

Midwest Ohio Baseball is 30 Years Old:

- Grown from 8 Teams to 270
 - Driven by two Prime Directives: 1. It is about kids playing baseball; 2. Do what it is the best Interests of Baseball in the Miami Valley.
 - Delivered stability and direction to youth baseball in the Miami Valley.
 - We have delivered and will continue to deliver, independent decisions not impacted by money. We have not had children playing in more than 20 years.
 - Provide teams the flexibility to schedule around their team needs.
 - Provide independent arbitration of all league disputes, conduct and matters.
 - Provide professional website, communication and decision-making.
- I. All contact info is at: www.midwestohiobaseball.com . This is where you will access coaches' information to contact coaches within your age group....we do not have a coaches list. This is the only way to ensure that contact information is always accurate. This coaches' contact information is for your use only and is not to be shared with anyone. We release contact info in February when we release divisional assignments and game information.
- II. Please follow us on Twitter and Facebook: @MidwestOHBBall.
- III. NEW TEAMS: Welcome. Many questions you have are addressed on the website. Go to the heading "League Information" and click on Frequently Asked Questions. Additionally, we have included many of the FAQ sections into the rules to simplify the "why" and "how" part of the rules. Email us at: help@midwestohiobaseball.com if you need anything else.

IV. Information on what you need to do for the new 2020 Coaches requirements

1. Coach Contracts: Each coach is required to have an electronic contract on our system agreeing to the MOBL rules for coaching in the league. This system works exactly like Player contracts do. Automatically send an email out to your assistant coaches (entered in manage assistant coaches' section) with the coach contract tools provided. This will send the information required for your assistant coaches to fill out their contract and send them a link for Ohio Concussion Training. The Ohio Concussion Training is a State Law and REQUIRED for all coaches. THIS CERTIFICATE IS GOOD FOR 3 YEARS. SOME COACHES WILL NEED TO RENEW THIS YEAR.

2. Ohio Concussion Certification: This toolset works just like the Player Birth Certificate Uploads. You can upload a certificate for each of the coaches associated with your team or they are able to upload it themselves when they fill out their coaching contract. If they do not have their certificate when they fill out the coaching contract they can return later to the link in the email sent them by the system and then upload their certificate with the file uploader tool at the bottom of their contract. As a Head Coach you can upload the certs for them as well. Click on the Concussion link in the requirements section to the left. Information on the Concussion Law is available under Coaches Corner and Forms.

3. Background Checks: Our primary area of concern is any conduct involving children or sexual crimes. Senate Bill 574 is a law mandating Background checks for coaches. Currently, there has been confusion about how many years those checks last. There is a meeting at the ABCA first week of January on this issue. We will update everyone and direct you on what needs to be done after that meeting.

4. Here is the link to the legally required video regarding Lindsay's Law. This is about sudden cardiac arrest. REMEMBER, THIS IS A LAW, not a suggestion:
http://www.osysa.com/forms_resources/lindsays_law/

V. Walk Thru of the season:

- a. Pre-Season: Registration closes, Initial Division Assignment issues, Division Assignment Petitions (if necessary), Division Assignment Hearings (if necessary), Scheduling meeting, Input Schedule in website, Complete roster online, Upload player documents
- b. Season: Play game, Winning coach inputs results including score and pitch counts; losing coach verifies results and pitch counts. IF there is a rain-out or cancellation try to reschedule the game immediately. If you cannot agree on a new date, follow the rainout/cancellation policy on the website
- c. Awards will be given to first place team in each division (I, II-S and III-N etc.)
- d. Post Season: Age Groups 8-10 winners will attend Dayton Dragons Night; Age Groups 11-14 will have year-end tournament which will include the top 4 teams IN EACH AGE GROUP AND GEOGRAPHICAL SPLIT. IF your division has a north and a south, then the top 2 teams from each geographical split will be in the tournament. IF there is a East, West, Central each winner plus one wild card will be in the tournament.
- e. IT is expected that you will schedule your games promptly, reschedule make-ups promptly and return phone calls and emails in a reasonable timeframe. Use the Golden Rule.
- f. There is a significant umpire shortage which tends to affect us during the time of junior high baseball especially from mid-April to mid-May (and is worse in rainy springs). This generally, but not always, affects rain-outs and rescheduled games. Thus, when you reschedule, especially during this time, you cannot assume that an umpire can be available tomorrow. You need to work with your umpire scheduler to make certain your proposed rescheduled game can be covered.
- g. Lessons from past coaches: Meet with your parents and players and set expectation levels; emphasize pitching and catching, opponents closer to home are better for mid-week games, remember it is about kids playing baseball.

