

SALINA PARKS & RECREATION DEPARTMENT

YOUTH BASEBALL COACHES ORGANIZATIONAL MEETING

MARCH 29, 2016

I. **WELCOME:** Thanks for coming! Sign-In Sheet

II. **PICK UP INFORMATION:**

Baseball Meeting Agenda	Coaches Background Check	Salina Baseball Rules
Team Registration	Individual Registration	NBC Rule Book
Coaches Checklist	Practice Information	Tournament Brochure & Flyers
Age Division Requirements	Pitching Machine Practices	Baseball Camps – Kris Meis

III. **INTRODUCTIONS:** *Athletic Supervisor:* Travis Scheele *Athletic Assistant:* Gwen Turner, Interns
Field Supervisors: Gwen & Ashley *UIC (Umpire in Chief):* Dwayne Rindt, 819-0127
Photographer: The Picture Lady

IV. **SALINA AREA YOUTH SPORTSMANSHIP INITIATIVE (SAYSI), CHRIS LAUCK:**

- a) *Sportsmanship:* Can't stress it enough – RESPECT!
- b) *SAYSI Youth Baseball & Softball Tournament:* Saturday, April 23 & June 18
- c) *Aquafina Pitch, Hit & Run:* Saturday, April 30, ECRA #3 & #4
- d) *Take Me out to the Ballpark: Baseball & Softball Clinics, Free Giveaways, Free Food, Dunking Machine, etc:* Monday, May 17, 5 – 8pm, Bill Burke Park

V. **NATIONAL YOUTH SPORTS COACHES ASSOCIATION (NYSCA):**

- a) *Head Coaches Mandatory:* It is mandatory for all head coaches to be NYSCA certified. Situations with co-head coaches, we will certify both. Assistants do not need certified. New coaches must attend one of the following two clinics:
 1. *1st Clinic:* Thursday, April 14, 6:30 p.m. – City County Building, Room 107 **OR**
 2. *2nd Clinic:* Wednesday, May 11, 6:30 p.m. – City County Building, Room 107B
- b) *Current Certified Coaches:* If you are already NYSCA certified, you do not need to come until 7:30 p.m. We are once again having local clinicians for second part of the clinic that starts at 7:30 p.m. It is very beneficial for every head & assistant coaches to attend.
- c) *NYSCA Renewal:* Current certified coaches sign NYSCA Roster. \$20.00 (Paid by P & R).
- d) *Online Certification:* www.nays.org \$20.00 (Paid by the coach) if cannot make the clinic dates.

VI. **PARENTS ASSOCIATION FOR YOUTH SPORTS (PAYS):**

- a) *Mandatory:* Teams must have at least two (2) parent representatives listed on their roster. Representatives must attend one of the following two clinics:
 1. *1st Clinic:* Tuesday, May 10, 6:30 p.m. (room 107) **OR**
 2. *2nd Clinic:* Thursday, May 12, 6:30 p.m. (room 107)

VII. **TEAM REGISTRATION:** Teams must present all of the following all together:

- a) *Head Coaches Background Check Form:* PDF & Savable/printable version available online. Please completely fill out & sign.
- b) *Team Registration Form & Roster:* Completely fill out!
- c) *Conflicts/Requests:* A small slot available. Please check your personal/team calendars.
- d) *Copies of Birth Certificates:* Needed for all 8U & NEW players this year. Returning players from previous years (regardless if they played on another team) do NOT need to provide birth certificates.
- e) *Team/Players Fees:* (All in one check) We ask all teams to bring in one check (have players pay coach and he/she may write one check or money order).
- f) *Sponsorships:* Noon Optimist: Kent Happel, 643-0393, rodn4jc@yahoo.com, Buffalo Wild Wings, etc.
- g) *Scholarships:* Greater Salina Community Foundation Baseball Grant: 823-1800, www.gscf.org
- h) *Team Deadline:* **WEDNESDAY, APRIL 13, BY 5:00 PM. DO NOT WAIT!**
- i) **PLAYERS ALREADY ON A TEAM'S ROSTER DO NOT SIGN UP INDIVIDUALLY!**
- j) *Additional Players (Play Ball Flyers):* For teams needing additional players, a list will be available by April 1.

VIII. **ROSTERS:** Age Division Requirements

- a) *Age Cut-off:* Players age as of May 1st, 2016
- b) *Minimum Age for league:* Must be in 2nd grade (No exceptions!). Can play tournaments.

