NKCA Baseball League

Fall 2024

NKCA Baseball Members,

NKCA Baseball continues to be the league of choice in the northland and it just keeps getting better. We are wrapping up the spring season soon with Fall Ball just around the corner.

We look forward to teams having so much to offer their families/players while playing in our program...

- The grounds crews have done a remarkable job in keeping our complexes up and running. Our fields have never looked and played better than they do now.
- Our age specific fields have allowed the game to be played consistent with its design. A home run by a 7U player is a legitimate home run!!
- Games played at AJ Wilson are live streamed on our YouTube channel where there have been over 105K views for more than 24K hours of baseball has been watched in the last year and more than 4,000+ subscribers
- 1st Home Run trophy case with player interviews has been a great success. This program allows us to celebrate one of the most exciting moments in a young athlete's experience.

The Fall Ball program is viewed as a preparatory season for what age teams will be playing in the spring (for example, teams that played 11U in the Spring will most likely play 12U in the Fall as that will be the age they will play in the next Spring season).

Below is information on our 2024 Fall program. As always, please do not hesitate to call or email me with any questions.

Registration – Will Open 7/01/2024 for teams and players.

- **Player League fees will be due no later than 8/11/2024.**
- Coach / Team / Player registration (click on a link to complete registration)
    - Coach – This is step one for the coaches who intend to coach teams this fall
    - Team – Step two is setting up your team (**Team Registration will close on 8/11/24**)
    - Player – Step three is to begin having your players register and pay for the season under your team.
        - Player Fee
        - Age group date range requirements
    - **These steps need to be complete, with a full/paid roster, before a schedule can be made for your team.**
- Historically, the league has played 6U to High School ages in the Fall. If there continues to be interest we will allow teams to register for the **6U T-Ball, Coach Pitch, and Machine Pitch divisions**. If you are interested in coaching a team for these age groups, please let us know.

Fall Scheduling

- We are moving to a season that starts after Labor Day. We anticipate beginning our season the **week of 9/3/24**. Each age group will have **10 games (2 per week) + a postseason tournament.** With some weather days built in, we anticipate **finishing up no later than 10/18/2024**.
- **DH Sunday League** – Based on popular demand, we are returning with a DH Sunday league for teams that require this type of schedule. Please keep in mind that the skill set of the team is not a consideration when requesting this

type of schedule. In addition, it is difficult to schedule when requesting to play DH Sundays and then request Sundays off for tournaments.

- The league will play throughout the week and weekends, allowing teams to let us know of any schedule exceptions by the use of the **conflict form** found under Home/Online Forms on our website**. Managers only** should submit a conflict form by **8/11/24** to provide us with the dates/days that their team **cannot** play. If the team intends to play in Sunday DH's, please indicate as such in the comments section of this form.

Coaches Checklist

- If you intend on coaching in our program this fall, please review the **Coaches Checklist** as it includes additional information.

Tryout Listing Requests

- In the event that you coached/managed a team in the previous spring season and have committed to playing with NKCA Baseball in the fall, you can submit a request for the league to **post a tryout listing**.
- If you are a player looking for a team, there are a couple of options…
    - We recommend that you check out the "Teams Needing Kids" tab on our homepage to seek out a team that may be looking for players. We like this approach as it provides a good chance for all involved to make sure the player/team is a good fit.
    - If the option above does not work out, you can always register your player without a team. From there, we will assist in finding your player on a team.

Practice Fields

NKCA Baseball will continue to use Bookafield to secure field space. Once a team is registered click on the link below for instructions…

- **NKCA Baseball Practice Fields**

Dicks Sporting Goods

- Dicks Sporting Goods continues to support and sponsor NKCA Baseball through their discounts and donations. A link will be sent with special savings for league members.
- **NKCA Shopping Day at Dicks** will be during the **State of MO tax free weekend on 8/2-4** where there are additional savings.

Baseballs

- Pro-Nine OLA are the required baseball for league play
- Baseballs are supplied by the teams
- They should be purchased via our website under **NKCA Store** (left toolbar)**.** Once purchased, print your receipt and contact the League Director to make arrangements for pick up.

Thank you and we look forward to seeing you in the fall.

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