



2020 FALL BALL INFORMATION

Coaches

As the summer is finishing, we have received many inquiries regarding **FALL BALL**. As promised in our previous messages, since none of us got our normal fix of summer baseball, it is our intent to have a **FALL BALL** season. We have been waiting to hear the plans for the school season from the state government as well as MHSAA about football and fall sports but have decided that regardless of those decisions, we will put together the plan and do what we do best, **Adjust**, as things are better defined.

We will begin the weekend after Labor Day (**September 12-13**) and run through the weekend of (**October 24-25**). We are looking to play a minimum 12 game season over that period. We will use the last week of October and first week of November for make-up games or post-season tournaments, weather permitting. If school and football are in session then ideally the majority of games will be played as doubleheaders and on weekends. As long as the teams are all playing the similar schedule against the same teams and both are in agreement, you can play your games anytime in that window (**9/12 through 10/25**).

Please let me know if you are interested so we can determine at each age bracket whether there will be our normal separate divisions, determined by level of competition. Depending on the number of teams in each bracket we may have combination divisions. We are committed to run at every age that has a minimum of 4 teams. Since the number of games for your summer team was limited, we will allow you to either play at your age bracket from this year or at your age bracket for next year. You can combine teams or keep things as they are as long as they are age eligible. We will not enforce community rosters but we will enforce birthdates. You can add additional players from your summer roster. All new players must be properly documented (player participation form and a return to play waiver) and have their birthdates verified. All new coaches must submit a coach/manager registration form and a return to play waiver along with a current concussion certificate. If any player or coach were on your summer roster, they do not need to re-submit the same documents. I hear that collective sigh of relief!

Please contact teams from other associations and communities that might be looking to play competitive and inexpensive baseball. Reach out to those teams that are geographically or competitively similar to yours. Contact those teams that you played in tournaments or know are looking for more baseball. If you have players that are interested in playing but you do not have a team just provide their information and we will try to place them on a participating team.

Things to note:

- Season Runs from **September 12th** through **October 25th**
- Minimum of 12 Games, unless mutually agreed upon by all teams participating in a particular division
- Cost is **\$300** for registered KVBSA teams (whether you played summer games or not)
- Cost is **\$550** for new teams (Non-KVBSA or newly created) that need to be registered & insured.
- Forfeit Deposit is **\$200**. This is a separate check to ensure that all committed games are played and that all coaches and players are properly documented to participate. It is not cashed and is destroyed or returned at the end of the season.
- We will use the Rawlings baseball as we have for the league. You will receive **1 dozen** as part of your participation fee. Anybody that needs additional balls can still get them by letting me know.
- If you were registered & insured through the league this summer (whether you played league games or not) and the majority of the team is the same then your registration and insurance remain in place until the end of the year. This should assist you in your tryouts and you do not need to buy an additional policy to get you through the end of the year.

If you are a combined team or a new team then we need to have a new policy and registration number. If you have any new insurance needs or changes to your existing coverage you can pull the Insurance form off the website www.kvbsa.com.

-All players must bat and must play 2 innings in the field

-Doubleheaders can be played on Saturday and/or Sunday or games spread out throughout the week, depending on the school and football situation. Like the summer league, you make your own schedule around your other commitments (School, Football, Other Fall Sports, any other event)

-You are responsible for getting your own diamonds. If there are doubleheaders, teams could alternate between being the home team and the visitors. If you do not have diamond accessibility that will not be a problem as you will be the home team for half of your games. You may have to pay the diamond rental fee of the team that secured the fields for that home game. We have some facilities that have made it known that their diamonds are available to rent. If you also have diamonds that are available to rent, please let us know.

-You are responsible for getting the umpires. We have names on our website available to those of you that may need assistance. The rates will be the same as we paid this summer for all KVBSA games. Each team pays 1 umpire prior to the game

U8= **\$40** U9, U10, U11, U12 = **\$45** U13, U14 = **\$50** U16, U18 = **\$60**

-We will have zoom or online individual scheduling meetings by division in August as soon as we have all the participants. I will keep you updated as we identify the participants

-We will identify times and places for baseball pick-ups and document delivery

-We can use volunteers at each age group to help pull all of this together

-Submit your interest as soon as possible. I would like to have all replies by **August 15th** so we can let everybody know how the divisions are forming.

Please contact me with any questions. Thank-you for your continued support of the KVBSA.

Sincerely,

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***My 2 favorite words in the English language are and always will be
PLAY BALL!!***