

# Midwest Ohio Baseball

2018 – COACHES MEETING



# Contact Information

- ▶ Visit: [midwestohiobaseball.com](http://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 insure that contact information is always accurate.
  - ▶ This coaches' contact information is for your use only and is not to be shared with anyone.



# Welcome New Teams

- ▶ Many questions you have are addressed on the website.
  - ▶ MidwestOhioBaseball.com
    - ▶ Go to the heading “League Information” and click on Frequently Asked Questions.
    - ▶ Additionally, we have included many of the FAQ sections into the rules as a means to simplify the “why” and “how” part of the rules.
    - ▶ Email us at: [help@midwestohiobaseball.com](mailto:help@midwestohiobaseball.com) if you need anything else.

# What We Need From You

- ▶ 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.

# What We Need From You

## ▶ **Ohio Concussion Certification:**

- ▶ 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.
  - ▶ We have partnered with Dayton Children's Sports Medicine to help us all with concussion and other issues for our players' safety and well-being.
- ▶ You are able to 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 are able to upload the certification 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.

# What We Need From You

## ▶ **Background Checks:**

- ▶ Our primary area of concern is any conduct involving children or sexual crimes.
- ▶ We will again be providing website information to all Head Coaches who will be responsible for verifying that their assistants are not on any sexual predator lists.
- ▶ Head coaches will sign off that they have checked these websites and their coaches are not listed on them.

# Walk Thru of the season:

## ▶ **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



# Walk Thru of the season:

- ▶ **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

# Walk Thru of the season:

## ▶ Awards:

- ▶ Will be given to first place team in each division (I, II-S and III-N etc.)

## ▶ Post Season:

- ▶ Age Groups 8, 9&10 winners will attend Dayton Dragons Night
- ▶ Age Groups 11,12, 13 &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.

# Walk Thru of the season:

- ▶ 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.
- ▶ 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.

# 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.

# Overview

- ▶ Umpire Scheduler fee:
  - ▶ Covers an unlimited number of home games (tournaments are not included) including rescheduling rain outs.
  - ▶ Umpires fees are: \$40 age 8U; \$55 ages 9U-11U, \$60 12U; 13 and above \$110 (\$55 each).
- ▶ 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.

# Overview

- ▶ Baseballs
  - ▶ BASEBALL PRICING IS UP SIGNIFICANTLY.
  - ▶ 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 ROBL1 for (8-12u) \$ 49 per dozen (Retail for \$72)
  - ▶ Rawlings RNFC for (13-18u) \$ 60 per dozen (Retail for \$88)

# Overview

- ▶ Affiliations:
  - ▶ We will affiliate all teams with CABA.
    - ▶ Your CABA number will be uploaded to your website by March 1, 2018.
    - ▶ Affiliation fees have continued to escalate while we have limited the increase in MWOB fees to \$25 SINCE 2006.
  - ▶ As a result of the increase in affiliation fees, and the fact that a limited number of teams actually requested the affiliations, we have elected to make those other than CABA optional and a part of your team's registration process.

# Overview

- ▶ Season begins on March 24.
- ▶ The final season end dates and year end tournament dates are posted at [www.midwestohiobaseball.com](http://www.midwestohiobaseball.com)



# Rules Changes and Bat rule issues under consideration:

- ▶ Time Limits:

- ▶ In order to help reduce the impact on umpiring issues (losing umpires to guaranteed pay, guaranteed timed events like AAU basketball where officials receive the same pay with a much more controlled, shorter, timeframe, we have considered a time limit for all league games to 2 hours and 15 minutes.

## Bat Rules:

- ▶ More information on website: [www.midwestohiobaseball.com](http://www.midwestohiobaseball.com)

# Upcoming Dates

- ▶ Registration closes January 31<sup>st</sup>.
  - ▶ League Fees are due by the 31<sup>st</sup>.
- ▶ We will have preliminary divisional splits out by February 6.
- ▶ We will accept petitions between now and February 9<sup>th</sup>.
- ▶ Appeals of petition decisions will be heard February 12<sup>th</sup>.
  - ▶ 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 15<sup>th</sup>.
- ▶ Coaches contact info available to coaches on February 17<sup>th</sup>.
- ▶ All league requirements due March 1<sup>st</sup>:
  - ▶ All documents, parent/player contracts, birth certificates, coaches information and background checks, concession certificates, insurance certificates and roster should be uploaded at this time.
- ▶ Scheduling Meeting Monday February 19<sup>th</sup> Marriott on Patterson from 6-9. 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.

# Reminders

- ▶ **Umpires:**
  - ▶ 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.....

