

2018 Friends of Brookings Baseball Registration Information

We are pleased you have chosen to register your child for Friends of Brookings Baseball programs. We look forward to a great 2018 season of baseball! FOB activities are intended for all of-age children in the Brookings area. We strive to keep costs as low as possible and to engage the greater community in coming alongside us to meet any scholarship needs. We are thankful you may benefit from our efforts.



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Registration for the 2018 season must be completed online via our website: www.brookingsbaseball.com. No paper registrations will be accepted. During registration, you will need to complete the following forms online:

- Family Background Information (for all FOB players and parents)
- Acknowledgement of Risk
- Code of Conduct

Additionally, two forms must be printed and filled out in their entirety and submitted before your player may participate. These are the Consent for Medical Treatment, and Points & Participation Agreement. Copies of these forms are found in this packet.

PLEASE NOTE, FOR ALL PARENTS WHO ONLY HAVE A COACH PITCH (AGE 7-8) PLAYER: YOU DO NOT HAVE A POINTS OBLIGATION AND WILL NOT NEED TO SUBMIT THE POINTS & PARTICIPATION FORM OR ANY DEPOSIT CHECKS.

**PLEASE STAPLE YOUR TWO DEPOSIT CHECKS TO
THE POINTS & PARTICIPATION AGREEMENT!**

All registration forms and checks can be delivered on Back to Baseball Night (early March TBD), or mail to:

**Brookings Friends of Baseball
P.O. Box 536
Brookings, SD 57006**

2018 Registration Information

The Friends of Brookings Baseball welcome you to the 2018 baseball season!

This introduction letter explains the whole registration process. If you have additional questions not covered in this packet, you will be instructed on how to ask those questions near the end of this document.

1. REGISTRATION AND FEES

Registration for the following levels must be completed on or before January 15, 2018.

Ages 13-18: Spring & Summer Registrations

- Spring High School for 2017-2018 school year students currently in grades 9-12: \$250.00
- Summer 14U (includes players born 1/1/2003 through 12/31/2004): \$300.00
- Summer 16U (includes players born 1/1/2001 through 12/31/2002): \$450.00
- Summer 18U (includes players born 1/1/1999 through 12/31/2000): \$550.00
- ***Summer 14U-18U fees include \$50.00 in discount cards. This fee is for our discount card fundraiser, and is not optional. The \$50.00 fee can be recovered by selling the discount cards.*

All registrations listed above are subject to a \$50.00 late fee beginning January 24, 2017. This late fee will be waived for players who are participating in baseball for the first time in Brookings and may be unfamiliar with registration guidelines and dates.

Ages 7-12: Summer Juniors, Minor & Major Leagues

- Summer Minor & Major League Baseball (includes players born 1/1/2005 through 12/31/2008): \$75.00
- Summer Juniors Coach Pitch Baseball (includes players born 1/1/2009 through 12/31/2010): \$40.00

Juniors Coach Pitch, Minor, and Major Leagues are subject to late fees beginning March 16, 2017. A \$25.00 late fee will be added on to Minor & Major League registrations. These late fees will be waived for players who are participating in baseball for the first time in Brookings and may be unfamiliar with registration guidelines and dates.

Payment Plans are available at the time of registration. A portion of the total registration fee must be paid at the time of registration, with subsequent payments automatically debited from your account on the dates set forth within the registration system.

- Summer Juniors, Minors, and Majors can be split into three payments.
- Spring High School can be split into four payments.
- Summer 14U, 16U, and 18U can be split into six payments.

2. SEASON PASSES

- All Spring High School and Summer 14U, 16U, and 18U players receive a student season pass with their registration.
- Adults can purchase season passes for \$25.00 each. Passes for students who don't receive a pass with their registration are \$10.00 each.
- Season passes are good for all Spring High School, 14U, 16U, and 18U games, as well as all Brookings-sponsored tournaments. Season passes are not valid for any Brookings-hosted postseason tournaments, or Brookings Cubs amateur games.
- Season passes are not required for any games for ages 7-12.
- Season passes are available during registration or can be purchased at the gate.

