the players.

Players' roles include a commitment to improve and mature within a team environment, show respect for their coaches, teammates, opponents, umpires, all league officials and each and every parent who comes to support our program. They must learn to respect the game, which includes hustling on and off the field, never throwing equipment in anger and being humble in victory and composed in defeat. They must respect the facility, which essentially is theirs, and they must keep it litter-free and use all the equipment available to them in the manner for which it is intended. Most of all though, they need to embrace one simple truth: Whatever effort and commitment they put in the program, they will take away from the program two-fold. This facility has everything here to work on every aspect of the game which should enable any player to realize his potential but, the commitment begins within.

Our volunteer managers and coaches have the role of providing leadership in their effort to not only teach the game of baseball but to impress upon the players character traits that they will use long after their playing days are over. This is achieved through perspective, commitment, consistency, tolerance, respect for the game and embracing our league's mission and vision.

All parents have the role of enabling the players to be their best. This requires a significant commitment to make sure the players are ready and able to participate in each practice and game. Promptness and communication with the manager is essential. The parents must be willing to honor their Snack Stand shifts and manage the Announcers' Booth on game days. They must work together before and after the games to prepare the field for game play, which ensures that our players have a safe and respectable field we can all be proud of.

The Executives that manage this program have the role of creating the mission and vision and overseeing the execution of every aspect of the program which includes, but is not limited to, working with and through Babe Ruth National Headquarters, Manager, Coaching, and Player recruiting and development, working with the Gas Co which provides us Ivan Miller field, managing all facility maintenance, upgrades and repairs, working with the local high schools for field use, getting sponsors, scheduling umpires, maintaining and replacing equipment and working with the neighbors adjacent to or surrounding Ivan Miller field.

Together, role by role each of us can make Westchester Babe Ruth Baseball the best it can possibly be. I look forward to meeting all of you !!!!

Chris