

# THANK YOU FOR BEING A COACH

On behalf of the Union Baseball Association, thank you for volunteering your time to coach a team this year. We're aware of the time commitment and dedication that this will require and have created this document to help you get started. If you have any questions, feel free to reach out and let us know.

## SO WHAT DO YOU NEED TO DO NOW ???

### **Get your roster**

Login to your TeamSideline account at [www.unionmobaseball.com](http://www.unionmobaseball.com) and under Team Sites you should see your 2022 team. Click on the link and you will gain access to your Roster which will contain all of your players names along with the names and contact information for their parents/guardians.

### **Contact your players**

By the end of this week, please reach out to each of your players' parents to introduce yourself and to share your practice schedule. You may even want to schedule an in person team meeting so the players can meet each other and they can put a face to your name. A practice field or location with a group room such as Hardee's would be good choices for this.

### **Establish a Means of Communication**

Decide on a way that you will communicate with your parents throughout the season. This could be a text chain, a private Facebook group, or an app such as Band or GroupMe. Once decided, add all parents to the chosen platform then send out a test message asking all parents to confirm receipt.

### **Get Uniform Info for Each Player**

Reach out to each player to get the uniform size and their desired number. For older kids, be sure to verify if sizes are Youth or Adult. This can be as simple as a signup sheet at your first practice/meeting or you can send out a Google Form survey to your team to obtain this information.

### **Acquire a Sponsor**

Each team will need a sponsor to provide hats and uniforms for your team. You can sponsor your team if you choose or find a local business to sponsor your team for you. If you need assistance with obtaining a sponsor, we have a list of local businesses that have already offered to sponsor a team for this season. Please reach out to us for more info. Estimate \$200-\$300 for uniforms depending on number of players and uniform material.

### **Order Uniforms**

In the provided packet are flyers for two local businesses which you can choose from to make your teams uniforms. Once you have a sponsor and all of your players uniform sizes and numbers, please reach out to either Mr Print & More or Trophies T's & More to order your uniforms

### **Schedule Team Photos**

In the provided packet are flyers to contact Wright Photography to schedule photos. Do this as soon as possible and ensure that you will have your uniforms by the photo date. Typical photos are done prior to a scheduled game or during a scheduled practice. Spots will fill up fast and scheduling may become difficult to do once baseball and softball seasons begin as softball photos usually happen after the baseball photos.