

Summary of MYAL Baseball and Softball Leagues

Baseball age is determined as of April 30, 2010 (ex: Birthday 4/30/2000 is age 10, 5/1/2000 is age 9).

Softball age is determined as of Dec 31, 2009 (ex: Birthday 12/31/1999 is age 10, 1/1/2000 is age 9).

Boys and Girls Ages 5 and 6: Instructional League, starts late April, location ET School Field. Players assigned to teams, no evaluations. T-ball or coach soft-toss, No games or score keeping, focus on basic instruction.

Boys Ages 7 and 8: Farm League, starts late April, location Moose Lodge Field and Park Road. Players assigned to teams, no evaluations. Coach pitch or pitching machine, introduction to live pitching. Inter-town play, no score keeping. Continued skill development.

Boys Ages 9 and 10: Minor League, location Park Road. Evaluations March 20, 1:00 PM, ET School Gym. Players drafted to teams to ensure fair and balanced teams. Live pitching, 60' diamond. Inter-town play.

Boys Ages 11 and 12: Major League, location West Road. Evaluations March 20, 10:00 AM, ET School Gym. Players drafted to teams to ensure fair and balanced teams. Live pitching, 70' diamond. Inter-town play.

Boys Ages 13 (prep), 14-15: Tri County League, location West Road. Teams may combine players from adjacent towns if necessary. 90' diamond. Inter-town play.

Girls Ages 7 - 9: Rookie League, starts late April, location ET School Field. Coaches pitch. Players assigned to teams, no evaluations. 11" softcore softball. Inter-town play.

Girls Age 10: Minor League, location West Road. Evaluations March 21, 1:00 PM, ET School Gym. 11" softball. Live pitching. Inter-town play.

Girls Ages 11 and 12: Major League, location West Road and RHAM HS Softball Field. Evaluations March 21, 11:00 AM, ET School Gym. 12" softball. Live pitching. Inter-town play.

Girls Ages 13-16: Senior League, to be offered if sufficient interest exists.

Players interested in playing in a higher league should advise MYAL in advance and attend the higher league evaluation. Selection to the higher league will depend on space available in that league, plus concurrence of the league and coaching staff.

Post Season Play: Tournament teams will be selected via open tryout in May. The 12U team will select players from the Major League. The 10U team will select players from the Minor and Major Leagues. An 11U team will select players from the Major League and be offered only if sufficient interest exists after the 12U and 10U teams are selected. A 9U team will select players from the Minor and Farm Leagues and be offered only if sufficient interest exists after the 10U team is selected. An 8U team may be offered if sufficient interest exists.

Concession Stand Responsibilities: All game play at Park Road and West Road requires the opening of the MYAL Concession Stands. Parents are expected to contribute time to work the concession stands during their players' games. Assignments will be made by the league or team coach.

Coaches Meeting: Attendance at this meeting is important for consideration for ALL prospective coaches (and assistants). March 11, 7:00 PM, ET School GYMNASIUM. All 2009 equipment should be returned at this meeting.

Field Cleanup Day: All parents are requested to set aside Sunday, **April 11** to spend a few hours helping prepare our fields for play. Raking, spreading topsoil and general maintenance tasks.

Opening Day: May 1, West Road Field. Ceremony and fun games for leagues up to Majors (age 12).