- c) **Spring - Rookie Round-Up:** Parks & Recreation Spring Program for K & 1st Graders
- d) **Instructional Summer Leagues:** For players not meeting the minimum age requirement, contact:
 1. **Knights of Columbus:** www.kofc8196.org, Adam Cote, 556-2442
 2. **YMCA:** 825-2151

IX. LEAGUE/SEASON:

- a) **Schedule:** 10 game weekday evenings. Last years schedules left on website as a guide, but will change and the # of teams dictate this years schedules. Schedules available on website Friday, May 6
- b) **Begins:** Games will begin on May 17th for most ages (middle/high school ages tentatively to start later).
- c) **Ends:** Tentatively scheduled to end 2nd/3rd week of July (depending on the # of rain-out games).

X. RULES:

- a) **Review Salina Parks & Recreation Rule changes and emphasis:**
 1. Mandatory playing time & consequences, free substitution, run rules, courtesy runners
- b) **NBC Rule Changes:**

XI. SANCTIONING & STATE TOURNAMENTS:

- a) **NBC (Hap Dumont):** www.kansashapdumontbaseball.com League #1041 (Old #1231)
- b) **USSSA:** www.kcsports.org

XII. TOURNAMENTS:

- a) **City of Salina Tournaments:** Battle of Bats, Slugfest, SAYSI, USSSA, Sacred Heart, Lions, Leonard Cyre
- b) **Other Tournaments:** Noah Martin Memorial. Any other tournaments at South, Central, Bennington, etc?

XIII. MISCELLANEOUS (COACHING TID-BITS):

- a) **Have Fun!** If the kids are learning the game, developing skills, having fun; winning comes with that.
- b) **Typical Practice Plan:** Keep on track and keep a good flow. Repetition, Repetition, repetition. Challenge the kids otherwise boredom will set in. Coach Deck.
- c) **Safety:** Above all, safety of the kids is priority (facilities, rules, background checks, etc.)
- d) **Goal:** We are in it together for the kids, not ourselves.
- e) **Umpire/Coach Relations**
 1. Have fun & respect each other. Handle each other in a proper professional manner
 2. Coaches coach, players play, umpires umpire, spectators spectate
 3. Before reacting; pause, take a deep breath, then react
 4. Mixture of teenagers & veterans

XIV. COMMUNICATION: Communication is key!

- a) **Website:** www.salina-ks.gov/parksandrecreation – Click on Youth Athletics, Baseball
 1. Access forms, schedules, league standings, rules, tournaments & links, updates, rainouts, etc.
- b) **Weather: Not using Rainout Line. RecZone**
 1. **RecZone: Have information sent to you of your choice text and/or e-mail! (Projector)**
 2. **Weatherbug & Emergency Exit (Projector)**
 3. **Inclement Weather Action Plan (IWAP) for Bill Burke Park:** Yellow Sheet
- c) **Parking:** 1 way design, stagger game times, scheduling DH's, other activities elsewhere, before sit out a field.

XV. PRACTICES (Out of town teams can be excused):

- a) **Practice Policy, Procedures, Times, Locations, etc:** See handout
- b) **Practice Reservation Process:**
 1. Pre-Season weekly stand-up practice until games begin: Draw for numbers
 2. Pre-Season 2nd weekly practice until games begin: Call on Wednesday, April 6 or after
 3. During Season: weekly stand-up practice until the end of the season: Call on Wednesday, May 11
- c) Field Availability Icon on our website (Projector)
- d) No setting up fields for practice games by City staff. Use your practice time if you want.
- e) Do not drive vehicles on grass by diamonds. Leave vehicles in parking lot.
- f) Cannot use plug-ins on USD 305 facilities. Locked. Generators.
- g) Pitching rubbers and bases may not be at your particular age level distances
 1. DO NOT pull the pitching rubbers
 2. Purchase your own or make them out of a block of wood. Bring measuring tape.
- h) 8/9U Pitching Machine Baseball & Softball: Sundays: 5-6pm, 6-7pm, 7-8pm slots.
- i) Hangar/Sharp Performance: Jackie Sharp, 643-7266, rjsharp@gmail.com, www.sharpe-performance.com

XVI. QUESTIONS/CONCERNS/DRAW NUMBERS/ADJOURN: