Team Coordinator Meeting

March 2024

COACH-PITCH (RULE 13) EACH TEAM WILL BE ALLOWED NO MORE THAN FIVE (5) ADULTS TO COACH THE TEAM AND MANAGE THE DUGOUT. NO MORE THAN THREE (3) ADULTS IN THE OUTFIELD WHILE ON DEFENSE!! TEAM MOMS THAT ARE ON THE FIELD OR IN THE DUGOUT ARE CONSIDERED A COACH!

KID-PITCH (RULE 11) EACH TEAM WILL BE ALLOWED NO MORE THAN A FOUR (4) ADULTS TO COACH THE TEAM AND MANAGE THE DUGOUT!!

ALL COACHES, ASSISTANT COACHES (DUGOUT/ON FIELD TEAM MOMS) ARE REQUIRED TO COMPLETE A BACKGROUND CHECK, NAYS CERTIFICATION AND CONCUSSION CERTIFICATION! All three (3) are a must for **ALL "COACHES"**! Any coach that does not fill out a background check will not coach or be allowed on the field and/or dugout in Smyrna Baseball league. A link to the background check, NAYS certification, and Concussion certification can be found at www.smyrnabaseballleague.org. Once completed, each individual will be uploaded to our spreadsheet. NOTE: Anyone that will be on the field **or in the dugout must** be NAYS and concussion certified. *We will be checking the spreadsheets and you will not be allowed to get on the field until completed. NOTE: You may want to keep a copy of your NAYS certification on you if your name hasn't been updated to the list in time for your game.*

TEAM MOMS WHO WILL NOT BE ON THE FIELD OR IN THE DUGOUT ARE NOT REQUIRED TO FILL OUT BACKGROUND CHECKS.

ALL RULES, FORMS, & CONTACT INFORMATION CAN BE ACCESSED ON OUR LEAGUE WEBSITE.

- **Incident/Accident Report Forms**

If any type of incident/accident should arise on the field or during practice, an accident report must be filled out. Please contact the board member on duty immediately if injury occurs at one of the parks or your age division's commissioner (within 12 hours) should the injury occur at practice. PLEASE NOTE: SBL's insurance is a rider, meaning our insurance covers what the injured individual's insurance does not. If incident is not reported within the 12 hour period, the league will not be obligated to cover any secondary expense.

- **Rain-Outs**

All rain-out information will be listed by 4:30 p.m. on our website www.smyrnabaseballleague.org. Your league's commissioner will contact your coach for the make-up game times. Please be sure to notify your parents of the make-up times well in advance. Please check the calendar to verify your game time. Our Lightning Policy/ Procedure is posted online for you to go over with your team's parents.

- **Zero Tolerance Policy**

Please remember that Smyrna Baseball League has **a zero tolerance policy for unsportsmanlike conduct, bullying, and cursing**. The players are here to enjoy and learn the game of baseball. Any coach, assistant coach, player or parent who does not adhere to the "no tolerance" policy, will be asked to leave the park immediately!!!! **NO EXCEPTIONS!!!** Please make sure your parents understand this! If a coach or player is removed from a game, they are required to sit out for the next game as well. If a coach is ejected from a game at the Rec. Park and also coaches a team at Todd Lane, he will also not be allowed to coach his game at Todd Lane and vice versa. A second ejection in the same season can lead to a season long ban from SBL games and parks. Coaches, parents and players that have been ejected must be on the outside fence and take no part in the game! A player, coach, or spectator that has been ejected from a game, reserves the right to submit in writing, an appeal of their ejection; however, SBL Board of Directors reserves the right to make all final decisions in cases of appeals. **Any issues related to an ejection should be addressed to your commissioner**. If there are **complaints with umpires**, these need to be addressed only by the head coach and only with the Umpire Liaison, Steve Carter.

- **Sponsors**

As a non-profit organization, our sponsors are very important to the league. Sponsors help families who can't afford for their child(ren) to play, provide Thanksgiving meals to families. These sponsors help a lot of families in our community and we are very grateful to each and every one of our sponsors.

The SBL Sponsorship Coordinator will provide team sponsors with a schedule of your games. If your team has a sponsor, please take the time to personally thank them. We could not do it without them. Sponsorship package details are online at www.smyrnabaseballleague.org by going to - League Sponsors tab, - Sponsorship Forms (in blue at the top of the page). Please inform parents about the sponsorship packages we offer. If your team has a dugout banner, the team is responsible for putting up the banner and removing the banner before and after each game. The deadline for sponsorship: Friday, March 15, 2024.

Any questions please email Eric Jordan @ ejordanmscc@hotmail.com

- **Pictures**

Legends Photography is the company we are using this season. Their website is https://www.legendseventphoto.com

Picture day is on Saturday, April 27th at both Cedar Stone and Todd Lane. Make up day if games are rained out will be 5/18.

If main picture day is on 4/27, makeups will be 4/30 at Cedar Stone from 5:00pm -7:00pm.

