



NKCA Baseball League

Fall 2018

Coaches/Members,

A very successful spring season. We are now looking forward to a strong fall. For those who had a team in the spring of 2018, we want to thank you all for playing NKCA. We experienced high number of teams in 2018 Spring with 266 teams.

Our fields have never looked and played better than they do now. We continue to find ways to make NKCA Baseball your league of choice. In addition we have made improvements to our program with live streaming games on YouTube on the NKCA Baseball channel.

We have always viewed our Fall Ball program as a preparatory season for what age teams will be playing in the spring (for example, teams that played 11U in the Spring will most likely play 12U in the Fall as that will be the age they will play in the next Spring season).

Below is information on our 2018 Fall program. As always, please do not hesitate to call or email me with any questions.

Registration – Will Open 7/01/2018 for teams and players.

- **Player League fees will be due no later than 8/5/2018.**
- Coach / Team / Player registration (click on a link to complete registration)
 - [Coach](#) – This is step one for the coaches who intend to coach teams this fall
 - [Team](#) – Step two is setting up your team (**Team Registration will close on 8/5/18**)
 - [Player](#) – Step three is to begin having your players register and pay for the season under your team.
 - [Player Fee](#)
 - [Age group date range requirements](#)
 - **These steps need to be complete, with a full/paid roster, before a schedule can be made for your team.**
- Historically, the league has played 7U to 19U in the Fall. If there continues to be an interest we will allow teams to register for the **6U T-Ball, Coach Pitch, and Machine Pitch divisions**. If you are interested in coaching a team for these age groups, please let us know.

Fall Scheduling

- We anticipate beginning our season the **week of 8/19/18**. Each age group will have **10 games (2 per week) + a post season tournament**. With some weather days built in, we anticipate **finishing up no later than 10/15/2018**.
- **DH Sunday League** – Based on popular demand, we are returning with a DH Sunday league for teams that require this type of schedule. Please keep in mind that skill set of the team is not a consideration when requesting this type of schedule. In addition, it is difficult to schedule when requesting to play DH Sundays and then request Sundays off for tournaments.
- The league will play throughout the week and weekends, allowing teams to let us know of any schedule exceptions by the use of the **conflict form** found under the online forms tab on our website. **Managers only** should submit a conflict form by **8/5/18** to provide us with the dates/days that their team **cannot** play. If the team intends to play in Sunday DH's, please indicate as such in the comments section of this form.

Coaches Checklist

- If you intend on coaching in our program this fall, please review the [Coaches Checklist](#) as it includes additional information.

Tryout Listing Requests

- In the event that you coached/managed a team in the previous spring season and have committed to playing with NKCA Baseball in the fall, you can submit a request for the league to [post a tryout listing](#).
- If you are a player looking for a team, there are a couple of options...
 - We recommend that you check out the "Teams Needing Kids" tab on our home page to seek out a team that may be looking for players. We like this approach as it provides a good chance for all involved to make sure the player/team is a good fit.
 - If the option above does not work out, you can always register your player without a team. From there, the league reps will assist in finding your player a team.

Practice Fields – Once team registration is complete, the coach has the opportunity to contact me to book them a practice field. There is no additional fee to use a practice field. Keep in mind, these fields are property of the NKC School District. Their budgets are as such that they are not always in a position to maintain them but they have given teams the permission to keep the fields in practicable shape. Preseason and some during the season game ready practice fields will be available at AJ Wilson, Waterwell, Platte Purchase. More information will be released. We anticipate accepting manual requests through the month of July with an automated system beginning in August.

- [NKCS D Practice Fields](#)

Dicks Sporting Goods

- Dicks Sporting Goods continues to support and sponsor NKCA Baseball through their discounts and donations. A link will be sent with special savings for league members.
- **NKCA Shopping Day at Dicks** will be during the **State of MO tax free weekend on 8/3-5** where there are additional savings.

Baseballs

- Pro-Nine OLA are the required baseball for league play
- Baseballs are supplied by the teams
- They should be purchased via our website under [NKCA Store](#) (left toolbar). Once purchased, print your receipt contact the League Director to make arrangements for pick up.

Thank you and we look forward to seeing you in the fall.

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