YOUTH BASEBALL/SOFTBALL
CITY TOURNAMENT
COACH MEETING
6U – 12U
• Thanks to ALL Coaches

• Introduction of KPRD Athletics Staff

• Introduction of Commissioners
GOALS

• **FUN**
  
  • Positive experience for the kids
    – Social, Physical, Mental
  
  • Positive environment for the kids
    – Sportsmanship from players, coaches, fans, etc.
  
  • Safe, fair playing environment
    – Coaches have passed national background check
    – Coaches, parents, players concussion education
    – Umpires & Field Supervisors provided
    – Consistent with rules and protests
I see your dad is still yelling at you from the stands.

Yeah he thinks I'm going pro next year!

Please remember:

1) These are kids
2) This is a game
3) Parents should cheer for everyone
4) The Referees are human
5) You and your child do not play for the Blackhawks
Tournament Dates, Sites

• First games MAY begin on Monday, June 7th.
• Games played Monday-Friday.
• No games Sat & Sunday unless lots of rain.
• 6U – Maynard Glenn Park – 2100 McClung Ave.
• Boys 8U – Holston-Chilhowee – 5900 Asheville Hwy.
• Boys 10U & Boys 12U – Fountain City Ballpark– 3701 Ludo Rd.
REQUIREMENTS TO PLAY

• **Age**
  – Based on player age based on 5/1/21
  – 6U – Player have turned 4 by 4/1/21
  – 6U – can not pull player from a Wee Ball team

• **Must have played 6+ games in regular season**
  – Does not include tournament play
RULES TO BE FOLLOWED

• KPRD City Rules
  – Can be found at http://youthbaseball.KnoxvilleAthletics.com or www.KnoxvilleAthletics.com
  – Click on “Youth Baseball/Softball”
    • Baseball – USSSA

• Summary of KPRD Rules
http://youthbaseball.knoxvilleathletics.com
OR
www.KnoxvilleAthletics.com & click Youth Baseball

CITY YOUTH BASEBALL / SOFTBALL

The City partners with local youth sports organizations who oversee the community-based teams in the many neighborhoods in Knoxville. The City's recreational youth baseball/softball season is played in the spring at ballparks around the City. Players are encouraged to participate at the local ballpark to build friendships and foster character-building activities while also developing athletic skills in the youth recreational baseball and softball leagues.

Player Registration - please visit the website of the youth sports association or contact the commissioner to register for youth baseball and softball during the spring

EMAIL CITY ATHLETICS

INCLEMENT WEATHER INFO

For City game cancellations
Call 865-215-INFO
(4636). Message is updated daily at 4 p.m., when needed. No news is good news!
BOYS 6U & 8U
6U Rules

• Game can begin with 8 players
  – 9th and 10th spot are “outs” until player(s) show up

• Defense
  – Up to 14 players on field
  – Pitcher can back up behind pitching area
  – Don’t sit any player 2 consecutive defensive innings – correct immediately when noticed
  – 2 coaches may be in outfield with defense

• Offense
  – All players are in batting order
  – Team with more batters can bat “player for player”
  – Each player has up to 3 swings to hit the ball fair
  – No walks * No Stealing
  – Inning over after 7 runs scored or 3 “outs” recorded
Pitcher’s Can Back Up

OK to back up in this area
Boys & Girls 8U Rules

• Game can begin with 8 players
  – 9th and 10th spot are “outs” until player(s) show up

• Defense
  – Up to 10 players in the field (4 in outfield)
  – Player in pitching position may back up behind pitching area
  – Player can’t sit 2 consecutive defensive innings – correct immediately if noticed
  – No coach inside foul lines – 1 coach per foul line max

• Offense
  – All players are in batting order
  – Team with more batters can bat “player for player”
  – No intentional walks * No stealing
  – Inning over after 7 runs scored or 3 “outs” recorded

• Pitching – Batter “out” after 3 strikes, a fair ball, or
  – 6 pitches for boys
  – 5 pitches for girls
TIME LIMITS / MERCY RULES
6u & 8u

• TIME LIMITS
  – 1 Hour
  – No new inning starts after 55 minutes
  – If game tied, extra innings played with **International Tiebreak Rule** – Last batter when last out made will start on 2\textsuperscript{nd} base in extra innings