3. POINTS & VOLUNTEERISM PARTICIPATION

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- Instituted in 2010, the Friends of Brookings Baseball Points & Participation System was established to encourage parents and players to take a more active role in the organization. This volunteerism helps keep our costs considerably lower than other programs of equal size throughout South Dakota.
- Each family is required to earn a set number of points based on the number of children they have participating in our organization, and the level at which they participate.
- **2018: Coach Pitch parents do not have a points requirement. The hope is that Coach Pitch parents will consider volunteering despite having no points requirement so as to gain an understanding of the various tasks available.**
- Points requirements were updated in December 2016 to reflect tournament points participation. Requirements for 2018:

Level (Ages)	Coach Pitch (7-8)	Majors & Minors (9-12)	14U (13-14)	16U (15-16)	18U (17-18)	Spring HS (Grades 9-12)
Total points required	0 Points	50 Points	90 Points	90 Points	90 Points	30 Points
Of total points required, amount to be earned during tournaments	0 Points	30 Points**	30 Points	30 Points	30 Points	0 Points
Required tournament points must be earned by all who are required to earn points. This includes exempt board positions, who must also earn tournament points.						
Maximum points required per family: 150 Points						
** Applies to Majors only and will be determined once teams are finalized.						
Point requirements may be adjusted once all teams are finalized, depending upon number of games scheduled.						

- Parents/guardians must submit a points deposit check in the amount of the required points total, multiplied by the points fee of \$5.00 per point. This check should be post-dated September 1, 2018.
 - Please note: THIS IS A DEPOSIT CHECK. THIS CHECK WILL BE SECURELY SHREDDED UPON SUCCESSFUL COMPLETION OF ALL POINTS REQUIREMENTS UNLESS YOU REQUEST IT RETURNED. On Tuesday, September 4, 2018, all families whose points obligation has not been met will have their FULL points check deposited. Within ten (10) days of deposit, statements will be mailed out along with refund checks in the amount of points that were successfully earned, made out to the person who originally wrote and signed the points check and points agreement. These checks will be mailed out to the address on file or to the address that you will write on the points agreement document later in this packet of forms.
- All points-earning opportunities are listed on the website.
- The 2018 points earning period is January 1, 2018, through August 31, 2018.
- If you or your family choose not to volunteer your time you will have the option to have your points check deposited immediately.
- Point totals will be tabulated on the 1st and 15th of the month and posted online within 3 days of tabulation.

4. VOLUNTEER WORKER DEPOSIT CHECK

- Having workers for all required shifts at baseball games is a must. For every game, we need people to take gate sales, workers for concessions, as well as volunteers to help with in-game functions like running the scoreboard or serving as a public address announcer.
- Concession and gate receipts are one of the primary fundraisers for FOB. Losing out on sales for games can cost our organization hundreds of dollars on a day in which we play a local team who brings in many fans, most of which will also visit the concessions at some point during the day. When workers fail to show up for their selected or assigned shifts we must scramble to find someone to work at the last minute or risk not taking gate or opening concessions, or having an open and active press box.

- All families (excluding Coach Pitch) will be required to submit a \$200.00 workers deposit check. After successful completion of all selected or required shifts this check will be securely shredded unless you request to have it returned.
- Failure to show up for one selected or assigned shift will result in the immediate deposit of this check. Additionally, missing a gate or concession shift will prohibit you from signing up for any more gate/concession shifts the remainder of 2018.

5. REQUIRED FORMS

Please note there are some changes to the availability of the required forms for 2017. A number of documents can now be submitted electronically during registration.

