

2010 F.C.A.A. Coaches Information Sheet

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Tips for a Successful Season

Coaches Conduct

All Managers and assistant coaches must sign and return to the FCAA board President the Code of Conduct form. Managers and coaches may be subject to dismissal at any time, subject to the approval by the FCAA Board of Directors if a complaint is registered. The complaint must be presented as a written, signed formal complaint. Be advised that the District 19 President can impose a \$50 fine on any manager, coach, player or umpire if a complaint is registered with the District.

Rain Out / Rescheduling Contact Person

FCAA Head Coaches and Assistants can call the FCAA information voicemail system by dialing (618) 539-4825 to hear a recorded message regarding diamond conditions. Our website is also updated as soon as possible on rain days near the top of the home page, www.freeburgfcaa.com.

Games are called as soon as field conditions can be evaluated; usually by 4:30pm. Some days are difficult to determine and are called late. Use the above number and/or watch our website to get the latest information.

The Head Coach is responsible for notifying their players and the out of town coach when a Freeburg home game is rained out. It is a good idea to let parents know about the website – DO NOT share the rain-out phone number above with parents/players. This will result in busy signals for the other coaches calling in. We need to keep this line open for coaches to stay informed.

If your game is an away game, the out-of-town coach will notify the FCAA Head Coach and you can then notify your players.

In the event a game needs to be rescheduled, contact Scott Bauman at the number below. Be advised that all rescheduled games must be rescheduled before June 15th. After June 15th, games may only be rescheduled due to inclement weather or field availability problems. All games rescheduled due to inclement weather must be rescheduled within **one week** of the scheduled date.

Scott Bauman

(618) 539-6041

Game Score Results Contact Person

<u>Division(s)</u>	<u>Name</u>	<u>Phone</u>
All (except PeeWee)	Cindy Ingold	539-4818

Submit via www.freeburgfcaa.org; select Contact Us; select Game Result and enter:

- FCAA Team Name
- Opponent Name
- Date of Game
- Score
- Who Won

OR Email to: FCAA@FreeburgFCAA.org with the above information

It is the responsibility of the Head Coach to submit their game information each week so this can be submitted to the Freeburg Tribune and allows our website to be updated for friends/family to stay current with the team status. Last, this provides a means to compile team stats for District 19 submission at the end of the season.

Stats

End of Season team stats are due in no later than July 31st, 2010. If you submit weekly as stated above, then this action is taken care of. If not, Cindy Ingold will be in contact with you for this information. If not submitted to District 19 by this date, no trophies for team placement will be awarded.

Picture Day

Saturday May 15th, 2010 at the Freeburg cottage at the far east of the Ballpark Complex. Schedules have been distributed but will also be listed in the Freeburg Tribune the week prior. Coaches are responsible to notify parents of their team's scheduled time and to arrive 15 minutes prior to gather their team and be ready. Picture forms are included in your Coach Binder and will also be available the day of pictures for those who misplace them. Our photographer this year is Country Photos.

Parent Meeting

It is recommended to have a Parent Meeting at one of your earlier practices. Let them know when you intend to have practices, how you conduct practices, enlist help from them as needed, obtain a primary contact number that you can call them for rainouts, and answer any questions they may have. This is just a good idea to start things off on the right foot. Most parents just like to be kept informed – do this and your season will go much smoother.

Homecoming Hamburger Stand

Every team is required to provide workers for the hamburger concession stand, which will be held August 20th – 21st. A schedule for each team will be listed in the Freeburg Tribune at a later date and you will receive via email/regular mail in advance. The Head Coach is responsible to notify the parents of their scheduled time to work and ensure sufficient numbers are present. The Head Coach is the “Shift Lead” for their team. It is a good idea to remind the parents of this commitment prior to the end of the season and that you will be contacting them once the schedule is out.

Snacks for Games

For the younger children’s teams, you may want to consider setting up a snack schedule with parents. The younger players look forward to this and if all parents volunteer (or you can assign) for a game, this is one less burden to bear. REMEMBER, some ballparks do not allow food or drink to be brought into their complex. Please support the Freeburg park and other towns snack stands and follow their rules. They usually offer a reasonable “snack package” for teams. For Freeburg, if you are not playing at the diamond complex at the park, it is acceptable to bring your own food and drink.

First Aid Kits

Each team should have a First Aid Kit in their equipment bag. If you should run low on supplies or need another ice pack, please contact the Equipment Chairs listed on the FCAA Committee listing for replacements.

Equipment Turn-in Date

<u>Date</u>	<u>Time</u>	<u>Location</u>
Wednesday August 4 th , 2010	6:00 – 7:00pm	Park Complex Concession Stand

It will be the responsibility of the Head Coach to ensure that all equipment is returned including: balls, bats, batting helmets, catchers mitt – mask – chest protector – shin guards, and first aid kit, strike/ball indicator home plate brush and coach binder. Each bag will be checked prior to storage and any damaged or missing items should be pointed out at time of return.