VI. Overview

- a. Umpire Scheduler fee covers an unlimited number of home games (tournaments are not included) including rescheduling rain outs. Umpires fees are: \$45 age 8U; \$60 ages 9U-11U, \$65 12U; 13 and above \$120 (\$60 each).
- b. You must have liability insurance. You can purchase from the league or on your own. Certificates purchased through the league will be uploaded to your team website so you can print anytime you need to have a copy. CERTIFICATES PURCHASED ELSEWHERE MUST BE UPLOADED BY YOU.
- c. BASEBALLS: Pricing is up significantly but we have made a bulk purchase to get you great pricing. It is important that you use a good, age appropriate ball no matter whether you purchase balls from the League or elsewhere. We have moved to Rawlings for the league sponsored ball. You may use others but please make sure that they are quality baseballs appropriate for use in your age group. We are selling :
Rawlings RNF for (All age Groups This is a good quality high school ball) \$ 44 per dozen (Baseball Express \$46.95: ROLB1 \$45.95)

- d. You may choose as an option to purchase national affiliations with USSSA, Nations and CABA at a reduced price. This reduced pricing ends March 1, 2020. After that you will have to go directly to the organizations for affiliations. As you pay MWOB for your affiliations, they will be sent each Sunday, beginning December 17th to the organizations to be processed and have your numbers sent to you via email. They are on the website store.
- e. Season begins on March 21. The final season end dates and year end tournament dates are posted at www.midwestohiobaseball.com

VII. Rules Changes and Bat rule issues:

- a. Reminder that all levels will have no new inning will start 2-hour 15 minute time limit.
- b. Bat Rules: All USSSA and USA 1.15 BPF marked bats, which have not been decertified by manufacturers or national affiliations will be accepted for MWOB play. Here are the acceptable drops by age group:
 - 1. 15u and above will use BBCOR or Wood.
 - 2. 14u will use -5, BBCOR or Wood.
 - 3. 13u will use -8, BBCOR or Wood.
 - 4. 12u and Under will be able to use: -12, -10, -8, -5, BBCOR, or Wood.
 - 5. The rules on-line will include links to the organizations to check decertified bats.
- c. Make sure your catcher chest protectors are current with N.O.C.S.A.E.

VIII. Upcoming Dates

- a. League fees are due January 15th.
- b. Extended Registration closes January 31st. League Fees for extended Registration are due by the 31st. We will have preliminary divisional splits out by February 4. We will accept petitions between now and February 8th. Appeals of petition decisions will be heard February 10th. The format for petitions can be found on the website under coach's corner. Final age Group Splits, divisional assignments and game requirements will all be out by February 14th. Coaches contact info available to coaches on February 15th. All league requirements due March 1st: All documents, parent/player contracts, birth certificates, coaches' information and background checks, concession certificates, insurance certificates and roster should be uploaded at this time.
- c. Scheduling Meeting Monday February 17th Marriott 1414 S. Patterson Rd. Dayton from 6-9pm. Ages 8-9 from 6-6:45; 10-11U from 7-7:45; 12-14U from 8-8:45 pm. Baseballs will be delivered at the scheduling meeting.

VII. Midwest Ohio Baseball Will sponsor a Baseball Skills Camp January 21,22, and 23. Info will be emailed this week. Ten hours of instruction \$150. Instructors:

- 1. Texas Rangers Scout Turtle Thomas: Hitting and Catching (College Coach at Clemson, Georgia Tech, U of Miami, LSU, Arizona St. and Florida International).
- 2. Nick Wagner: Pitching (PC Wittenberg U., Tampa Bay Rays Professional Pitcher, Georgia Tech) (Former MWOB Player).
- 3. Matt Morrow: Infield (Pittsburgh Pirates INF, Wright State U).

Midwest Ohio Baseball has partnered with 2D Sports Midwest to bring 5 low-cost, all-inclusive tournaments to the Miami Valley. MWOB teams who play in at least one tournament will receive \$200 off for the Summer Select Regional event July 10-12th.

Register prior to January 1 and save \$40 on every event.

Reminders: You must use either the Umpire Scheduler's paid thru the league, or Ohio High School licensed umpires. Anyone else must be sent to the league for approval and they will then be put on the approved list.....

Survey: May complete and return at meeting or via email at:
help@midwestohiobaseball.com.

Optional Contact Info:

Coach _____
Team Name _____
Team Age _____

1. Do you need help finding fields? Yes ___ or No ___
2. USSSA moved this year to change the player eligibility to reflect the educational and work changes over the last twenty years. During that time, more and more kids are being fast-tracked into school earlier than in the past. The result has been younger, smaller kids essentially entering school a year early. We sent this out prior but wanted a greater number of coaches to weigh in on this matter. So, here are some options:

3. Player eligibility:

Current Rule: Players must be of the age, or younger, of their respective age level on April 30th of the current year. For example, a 10U player must be 10 years old or younger on April 30th of the current season; this player cannot turn 11 prior to May 1st.

_____ Option 1: USSSA Rule: Player who turns 11 prior to May 1st is not eligible unless they are in the 4th grade. Also, any player turning 12 prior to August 1 will not be eligible for this division regardless of their grade.

_____ Option 2: Exemptions will only be permitted for a comparable class student who has had to deal with physical or mental issues and a majority of age level managers votes to permit the exception.

_____ Option 3: Current Rule BUT Exemptions will only be granted for a comparable class student that has to deal with physical or mental issues. Petition must be made and accepted by the Board.

_____ Option 4: Current Rule. However, each team would be allowed no more than 2 exemptions for players one age level older who are in the comparable grade.

_____ Option 5: Keep the Current Rule; No exemptions, no changes.

