

## Who can play in KYSBA?

Any player between the ages of 4-16 for baseball and 5-16 for softball living within the Kuna or Melba School Districts is eligible to participate within KYSBA. Players must not participate in other leagues and/or programs at the same time as KYSBA with the exception of playing for your high school team. If you have questions regarding eligibility, please contact your director or the president of the league (addresses listed on the site.)

## Can I request to be on a specific team?

T-Ball, Coach Pitch, 6U & 8U softball: Coach and buddy requests need to be made at the time of registration. Every effort will be made to honor these requests but they are not guaranteed.

Rookies, Minors, Majors, Babe Ruth, 10U softball, 12 softball, 14/16U softball: these players will participate in assessments and be selected to a team through the draft process.

\*\*Melba Teams: If you are planning to play on a team based in Melba, please note that within your registration. If we do not have enough players to create a full team based in Melba then those players will have the option to play for a Kuna based team. It will not be assumed that you want to be on a Melba team based on your address.

## How do I know what division my child will play in?

Your child's "League age" is based upon **the age they are on May 1st for baseball and January 1st for softball.** For example, Johnny wants to play baseball and he turns 7 on April 30<sup>th</sup> of this year his "league age" would be 7. Billy wants to play baseball and he turns 7 on May 5<sup>th</sup> of this year, his "league age" is 6. For more clarification you can contact a division director or a board member (see emails under board of directors)

A player can assess to "play up" to an older division but may not "play down" to a younger division.

## When is the season?

SPRING: Typically starts in early to mid-march and we make every effort to have it end prior to Memorial Day weekend. Weather and field availability may require some games to be played in June.

SUMMER/ALL-STAR: Tryout dates vary but are typically during the spring season. Dates can vary from team to team but the majority of play is done during June and July. The availability of a summer or All-Star Season is not guaranteed and will be based on coach availability and player interest.

FALL: Typically practices start mid to late august and are done by mid October.

## What do my fees pay for?

Fees cover the cost for your player to play with in the rec season. This includes but is not limited to things you see at the field such as uniforms, field maintenance/improvements, equipment, umpire fees, porta potties as well as things that may not be visible such as insurance and chartering fees. All coaches and

board members are 100% volunteer and are not paid. We do our best to keep fees affordable to families while still providing a positive experience.

If registering your child for KYSBA creates great financial hardship please inquire about our scholarship availability.

## What is included in the uniform?

Baseball: Each player will be given a league issued uniform shirt and hat.

Softball: Each player will be given a league issued uniform shirt, socks and a belt.

Coaches may suggest other coordinating items to be worn such as pants, belt and socks. These are not provided by the league or required.

## What Equipment is needed?

The league will provide practice and game balls, catcher gear, bats and batting helmets. Your player needs to provide their own glove. Please note that equipment provided by the league, such as helmets, are shared among all players and must be returned at the end of each game to the equipment bag. Cleats should be worn for ages 7 and up.

## When are practices?

Practice schedules will be determined by the number of teams we have registered, field and daylight availability, as well as the coaches schedule. The best way to have input on the schedule is to volunteer to coach. ☺ Practice frequency tends to increase as you move up in division. For example, a t-ball team may practice 2 times a week where as a Babe Ruth team may practice 4 times.

## When are games?

Game schedules will be determined by the number of teams registered and will not be available prior to the season start. Field availability and daylight also play a role in our scheduling. League games will not be played on Sundays.

## Where are games played?

\*\*Please Note locations may need to be adjusted or changed based on registration numbers and field availability.

### BASEBALL:

**T-ball:** Games played at Ross Elementary or Kuna Middle School (see field location map)

**Coach Pitch:** Games played at Kuna Middle School (see field location map)

**Rookies & Minors:** Games are played at the City Field (see field location map) and possibly in Melba. Games with other local leagues (such as Meridian, Nampa etc.) may be scheduled depending on the number of teams within our league.

**Majors & Babe Ruth:** Games are played at the Kuna Middle School (see field location map) and possibly in Melba. Games with other local leagues (such as Meridian, Nampa etc.) are likely to be scheduled depending on the number of teams within our league. depending on the number of teams within our league.

**SOFTBALL:**

**6U thru 14/16U:** Games are played at the Kuna Middle School (see field location map). Games with other local leagues (such as Meridian, Nampa etc.) may be scheduled depending on the number of teams within our league.

## **If I coach, will I coach my child?**

If you volunteer to coach, you and your child will automatically be placed on the same team. Upper Divisions that participate in the draft process will be limited to one head coach and one assistant coach prior to the draft. Once players are drafted additional assistant coaches may be added to the team.

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