

Parent Information 2018

The Aberdeen Hardball Association (AHA) board has been planning for the upcoming 2018 spring and summer baseball season. The following will hopefully provide you with some necessary background information. This information is very important for the success and administration of our program.

FORMS TO BE COMPLETED by Parent and Athlete

- Aberdeen Hardball Drug and Alcohol Policy
- Rules & Regulations Form
- If you are a ***new player***, you will need to bring a copy of your birth certificate or driver's license

COMMUNICATION

AHA plans to use the Aberdeen Hardball Association website to provide you with updated information as the season approaches and progresses. Also check us out on Facebook and Twitter too!

www.aberdeensmittys.com

Coaching Staff – All coaches have been hired and we are awaiting background checks before announcing the coaches.

Legion Head Coach: Christian Christianson Assistant Legion: TBD

15/16 Head Coach: TBD Assistant 15/16: TBD

Head 14U Coach: TBD Assistant 14U: TBD

Head 13U Coach: TBD Assistant 13U: TBD

FEES

The **AHA** Board has revised the player fees for all levels. For the 2nd consecutive year the AHA board has approved a decrease in fees because of fiscally responsibility and fundraising efforts. The 2018 Summer Season will be as follows:

Legion: **2018 Total Fees:**

Legion - \$500 (\$50 registration fee + \$450 players fee)

Must be born on or after January 1, 1999

Jr Legion - \$300 (\$50 registration fee + \$250 players fee)

Must be born on or after January 1, 2001

16U Teeners- \$300 (\$50 registration fee + \$250 players fee)

Must be born on or after January 1, 2002

14U Teeners - \$200 (\$50 registration fee + \$150 players fee)

Must be born on or after January 1, 2003

13U Teeners - \$200 (\$50 registration fee + \$150 players fee)

Must be born on or after January 1, 2004

PARENT DRIVING (For 13-16 year old teams)

- \$50 check to be held as deposit for the season (will be given back to the parent once they have driven.....IF the parent does not drive during the season, the check will be cashed in August)

Parents are needed to drive the athletes to their away games. Carpooling is used and drivers are needed. Each Athlete's parent/guardian is required to drive at least 1x throughout the season. Each team will have a "Team Parent" who will schedule the driving for the team.

- All parents will be asked to work 1 gate during the baseball season. It will be scheduled at the time your son does not play.

PLAYING TIME

Playing time will be determined by the coaches. There is NO GUARANTEE of playing time. The philosophy of the **AHA** Board and coaches is that "Playing time is earned by productive practice, hard work, dedication, and ability".

Players may be asked to fill roster on another team at the General Manager's discretion at any time during the season.

Season Rules and Regulations for Athletes 2018

- 1) Unexcused absences-** Players recording unexcused absences from practice will be subject to missing playing time. There is no excuse for not letting your coaches know where you are. It is very easy to call or text your coach to inform them of your absence. An absence due to personal or family illness or emergency will be EXCUSED.
- 2) Activity Camps-** AHA promotes all athletic sports/extracurricular activities and is aware that some camps take place during the summer months. Please be respectful to your AHA team when scheduling these camps during the Baseball season.
- 3) Behavior-** Any throwing of helmets, bats, lack of respect for coaches or officials, excessive foul language, or any other behavioral action detrimental to the program will be subject to removal from the game. Under no circumstances will any inappropriate behavior be tolerated. ***Read the American Legion Baseball Code of Conduct which contains 24 rules that is attached to this packet***
Players having behavior issues may be put on a personal plan for the remainder of the season. This will be determined by the General Manager, Coach and Board if needed.
- 4) Use of Chemical Substances/tobacco-** First offense will result in the player being suspended for 2 weeks. Offenses during the baseball season only not year round.

Any subsequent offenses will be dealt with direct action from the Board and American Legion Post #24.

****Coaches, in conjuncture with the Aberdeen Hardball Association Board, have the right to use discretion when dealing with penalties involving the rules and regulations.**

CHAIN OF COMMAND

The **AHA** now has a Baseball Program General Manager, Jay Kusler.

As General Manager, some of his responsibilities include program facilitation and player/personnel issues. The **AHA** Board strongly encourages that any concerns or questions you may have in regards to the programs are to be directed to the General Manager first.

In addition, please feel free to contact any **AHA** Board member with any questions or concerns as well.

I read and fully understand the Aberdeen Baseball team rules as outlined above and agree to abide by them.

Parent/Guardian Signature

Date

Player Signature

Date