

2012 SPRING REGISTRATION PREVIEW

NEIGHBORHOOD BOYS & GIRLS CLUB

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REGISTRATION

Teams are formed by neighborhood. Baseball Rosters are filled at 13 players & Softball Rosters are filled at 15 Players. All new members, **must have one of their parents present and bring verification of address and a copy of their birth certificate.**

Registration will be taken until March 20th

Monday – Friday 3:00 pm - 7:00 pm and

Saturdays from 10:00 am - 3:00 pm

OBJECTIVES

NBGC aims to provide an alternative to gangs and other negative influences through structured fun and competition. The games and activities are run by high school and college-aged members who have grown up in NBGC and the neighborhood. The games are instructional and highlight teamwork, sportsmanship, learning and self-improvement. **Intense competition and winning at all costs are not a part of the NBGC program.**

WAITING LIST

Players who sign up after their area team has filled, come in after Mar. 20th or who quit the last sport they signed up for automatically go onto the Waiting List. They will attend practices until they are placed on a team. If their attendance is not good they will not be placed.

REGULAR SEASON

Teams will play twice a week with an additional day scheduled for practice and in the event of rain outs or holidays.

Regular season will start the end of April.

Each game lasts about 2 hours.

Single A Baseball League

Kinder – 1st grade Co-Ed Baseball

Mon. 4:15, Wed. 4:15 and Sat. between 9am – 2pm

Double AA Baseball League

2nd – 3rd grade Co-Ed Baseball

Tues. 4:15, Thurs. 4:15 and Sat. between 9am – 2pm

Triple AAA Baseball League

4th - 5th grade Co-Ed Baseball

Tues. 4:15, Fri. 4:15 and Sat. between 9am – 2pm

Junior High Softball League

6th – 8th grade Co-Ed 14" Mushball

Mon. 4:15 and Fri. 4:15

PRE-SEASON INSTRUCTION

Teams will be instructed in the mechanics of **Baseball or 14" Softball outside each week** according to the schedule listed. **Teaching the fundamentals is as important as the games** and is a part of each player's commitment to the team. Attendance will determine the amount of playing everyone gets. Those who regularly miss practice will be benched. **Practices may be cancelled due to bad weather. A weather update will be available by 3:00 daily at 773-463-4161.**

Single A League

Kinder – 1st grade

Mon. 4/2, 4/9 & 4/16 and Wed. 4/4, 4/11 & 4/18

4:00 - 5:00 All Youth living East of Chgo River

5:00 - 6:00 All Youth living West of Chgo River

Double AA League

2nd – 3rd grade

Tues. 4/3, 4/10 & 4/17 and Thurs. 4/5, 4/12 & 4/19

4:00 - 5:00 All Youth living East of Chgo River

5:00 - 6:00 All Youth living West of Chgo River

Triple AAA League

4th – 5th grade

Tues. 4/3, 4/10 & 4/17 and Fri. 4/6, 4/13 & 4/20

4:00 - 5:00 All Youth living East of Chgo River

5:00 - 6:00 All Youth living West of Chgo River

Jr High League

6th – 8th grade

Mon. 4/2, 4/9 & 4/16 and Thurs. 4/5, 4/12 & 4/19

4:00 - 5:00 All Youth living East of Chgo River

5:00 - 6:00 All Youth living West of Chgo River

Saturdays All Leagues 4/14 & 4/21

Single A League 9:00 am – 10:30 am

Double AA League 10:30 am – 12:00 pm

Triple AAA League 12:00 pm – 1:30 pm

Jr High League 12:00 pm – 1:30 pm

PRE-SEASON GAMES

Teams will play a couple of pre-season games **starting the third week of April.** These tune ups will help get your skills in shape and give your team a chance to get organized. The Schedule will appear in the weekly MONKEYSHINES.

The season will conclude on Saturday, June 16th with the annual All-Star Day.

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Playing Time

Each member is assured to play in at least half of every game **REGARDLESS OF SKILL** as long as they keep a good attitude, good attendance, work hard at practice and show good sportsmanship on and off the field. Players who cannot meet these simple standards will have their playing time limited. Participation, instruction, teamwork and discipline are emphasized over winning and intense competition. **Being a better athlete does not overshadow being a better team member.**

UNIFORM REQUIREMENTS

Each member must pay a **\$75.00 uniform** fee at sign up and mom or dad must sign for the uniform. The fee covers the cost of the cap, shirt, numbers, socks and pants for the season. A full, complete uniform must be worn to all games. Boys must wear an athletic cup supporter for all games and practices. Players may wear gym shoes or spikes (without exposed metal on the bottom). *Players may bring their own bat as long as it is approved by the NBGC Staff and can be used by both teams playing.* All Equipment must be marked with the child's name.

MONKEYSHINES KEEP YOU INFORMED

Everything a player or parent needs to know about the NBGC programs are included in the weekly "Monkeyshines". Game & meeting schedules, standings & team articles, parent news & other items are included each Saturday. Monkeyshines are posted each week on the website www.nbgc.org. Ask your child to bring home a copy every week! If anything is unclear, please call us at 463-1848 and ask one of our friendly Counter Leaders.

Good Attendance is an NBGC Expectation

Players should attend their games regularly regardless of weather, video games, etc. Players must maintain an attendance record of at least 50% to remain on the active roster. A player who cannot make his/her game should have their **mom or dad call NBGC to notify the Staff.** Those with poor attendance will have their playing time cut or will be benched until there is improvement. Too many absences can cause a player to be dropped from the team. Parents are asked to discourage their children from missing games or quitting, and to finish what they start regardless of the result. **Quitting does not build character, but living up to your commitment to your team does.** Winning should not be your reason for playing.

RESPECTFUL CONDUCT REQUIRED

Poor behavior and disrespectful words and actions are not acceptable. We will not permit swearing, foul language, offensive hand signs or signals. **These actions result in ejection** from the activity and clubhouse and bring a phone call to a parent. The same results occur when there is fighting, violent arguing, name-calling or intimidation. The penalties range from probation and one-game suspensions to loss of membership.

If you ride your bike to the Club bring a lock. Bikes will not be allowed inside the Clubhouse.

RESPECT STARTS AT THE DOOR

Hats and headgear are to be removed at the door when entering the Clubhouse. Rules apply to everyone 1-100 years old. Special consideration will be given to our youngest and oldest visitors.