

2024

MADISON HEIGHTS

YOUTH BASEBALL

GUIDELINES

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To: Parents or Guardian

PLEASE READ ALL THE INFORMATION PROVIDED

Welcome

We, the Board of Directors of Madison Heights Youth Baseball Association are looking forward to a successful and exciting 2024 season.

The following information in these Guidelines is provided for the upcoming season. The Board of Directors would like to thank you for your cooperation and support of our organization.

MHYBA Website

Please visit the website for valuable information such as registration forms, contact information for the Board of Directors, Rules and Regulations, By-Laws practice and game schedules, tournament dates and much more.

The Complex

This year MHYBA will play all its games at our complex. This facility is located on Trojan Lane next to the south end of Monelison Middle School.

Parking at the Complex

This year all parking will be in the large upper parking lot with the exception of handicap vehicles. Umpires vehicles will park in the lower small parking lot. Please **"DO NOT PARK ON THE GRASS."** If there are parking spots **available**. If your car is parked on the grass, it will be towed at your expense. This will not be tolerated. Too many volunteers have worked very hard planting this grass to have it destroyed by negligence. We also ask you to obey the speed limit sign and **DO NOT BLOCK THE ENTRANCE** to the parking lots.

IMPORTANT NOTICE

The Amherst County Sheriff's Department will monitor the parking lots this year on a regular basis. Anyone parked in the handicap parking spaces without handicap tags or decal will be issued a ticket. This will be paid to the County of Amherst. MHYBA will have no control over this matter. Good advice is all we can offer. **DO NOT PARK IN THE HANDICAP SPACES WITHOUT HANDICAP IDENTIFICATION.**

Fundraiser

The Fundraiser sheet (**attached to your Registration packet**) should explain our Fundraiser. If you have questions about the Fundraiser, you can contact anyone on the committee for information. Deadline for raffle tickets to be turned in to your team mother is **APRIL 6th**. Please don't turn the tickets and money in late. If you should need extra tickets, please contact a committee member.

Practice Season

Official practice season will begin on March 18th and finish by April 18th. All teams will be scheduled a maximum two (2) practices a week. Your team manager will provide you with MHYBA practice information and it will be posted on the website.

Opening Day and Regular Season

Opening Day will be **April 20th**. MHYBA will start its Opening Ceremonies at 11:45 AM on this day. All teams are required to participate. Players must be in uniform. Opening Day begins regular season play. Regular season should end the week of June 3rd. The Opening Day and regular season schedule will be posted on the website around April 10th.

Rain Out Games or Practices

MHYBA does not cancel practices because of rain. Should it rain on a practice date, you should contact your manager. MHYBA does cancel regular season games. Should it rain on game day, please call 434-845-5367 for a recorded message about the game status. The recorded message will be put on the machine by 4:00 PM or as soon as the game is officially canceled.

Picture Schedule:

Team and individual pictures will be taken on opening day by a professional photographer. The photographer will have all the information about cost and how to purchase your photos.

Team Managers, Coaches and Team Mother

Remember these people are volunteers giving their time to help your child. Please show them the respect they deserve. These volunteers are working with information and dates given to them by MHYBA.

Insurance

MHYBA carries accident insurance on all players and volunteers. Our insurance carrier is Sadler Insurance Company. This insurance coverage is secondary. You must first file the claim with your insurance company. After your company has paid or declined then you file your claim with Sadler Insurance Company. If you have no insurance, you can file with Sadler Insurance Company as soon as you get the bills. Insurance forms will be available on the MHYBA website. You should report any accident that requires medical attention to your team manager as soon as possible. Please check the website. There you will find all the information needed to file your claim.

Concession Stand Help

Because of a drastic decline in volunteers to work the concession stand over the last few years, the MHYBA Board of Directors voted to change the concession stand help format to a paid staff. MHYBA depends on the profit raised from the concession stand to offset the operating cost of our program. Anyone wishing to sign up to work in the concession stand can do so. You will be paid for your service.

Uniforms

All Regular Season Team Jerseys are to be turned into your manager at the end of regular season. The Jerseys are not yours to keep. If for any reason the jersey is not turned in, you will be billed for it. If your player participates in all-star competition, the all-star manager or team mother will inform you of the all-star uniform obligation.

Problem Solving

Should you have a problem during the season, we request you first try to work it out with your manager. If you approach the manager in a polite manner, you probably can work out any problem. Should you not be able to work your problem out with the manager, you should contact your League Vice-President. When you contact the League Vice-President, you should be prepared to put your complaint in writing. This procedure is necessary for the League Vice-President to follow up on your complaint. He/she will then in turn contact the necessary personnel to resolve your problem.

Sportsmanship, Support and Respect

Sportsmanship, support and respect...three very important words. We ask you, as parents to encourage your child to always show good sportsmanship and for you, as adults be role models for them by showing good sportsmanship. Always support your child and his/her team but always treat the opposing team with respect. They are all children. Let them have fun.

MHYBA has a rule this year for those people who forget those three words; it is as follows:

Harassing, riding or yelling, at members of any team or its adult leaders is prohibited. Violation of this rule will result in ejection from the game for managers, coaches and players. Violation of this rule will result in ejection from MHYBA property for spectators.

Rules

MHYBA operates by the National Rule Book for Dixie Youth and Dixie Boys/Majors Baseball. Any rule not covered in these rule books will be governed by the National Baseball Federation Rule Book. MHYBA also has a set of local league rules it operates by. The local league rules are posted on the web site.

Fall Baseball

MHYBA will hold a Fall Ball Season this year. Continue to watch the MHYBA website for updated information about the 2024 Fall Ball season.

Annual Meeting

MHYBA will hold its annual meeting during the month of October 2024 at Madison Heights Community Building located on Woody's Lake Road at 6:30pm. Watch the website for this date. At this meeting we discuss the past season in general and ideas for the upcoming season. At this meeting, we also elect Executive Officers and Board of Directors for the next season. Should anyone have a question or wish to run for a position on next years Board, you should contact a member of the Nominating Chair Person (Junior Cash) at least two weeks prior to the meeting date. You can find out how to contact these committee members on the website.

Presidents Closing Note

I look forward to working with you this upcoming 2024 season. I thank you for your support and I appreciate your cooperation, not only with myself and the Board of Directors but with all the volunteers of our organization. This program does not belong to me, the Board of Directors, the managers, coaches, team moms or even you; it belongs to the children who participate. "We work for them." I ask you before you react to a situation that you don't agree with or understand, to ask yourself, am I willing to volunteer my time to do a better job. Everyone is doing the best they can to provide the best for the players. Let us all work together. When called upon to volunteer, if any way possible, please do so. MHYBA is only as strong as its volunteers. Remember, there are no paid employees in Dixie Youth Baseball.

Sincerely,

Ronnie Adams

President, MHYBA