• MERCY RULE
  – Games stops if:
    • Team winning by 15 runs after 3\textsuperscript{rd} Inning
    • Team winning by 8 runs after 4\textsuperscript{th} Inning
Boys 10U & 12U
Boys 10U Rules

• Game can begin with 8 players
  – 9th is an “out” until player shows up

• Defense
  – Up to 9 players in field
  – Don’t sit any player 2 consecutive defensive innings – corrected immediately if/when noticed
  – Coaches responsibility to make sure innings pitched is recorded correctly with the Field Supervisor

• Offense
  – All players are in batting order
  – Team with more batters can bat “player for player”
  – No leading off
  – Inning over after 7 runs scored or 3 “outs” recorded
Boys 12U Rules

- Game can begin with 8 players
  - 9th is an “out” until player shows up
- Defense
  - Up to 9 players in field
  - Don’t sit any player 2 consecutive defensive innings – corrected immediately if/when noticed
  - Coaches responsibility to make sure innings pitched is recorded correctly with the Field Supervisor
- Offense
  - All players are in batting order
  - Team with more batters can bat “player for player”
  - Inning over after 7 runs scored or 3 “outs” recorded
TIME LIMITS / MERCY RULES
B10U & B12U

• TIME LIMITS
  – No new inning starts after 85 minutes
  – If game tied, extra innings played with **International Tiebreak Rule** – Last batter when last out made will start on 2\textsuperscript{nd} base in extra innings

• MERCY RULE
  – Games stops if:
    • Team winning by 15 runs after 3\textsuperscript{rd} Inning
    • Team winning by 8 runs after 4\textsuperscript{th} Inning
Pitching Limits
B10U & B12U

Max to Pitch Next Day – 3 Innings
One Day Max – 6 Innings
Three Day Max – 8 Innings

If player pitches 3 days in a row, he/she must rest the 4th day

CHECK WITH UMPIRE & FIELD SUPERVISOR AFTER GAME TO MAKE SURE YOUR RECORDS & THEIR RECORDS OF PITCHING ARE ACCURATE
FORFEITS

• A team will be removed from the City Tournament if a team forfeits and less than 50% of team shows up.
  – For example, team chooses to play a different tournament and wants to just go into the Consolation bracket

• Teams will be forfeited if they do not have 8 or more players on the field and ready to play at game time (15 minute grace period for first game of day/night)

• Teams will be forfeited if an appeal is upheld, which would indicate an illegal player had played
APPEALS/PROTESTS

• $100 Cash Only
• Put in writing – name, #, reason
• Must be filed while player is in the game

• Age
  – Coach must provide Birth Certificate & Photo immediately

• Didn’t Play 6 Games
  – Game will be completed. KPRD & Commission will review scorebooks next day. If player did not play 6 games, the result may be reversed

• Played in another commission
  – Game will be completed. KPRD will investigate.
BATTING ORDER / LINEUP SHEETS

• Please fill out and turn in to scorekeeper before each game
  – Field Supervisor will have Batting Order forms

• Also available on www.KnoxvilleAthletics.com
UMPIRES & RULES INTERPRETATIONS

• 2 Umpires per Game (game can start with 1)
• 8U Lines
• Umpires instructed to talk to coaches to help out
• If issues with parents, we will talk to coach first
Lightning

• Play suspended until 30 minutes after last lightning strike.

• Everyone must leave the field
  – Go to cars!!
INJURED PLAYERS

• Player Injuries
  – Usually stop play immediately if player hurt (hit with line drive) – Umpires Discretion
  – If injured and can’t return:
    • Batting – “Out” recorded (if batting all players)
    • Fielding – Rules on playing consecutive innings forgotten
INCLEMENT WEATHER

• CALL – 215-4636 for a recorded message. Usually updated around 4pm.
  No news is good news!

• TWITTER - @knoxathletics
Twitter Page – No account required
DRAW PROCEDURES

• Order of Brackets:
  – 6U, 8U, 10U, 12U
• Read list of all teams
• Read name of team listed on line 1
• Draw number
• Team will be placed on the number drawn

• Brackets will be posted tomorrow at: www.KnoxvilleAthletics.com