If main picture day is on 5/18, makeups will be 5/21 at Cedar Stone from 5:00pm - 7:00pm.

No money due the day of pictures but you can buy credits in advance and receive some type of discount. Parents will be able to view photos before purchasing if they want.

Doing composite photos this year so the photographer will provide some backdrops and they will not need the entire team at one time for the team photo.

NO ACTION SHOTS .

Legends will provide 4 5x7 photos for coaches of each team.

For any questions please contact Michael Pring at michaelandterah@gmail.com

- **Scorekeeper/Scoreboard**

CEDAR STONE PARK: The League will not provide the scorekeeper and scorebook keeper. Each home team is responsible for keeping the book and each away team is responsible for doing the scoreboard.

TODD LANE: The League will provide both the scorekeeper and scorebook keeper.

- **Trophies**

VIP Awards, Inc. is our official supplier for trophies. The choice to purchase trophies is strictly up to your team/coaches. Please make parents aware **if you do NOT intend** to buy trophies. * 3/4 Tee Ball Division will receive a participation medallion from the League. End of the season trophies for the remaining divisions are still being discussed by the board.

- **Spirit Orders**

Spirit orders are offered online provided by VIP Awards. Please inform parents about the online spirit store. The link is only open for a short period of time, so please inform your players parents/ guardians about the online store. The link for the online Spirit store is https://sbls24.itemorder.com/shop/home/ and is open until March 20th . Once the online store is closed it WILL NOT be opened again. All orders are expected to be done and ready for pick-up by the first week of games. You will be notified by email when your teams order is ready for pick-up. If you have any questions please **contact Marci at VIP Awards** (615) 751-5576 or marci@vipawards.net

- **Uniforms**

-For 3/4, 5/6, and 7/8 divisions the uniform consists of a jersey, pants, hat, and belt. For the divisions 9/10 and up the uniform consists of jersey, hat, and belt. The ordering has been done and the uniforms are being printed now so there will not be an opportunity to change any sizes at this point. Shirts will be numbered one through eleven. The league provides last names on all jerseys for divisions 3/4 through 11/12.
-If your team would like the additional service of embroidery on hats they are $5 per hat. We are only offering numbers on hats. Your whole team must agree to having this done and I need confirmation by the 12th of March if your team coordinator or coach hasn't already notified me. **Hats will be picked up and paid for** at uniform pick-up which will be Thursday, March 28th, 5:30pm @Life Point.
- As in the past, you will be required to verify that uniforms are correct before you leave. Only one representative per team is required to pick up uniforms for your whole team. Not each individual parent. We should have an

updated list for you but it wouldn't hurt to ask your coach for a copy of their draft list that has uniform sizes on it and bring it with you! You must sign off that your uniforms were picked up and verified before you leave. Allow yourself the time to check and verify that everything is correct. If something is incorrect, this will be the **ONLY time** to notify myself, Rachel Harris, to try to get it corrected. If you leave without signing out we will not be able to fix anything. Please Remember that in some cases we may have had to bump up sizes of players if the size they ordered was unavailable due to supply chain issues.
-Each team is only provided 4 coaches shirts. Coaches shirt sizes must be turned in by the team coordinator meeting.

- **Team Drinks**

After each regular season game, each player/coach can go to the concession stand to receive their "team drink". Please note that "team drink" excludes Powerade or bottled water. **NO SUICIDES.** Please communicate to your parents these are for the players and ONLY **AFTER** they have completed their game. We also ask for Coaches to come up and get their own drink. We are having a lot of players ask for both coach and player drink.

- **Concessions Duty**

All teams - *with the exception of the 3/4 league* - are required to staff a minimum number of 4 adults at Cedar Stone and 3 adults at Todd Lane in the concession stand for each shift this season. No person under the age of 15 will be counted as a person for their team. The schedule will be determined by the SBL Board and published on the Smyrna Baseball League (SBL) website prior to the start of each season.

Having our teams staff a set number of concession shifts each season allows the SBL Board to be more efficient with costs, making it possible for more families to participate in our league. It also encourages our player families to become more involved in the league, get to know other parents and coaches, and build a stronger SBL community.

This means:

- SBL is **not requiring all parents or guardians** to volunteer for multiple concession shifts or have the option to pay a concession buy out fee per player.
- Instead, we are asking each team to work among itself to identify four (4) parent or guardian / family volunteers for each assigned shift at Cedar Stone and three (3) parent or guardian/ family volunteers for each assigned shift at Todd Lane.
- The SBL Board will make every effort to evenly distribute the number of shifts across all teams.
- The Head Coach of each team is responsible for ensuring their team's assigned shifts are staffed throughout the season with parent or guardian / family volunteers age 15 and older.

The SBL Board Members would like to thank you for your support and look forward to another GREAT season of baseball! Please contact us with any questions/ concerns. All board members contact information is available on our website.