

# *Chelmsford Youth Baseball*

## Minors & Instructional Agenda for 1st Team Meeting

The following is a guide that will help managers and coaches conduct the first team meeting. You can have a team meeting before your first scheduled practice or use the first 30 minutes of your initial practice for such a meeting -- it's up to you.

Be sure to have your assistants identified before the meeting; that is, work this out when you make the phone calls to notify parents and children that they are on your team. Your coaches should help you with the meeting.

### **AT THE MEETING...**

1. After introducing yourself and your coaches, hand out the Medical Release Forms to parents. **YOU MUST HAVE THEM FILLED OUT AND RETURNED TO YOU IMMEDIATELY.** Do not hand out shirts and hats until you have received this form back. Keep the forms in your equipment back to **MAKE SURE YOU HAVE THEM AT EVERY GAME AND PRACTICE.**
2. Give a brief overview of Minors rules or Instructional rules so parents will have proper expectations and understanding of the activities.
3. Encourage parent participation. You **WILL** need the help during practices and games.
4. Hand out Parent Information Pack, which can be found on the website.
5. Explain to parents that this is an instructional league, not a competitive league! Although the kids may keep score in their heads (which is fine), we do not keep official scores or standings. The idea is to have fun while learning to play the game.
6. Let them know about the CYB web site. There is a **LOT** of info there, including last minute announcements about rainouts.
7. Discuss whether or not the team wants to coordinate the color of their uniform pants and socks, which we recommend, and the kids certainly enjoy. You'll want to decide on a single color for pants and socks that parents can then acquire for all the kids. For example, the Pirates have yellow shirts and black hats, and they look really sharp with black baseball pants and black sox. I think the Yankees look good with gray pants and navy blue striped sox, and so on. Just be sure to choose widely available colors, like white, gray and black pants, and blue, black, and white baseball socks.

Some teams even put names on the back of shirts. If you decide to do this at your meeting, mark the number of the shirt with the player, keep the shirts and collect the money from the parents. It is easier and cheaper if you bring them all at once.