- The following forms can be completed during the registration process:
 - Acknowledgment of Risk (one form PER PLAYER)
 - Code of Conduct (one form PER PLAYER)
 - Family Information Form (one form PER FAMILY)
- The following forms must be printed off and filled out offline:
 - Points Participation Agreement & Deposit Checks - This form and required deposit checks must be printed off and filled out, and turned in via mail (address on page one of this packet) or delivered to Back to Baseball Night. Only one copy of this form is required PER FAMILY.
 - Consent for Medical Treatment (one form PER PLAYER)
- Additional required documents:
 - Birth Certificate (if your child is new to the Friends of Baseball organization, or did not participate in any baseball in 2017. Many county registrars will provide a free copy if the reason for the copy is for athletics.

FAILURE TO HAVE ALL REQUIRED DOCUMENTS IN THE POSSESSION OF THE REGISTRATION DIRECTOR BEFORE THEIR FIRST TEAM PRACTICE WILL RESULT IN YOUR CHILD NOT BEING ELIGIBLE TO PARTICIPATE UNTIL THIS REQUIREMENT HAS BEEN SATISFIED! THERE ARE NO EXCEPTIONS TO THIS POLICY!

6. DISCOUNT CARDS

Each player age 13 and up (for summer programs only) will have a \$50.00 discount card fee added on at the time of registration. This is a mandatory fee. This \$50.00 can be recovered by selling the cards (five cards at \$10.00 each) and keeping the proceeds. These discount cards are valid at a large number of local businesses. Additionally, once all Majors teams are established, these players will be required to sell discount cards. This will be coordinated through the Youth Baseball Director and individual Majors team coordinators. No additional fee will be added on to Majors registration at the time of registration. Spring high school players are not required to sell cards. Points are available for any who wish to sell cards beyond the required amount. For every five additional discount cards sold, five points will be awarded.

7. SCHOLARSHIP FUND AND INFORMATION

If you cannot afford registration fees you can request a scholarship form in order to be considered to have a percentage of your registration fees be covered. Scholarship amounts can vary from partial to full, depending on the level of need. Please refer to page one of this registration packet for contact information. Please note that by being awarded a scholarship you are still expected to earn your required points and may be asked to earn additional points in lieu of part or all of the registration fee being provided by scholarship.

8. WINTER WORKOUTS

Winter workouts are held at Larson Ice Center. Registration from the 2017 season or for the 2018 season is required to attend. Mickelson Middle School or Brookings High School are encouraged to attend. Middle school and high school students will have separate sessions. The schedule will be posted on the website calendar; this is the ONLY place for this information. Questions regarding workouts can be directed to Ryan Bauer, 605-592-0204.

9. BACK TO BASEBALL NIGHT

Back-to-Baseball Night is our annual event where all members of the organization can stop in and make sure all paperwork has been received, purchase and/or pick up season passes, purchase apparel, and ask general questions of the organization. The event will be scheduled for late March of 2017. A board meeting will be held following Back to Baseball Night.

10. MANDATORY PARENTS MEETINGS

Please be on the lookout for dates for the mandatory parent's meetings to be held prior to the beginning of the spring and summer seasons. If your child participates in both spring and summer baseball you must attend a parents meeting for each season. Youth Baseball parents will have two separate sessions for attending a parents meeting. These meetings are designed as an informational meeting and a large amount of information is relayed during these sessions, therefore we consider attendance to be mandatory. Information regarding these meetings will be relayed through the website and through email.

11. 2018 TOURNAMENTS

Once again in 2018 Brookings will play host to a number of tournaments. Not only do these tournaments give our players a home tournament in which to play in but with the revenue generated allows us to keep registration costs low. In 2018, Brookings will host seven tournaments, and each of these tournaments will need concession, gate, press box, and field maintenance workers.

12. OPEN BOARD POSITIONS

We have a number of open board positions we are looking to fill. Some of these positions come with points exemption for the entire season.

13. ADDITIONAL QUESTIONS

Should you have any questions about any aspects of the registration process you can contact Matt Krogman (Board President) or Cody Wright (Board Vice-President) via their contact info listed on the first page of this packet. Additionally, all board member contact information can be found on the website.

