



Tips for a Successful for Competition-Introduction, Softball On Field Evaluation Clinic

After attending two weekends of Competition-Introduction, Softball (What to Coach and How to Coach) and have completed on-line the Make Ethical Decisions test, they are ready to move forward to the On Field Evaluation clinic.

Coaches are required to complete an application form to attend the On Field Evaluation clinic with the Softball Ontario office and submit a payment of \$80.00 plus HST. Here is the link to the form:

<http://www.zoomerang.com/Survey/WEB22DKCJ98TQR/Preview>

Preparation for the On Field Clinic (2) two weeks prior to the clinic date includes the Coach submitting the following materials to the Softball Ontario office for review:

- Completed Coach Portfolio (purple booklet issues in at the What to Coach weekend)
- Completed Emergency Action Plan for the venue that you are going to be conducting the On Field Evaluation at
- A practice plan of an assigned skill (which the Softball Ontario Evaluator will assign prior to the submission of these practice plans). The practice plan should include :
 - A warm up
 - 45 minutes of practice the assigned skill
 - A cool down

After the Softball Ontario Evaluator has reviewed the submitted materials, a time will be assigned to the softball Coach as to when to attend the clinic. The actual On Field Evaluation will only take 2 hours in length per Coach.

Once a Coach shows up at the venue, they have an entrance Interview with a Softball Ontario Evaluator to ensure that they are ready to proceed to the next step which is in the gym setting with unknown athletes for 45 minutes conducting the practice on the skill that they were assigned and outlined in their practice plans. Please note that Clinic participants have received in their materials the Observation Kit (purple booklet that was issued on the What to Coach weekend) that outlines the areas the Evaluators will be observing. The Evaluators will make observations/comments/ recommendations of each Coach and write down areas of greatness and areas that require improvement. Once the practice is completed, the Softball Coach will complete the Skill Analysis portion of the On Field Evaluation where they will watch video and make corrections on a form provided to the athletes that they see on the screen.

The last portion of the 2 hour On Field Evaluation will include a debriefing session with the Softball Coach and the Softball Ontario Evaluator where feedback is provided.

The On Field Evaluation clinic is developed to ensure that Coaches can put the theory knowledge they have learned the two prior weekends to practical knowledge. The On Field Evaluation component is not meant to fail anyone or prevent anyone from coaching Softball. It is just another method to ensure that Softball Ontario is educating coaches to the best of their ability.

OFE Clinic Checklist

Approximately 3 - 4 weeks before your clinic there are several details that must be taken care of:

- Completed the Competition-Introduction, Softball On Field Evaluation Application Form
- Sent in along with payment to the Softball Ontario office, attention Steph Sutton
- Completed on-line Make Ethical Decisions On Line Test
- Completed Coach Portfolio
- Completed Emergency Action plan for the venue of where the clinic is take place
- Had a Skill assigned by a Softball Ontario Evaluator
- Completed Practice Plan for 2 hours outlining the instruction for the skill assigned by the Softball Ontario Evaluator
- To make copy of all the items before submitting them to the Softball Ontario office for review

2 weeks before your clinic is scheduled to take place there are a few details you need to complete:

- Submit to the Softball Ontario office a copy of Completed Coach Portfolio
- Submit to the Softball Ontario office a copy of Completed Emergency Action Plan
- Submit to the Softball Ontario office a copy of the Completed Practice Plan
- To resubmit if the requirements have not been met

The day of the OFE clinic has finally arrived:

- Bring a copy of Completed Coach Portfolio, Emergency Action Plan and Practice Plan
- Know the time and location for the OFE to be completed
- Bring any extra equipment if required to run the practice

6 weeks after the completion of your OFE clinic:

- Be sure to log onto the Coaching Association of Canada's website to review your transcript to ensure that your OFE clinic has been recorded and you have been upgraded to certified status

Competition-Introduction, Softball On Field Evaluation Clinic Agenda

The clinic is 2 hours in length per coach. Here is a breakdown of the two hours:

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| 15 minutes | Entrance Interview with Softball Ontario Evaluator |
| 45 minutes | Running a Practice with random athletes instructing the assigned skill from the Softball Ontario Evaluator |
| 45 minutes | Completing Skill Analysis- the Softball coach will review softball video and markdown corrections to make to athletes on the screen |
| 15 minutes | Debriefing session with the Softball Coach to provide feedback. |

Here is the list the Evaluator's will pick from to assign the Coach a skill:

Competition – Introduction On-Field Evaluation

Basic Skills & Tactics List

Basic Skill	Specific Skill	Basic Tactic
Throwing	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Overhand • Underhand and backhand Tosses • Infield Throw • Outfield Throw • Dart Throw 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Fielding bunt and throwing to 1st from either 3rd, 1st Base, Catcher, Pitcher • Turning the double play from SS or 2nd Base positions • Middle infielders (2nd, SS) starting double play with underhand or backhand toss to 2nd base • Infielder charging a slow roller with throw to 1st Base • Catcher retrieving pass ball with runner on 3rd and a play at the plate • Outfielder fielding fly ball with runner tagging at 3rd and making a long throw to plate • Outfielder charging ground ball in outfield with throw to home plate (Do or Die throw) • Infielders working a rundown situation working on dart throws
Fielding	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Ground ball (directly at player, shuffle step, cross-over step) • Fly ball (fielding fly ball going back) 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Runner at 1st Base - Getting the lead runner • Relays • Catching fly balls at the fence
Positional Skills	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Catcher – Throws to 2nd Base • Catcher - Receiving pitch • 1st Base - Footwork at 1st Base 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Steal coverages • Catcher – setting up the batter •
Hitting	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Hitting mechanics • Sacrifice bunt 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Pitch selection • Bunt coverages
Sliding	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Bent leg slide • Retreat slide 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Steals – straight steal, delayed steals • Pick-offs
Baserunning	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Getting out of the box • H -1st • Rounding the base • H – 2nd • Lead-offs 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> •

Samples of the following will be provided by Softball Canada shortly:

Emergency Action Plan

Coach Portfolio

Practice Plan