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Thank you for registering with COYBL. Below is an outline of what to expect after you register and beyond.

I urge you to please read all of this material and keep it someplace so you can refer to it later. This is meant to inform you of who we are and what we do.

I will do all I can to make sure the kids have a season to play this great game. I was part of the team that worked with the committee that the Governor put together this past season so we could safely play and you all did a great job at abiding to the rules that was set forth.

- Central Ohio Youth Baseball League, LLC, also known as COYBL, is licensed with the State of Ohio as a Sports League and abides by all State and Federal laws.
- COYBL is a part of the **USA Baseball Pure Baseball** program. USA Baseball partners with the MLB and the US Olympic program and we are proud to be a part of that.
- ***USA Baseball launched Pure Baseball as its zero-tolerance campaign for any type of abuse within the sport of baseball. Over the course of the last few years, we have seen abuse of minor athletes within the US Olympic family come to the forefront. Too many athletes went unprotected from predators within their sport, which led to the creation of Senate Bill 534. Through SB534 and the governance of the US Center for SafeSport, there are many policies now in place to ensure minor athlete well-being is at the forefront of every sport.***
- Not all Youth Sports leagues nor independent teams abide by the strict standards that COYBL holds itself to as well as it's members. We take these steps to protect the players, parents, coaches and umpires.
- ***All coaches must complete the Adult Abuse Awareness course on the USA Baseball website once while a member of COYBL. Instructions have been sent to every head coach regarding this most important requirement for the safety of the thousands of Student/Athletes in COYBL.***

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- **“Lindsay’s law” training - All Coaches and Parents must complete this each year by State of Ohio Law. Paper copies will not be accepted and must be completed on the COYBL website. There is a link on the Players Safety page for this free training.**
- Concussion Safety Training: All Coaches must comply with the State of Ohio law mandating “HeadsUp” Concussion Safety training – You will find a link on the Player Safety Page for this free training. This is good for 3 years from the time of the training being completed.
- Age Group League Directors contact information is listed on the “CONTACT US” page on the COYBL home page.
- COYBL sanctions with the following tournament associations. There are links to their individual websites with contact information located on the Managers Help Page on the COYBL website
- Nations Baseball Tournament Association, LLC headquartered in Houston, Texas.
The State of Ohio Office is in Hamilton, Ohio
- USSSA Baseball is located in Melbourne, Florida
The State of Ohio office is located in Goshen, Ohio
- One Nation Baseball. The state office is located in Kent, Ohio
- Each of the above tournament sanctioning bodies have different rules and you should be aware of the rules before playing in their events.
- COYBL, Nations Baseball, USSSA Baseball and One Nation Baseball are separate entities. They are not one in the same.
- Nate Whisner is your contact for Nations Baseball related issues or questions:
natewhisner@gmail.com or 740-258-0550
- Dennis Dick is the contact for any USSSA related issues or questions dennis.dick@ussa.com or 513-275-1211
- Ken Wilson is the contact for One Nation Baseball - wilsonstrikeforcebaseball@gmail.com or 330-592-1931
- Teams will be registered with Nations Baseball in early December before each season.
- If you purchase team insurance coverage goes into effect on January 1 and covers your team until December 31 of each year

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- Teams will be registered with USSSA Baseball in November of each year. This is the basic registration unless you checked the Global USSSA box.
- Teams will be registered with One Nation Baseball in early December.

- The goal is to have divisions set for each age by December 28th of each year. Teams should contact each other ASAP to schedule a home and home with their divisional opponent. Teams may also schedule games with non-divisional teams, but division games **MUST** take precedence later in the year if makeup games are necessary. If you cannot schedule for some reason yet when you are contacted, please be thoughtful and let the coach know trying to schedule with you when you can schedule. The later you wait, the harder it is to schedule games.
- Team pages will be setup and ready to go by January 1st of each year
- League End Date for ages 7U to 12U is June 26th. – League tournament will be June 28 thru July 1
- League End Date is July 24th for ages 13u and up. League tournament July 26 thru July 30
- League tournament participation is voluntary
- Cancelling a game other than weather is cause for a forfeit.
- Division games take precedence over non divisional games in case of rainouts
- Rainouts are to be made up at the earliest open date or Non- COYBL game slot. Failure to do so will result in a forfeit. If there is an issue getting a team to respond, you must involve your age group director. Do not wait until the end of the season.
- Awards are given to the top team in each division of each age group, if all division games are played.
- League tournament format will be determined after seeing who wants to play in it. We usually try to place teams of similar records against each other, such as top two in each division against other top two teams in other divisions and teams in the middle of the pack against each other and the teams in the lower standings against each other. Awards are given to the Winners and the runner ups of each league tournament bracket.
- Coaches are expected to read and know the COYBL League rules and they apply to only COYBL games and not any tournament games.
- Any issues should go to your age group Director first and foremost
- Any complaints or issues regarding another team or coach must be emailed to your age group Director and the Head Coach of the offending team must be copied on the complaint before it will be addressed.

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- Rosters must be updated on your COYBL Team Page and your Nations Baseball team page by March 1 for ages 9U to 13U.
 - Rosters for ages 14U to 18U must be updated on your COYBL Team Page and your Nations Baseball team page before your first game
 - If you did not purchase the team insurance as a part of your registration, you will need to name COYBL – PO Box 1425 – Pataskala, Ohio, 43062 as an additional Insured on your policy and mail me a copy.
 - If you did not purchase the team insurance as a part of your registration, you will need to name Nations Baseball Tournament Association – 20230 Cypress Hill Rd. Tomball, Tx. **77377** as an additional Insured on your policy and upload a copy to your Nations Baseball team Page

 - Teams are required to add their roster, with positions played, Game Schedule and Home field locations to their team pages. There is a “How To” on the managers resource page on the COYBL site on how to do this.

 - Teams are required to enter results on their team page of each game, to include pitch counts of your pitchers within 24 hours of your game that was played – **THERE IS A PITCH COUNT RULE WITH DETAILS ON OUR RULES PAGE** on the COYBL site

 - If you have any questions, please reach out to your age group director, or if you still need help, please email me or call. Text is not the best option for communication due to the numbers of teams please,

I will have some video's coming out soon that will help you with more info and how to use your team page and more. I appreciate your patience and look forward to seeing you on the fields this spring and summer.

More to come very soon.

Happy Holidays and stay safe,

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