

The season is flying by!!

It is so hard to believe, but the season is quickly winding down. Just two weeks remain in the regular season before we turn our attention to the post season for our 8U machine pitch league, 9-10U kid pitch league, 11-12U kid pitch league and 13-14U kid pitch league. We've done the best we could in making up games impacted by Mother Nature. Unfortunately, some of the games scheduled at fields outside of our City were not made up.

I can't say THANK YOU enough for our volunteers who help make our program!! With 50+ teams and 700+ players, spread out over multiple fields in Papillion – AND for the first time ever, across surrounding communities in cross-town games, it is a mighty job but I'm so proud of all those who volunteer!! THANK YOU!

Home Run Derby & All-stars

We had an incredibly successful All-Star night on Friday, June 7th. We hosted our first ever Home Run Derby with great prizes for the 1st & 2nd place finishers in each division. We thank all of you for making the event a great community gathering supporting youth baseball! We had 43 participants in the HR Derby!

9/10U division

- 1st place Hayden from the A's
- 2nd place Aiden from the Orioles

11/12U division

- 1st place Ben from the Cardinals
- 2nd place Cameron from the Royals

13/14U division

- 1st place Ethan from the Cardinals
- 2nd place Thomas from the Royals

We then followed it up with a renewal of our mid-season All-Star games showcasing some great kids playing the sport they love!

Hawks Tryouts

We'd like to THANK everyone who attended one of two Hawks tryouts. We had an enormous turnout (9-10U) and had to stand up a second tryout. We know every season there will be opportunities for improvement, but this is one problem we'll always happily accept – more interest than we could imagine!!

Our Hawks teams are being formed now. I'd like to thank everyone who came to the tryout. Special recognition to those players who have been offered a spot on the team! Emails will go out this week. The post-season event is scheduled for July 8-13.

League post-season tournament

The league post-season tournament is right around the corner! Teams in the 8U Machine pitch, 9-10U kid pitch, 11-12U kid pitch and 13-14U kid pitch leagues will be competing in a single elimination end of season tournament June 24-29! Best of luck to all teams as the season wraps up with this "in-house" single elimination event! The brackets can be viewed now on our PRO website - <https://www.papiorec.org/page/show/501796-schedules>.

Fall Ball registration NOW OPEN!

Fall baseball registration is now open on the PRO website. <https://papiorec.sportngin.com/register/form/721362352>
Registration will remain open through July 15, 2019 (NO EXCEPTIONS). Teams will be formed upon the completion of registration, and team notifications will be made by early August. Teams will have a couple of weeks to practice together, and the season will consist of FIVE doubleheader Saturdays (t-ball schedules may be slightly different). Our intent is to give the kids additional time on the diamond to work on their skills, while having games to showcase those efforts. Game schedules are still under construction, but we intend to begin the last Saturday of August and continue into the first weekend of October (taking Labor Day weekend off).

Papillion Storm Chasers tryouts

Our select program will be hosting tryouts for the 2020 Select season very soon. We would like to invite you to attend the tryouts. There will be folks there available to answer questions regarding the 2020 Select season. Our goal is to provide as much information so you can make the best decision for your son when it comes to playing baseball in Papillion.

There is one very simple goal: We want Papillion kids playing baseball in Papillion, and that can be in our Recreation program or our Select program.

Tryouts are as follows

Monday, July 1
12U, 13U & 14U 2020 age divisions
Registration and Q&A 5:30-6:00
Tryouts 6:00-8:00
Hosted at Papillion Landing

Tuesday, July 2
9U, 10U & 11U 2020 age divisions
Registration and Q&A 5:30-6:00
Tryouts 6:00-8:00
Hosted at Papillion Landing

There is no charge to tryout, simply register:

<https://www.papillionselectbaseball.com/Default.aspx?tabid=1817023>

In closing.....

We kicked off the 2019 Rec Baseball season with an open forum session in early January. We moved forward with a new volunteer Board. We hosted a second open forum to share the changes taking place. We've heard great things from many regarding the Opening Ceremonies, the MLB Uniforms, games against outside organizations, the HR Derby and the All-star games.

But we also want to continue to make improvements. We appreciate those who have shared suggestions. Look for another open forum session later this fall to help us make 2020 better than 2019!!

If you have any questions, please reach out to me at baseballdirector@prosportsne.org; or our Registration Director at recbaseball@prosportsne.org.

Sincerely,

Mike Apgar – President of Papillion Baseball