Brookings Friends of Baseball Points Participation Agreement

I have received a copy of the Brookings Friends of Baseball Points System Participation Agreement, and acknowledge and agree to abide by the system and its guidelines. I agree to earn the points as required below with a maximum of 150 points per family.

**** Please staple both the points deposit check and your gate/concession check to this page!**

Level	Number of Players	Points Required
Spring High School (Grades 9-12)	_____ x 30 points =	_____
Summer 8U Juniors Coach Pitch	_____ x 0 points =	_____
Summer 10 Minors & 12U Majors	_____ x 50 points =	_____
Summer 14U	_____ x 90 points =	_____
Summer 16U	_____ x 90 points =	_____
Summer 18U	_____ x 90 points =	_____

Total (if more than 150 points, please write 150):

Multiply Total by \$5.00 per point and write total in box:

Please initial and date which of the following applies:

Initial & Date

I understand that if our family does not meet our required points, I will forfeit \$5.00 per point not earned. Attached and enclosed is my points deposit check dated September 1, 2018.

Initial & Date

I do not wish to earn our family's required points and have attached and enclosed a check in the amount of the above points total, dated today's date. This check will be deposited immediately upon receipt.

Check Number: _____ Signature: _____

Do you wish for your check to be mailed back to you or securely shredded? Enter your address below to have it returned, leave blank for it to be shredded.

Address (Street & City) For Refund Check to be mailed to: _____

Player Names: _____

Brookings Friends of Baseball Volunteer Worker Agreement

I acknowledge that I have read the information related to the Volunteer Worker Agreement, and acknowledge I or our family will attend all worker shifts for which I or our family volunteers for during the 2018 season.

Failure to attend any selected shift will result in forfeiture of the Volunteer Worker deposit check.

Additionally, failure to attend a selected shift will require a volunteer to earn all required points in other ways besides which the selected shift was missed (example: missing a gate shift will prohibit working gate shifts for the remainder of 2018)

Today's date: _____

Signature: _____

Check Number: _____

Medical Consent Form

**** A separate copy of this form is required for each child. ****

In the event of an injury, accident, or general medical condition which requires first aid/medical attention while my son is under the supervision of the Brookings Friends of Baseball, I hereby grant permission to the employees, physician, or other medical personnel to perform any necessary medical treatment (including but not limited to x-ray, anesthetic, surgery, dental, hospitalization). Furthermore, I understand that I will be held responsible for all of the medical expenses.

My child(s) is covered by: _____

Policy Number or Group Number: _____

Child Name(s): _____

Signature of Parent/Guardian: _____

Date: _____

In Case of Emergency Please Contact: _____

Phone: _____

Scholarship Application

Brookings Friends of Baseball provides registration fee scholarships to children, who without this financial assistance would not be able to participate in summer baseball programs provided by FOB. The FOB scholarship program focuses on providing opportunities for area youth to participate in recreational team sports because of the physical, mental, and character-training benefits these programs can provide. Currently, FOB scholarships are offered for participation in all levels of play that are sponsored by FOB.

Requirements for eligibility:

- Commitment to attend a minimum of 90% of scheduled practices and games.
- Participation by at least one (1) family member to earn the family's required points, as set forth at the beginning of the season.

Priority will be given to eligible youth meeting one or more of the criteria below:

- Member of a multi-child family.
- Living in a single-parent home.
- Receiving assistance from programs such as: Food Stamps, Medicaid, SSI, Foster Care, WIC, etc. (Must provide written documentation of participation in these programs to receive priority status)
- Written recommendation by school counselors, social workers, youth community center workers, or other social services representatives.

Approval of a scholarship does not register the participant in the activity. The athlete must be registered on-line with the organization. Scholarship recipients are still subject to late fees on or by the date set forth. Note, if the scholarship approval application process goes past the registration deadline the late fee will be waived.

Additional information on scholarships can be obtained through the board members listed on page one of this packet.