



Midwest Ohio Softball League

2018 INFORMATION SESSION

Contact Information

- ▶ Visit: midwestohiosoftballleague.com
 - ▶ This is where you will access coaches' information to contact coaches within your age group....WE DO NOT HAVE A COACHES LIST.
 - ▶ This is the only way to insure that contact information is always accurate.
 - ▶ This coaches' contact information is for your use only and is not to be shared with anyone.

Welcome New Teams

- ▶ Many questions you have are addressed on the website.
 - ▶ MidwestOhioSoftballLeague.com
 - ▶ Go to the heading “League Information” and click on Frequently Asked Questions.
 - ▶ Additionally, we have included many of the FAQ sections into the rules as a means to simplify the “why” and “how” part of the rules.
 - ▶ Email us at: wade8276@yahoo.com if you need anything else.

About the League

- ▶ The Midwest Ohio Softball League (MOSL) is a select softball league, which offers a competitive environment.
 - ▶ The format of this organization enables coaches to develop their players' skills to prepare them for successful high school, and potentially, college competition. Thus, the format is designed to allow youth in the area the opportunity to play the highest level of competition available.
 - ▶ The inaugural 2018 season will see teams in age groups from 8-14. 8U is a coach pitch division that will give players an alternative to recreational leagues that do not provide players what they are looking for.
 - ▶ 10U teams begin playing "real softball" and are divided into geographic and competitive divisions.
 - ▶ Age groups from 10 and up are divided into Competition Based Divisions to maximize competition and parity. This allows our players to be pushed by competition to be the best they can while recognizing that there are different levels of select softball. Within each Division, teams are divided geographically where appropriate.
 - ▶ Membership is selective, but may not be discriminatory. Anyone agreeing to these principles is welcome to apply for membership.

What does the league hope to provide players?

- ▶ Each of us, and each of our players, has our own agenda of what we want to accomplish with our team. We would hope that a common thread among us all would be the following:
 - ▶ Teach our players and provided drills, practice and game opportunities to improve their physical, mental and emotional skills related to softball.
 - ▶ Provide opportunities to teach our players (and in some cases fans) respect for the game, the competition, the coaches and officials.
 - ▶ To provide opportunities to teach our players about the value of team play, camaraderie and building relationships.
 - ▶ To provide a forum where kids learn the lessons of the Little Red Hen.....that before you reap the harvest, you must sow the seeds (have a vision), water and hoe the garden (practice perfectly and at game speed), water and hoe some more, and only then can you expect to reap the harvest (a hit, a great defensive play, a strike out, a team victory, or a division championship).
- ▶ We hope that each of you would include a similar list in your own mind and provide your vision to your players and parents. It is through these lessons that we hope to help make our players better men for the rest of their lives.

Walk Thru of the season:

▶ **Pre-Season:**

- ▶ Registration closes
- ▶ Initial Division Assignment issues
- ▶ Division Assignment Petitions (if necessary)
- ▶ Division Assignment Hearings (if necessary)
- ▶ Scheduling meeting
- ▶ Input Schedule in website
- ▶ Complete roster online
- ▶ Upload player documents

The Season:

- ▶ How many games should we expect to play?
 - ▶ Generally, you are only required to play 16-24 league games. The league may offer a mid-season Multi-Sanctioned World Series Qualifiers and does offer a tournament at the end of the season for qualifying teams. Many teams also play 1-6 tournaments and/or several non-league games each year. Finally, it is up to you, your team and your parents as to how many games you play in total.

Walk Thru of the season:

- ▶ **Season:**

- ▶ Play game

- ▶ Winning coach inputs results including score and pitch counts

- ▶ Losing coach verifies results and pitch counts.

- ▶ IF there is a rain-out or cancellation try to reschedule the game immediately.

- ▶ If you cannot agree on a new date, follow the rainout/cancellation policy on the website

Walk Thru of the season:

- ▶ **Awards:**

- ▶ Will be given to first place team in each age group

- ▶ **Post Season:**

- ▶ For its inaugural season Midwest Ohio Softball will hold an end of season tournament for ALL teams.

Walk Thru of the season:

- ▶ IT is expected that you will schedule your games promptly, reschedule make-ups promptly and return phone calls and emails in a reasonable timeframe. Use the Golden Rule.
- ▶ There is a significant umpire shortage which tends to affect us during the time of junior high baseball especially from mid-April to mid-May (and is worse in rainy springs).
 - ▶ This generally, but not always, affects rain-outs and rescheduled games. Thus, when you reschedule, especially during this time, you cannot assume that an umpire can be available tomorrow. You need to work with your umpire scheduler to make certain your proposed rescheduled game can be covered.

Overview

- ▶ Umpire Scheduler fee:
 - ▶ Covers an unlimited number of home games (tournaments are not included) including rescheduling rain outs.
 - ▶ Umpires fees are: \$40 age 8U; \$55 ages 9U-11U, \$60 12U; 13 and above \$110 (\$55 each).
- ▶ You must have liability insurance.
 - ▶ You can purchase from the league or on your own.
 - ▶ Certificates purchased through the league will be uploaded to your team website so you can print anytime you need to have a copy.
 - ▶ CERTIFICATES PURCHASED ELSEWHERE MUST BE UPLOADED BY YOU.

What We Need From You

- ▶ Coach Contracts:
 - ▶ Each coach is required to have an electronic contract on our system agreeing to the MOBL rules for coaching in the league.
 - ▶ This system works exactly like Player contracts do. Automatically send an email out to your assistant coaches (entered in manage assistant coaches section) with the coach contract tools provided.
 - ▶ This will send the information required for your assistant coaches to fill out their contract and send them a link for Ohio Concussion Training.

What We Need From You

▶ **Ohio Concussion Certification:**

- ▶ The Ohio Concussion Training is a State Law and REQUIRED for all coaches.
 - ▶ THIS CERTIFICATE IS GOOD FOR 3 YEARS.
 - ▶ SOME COACHES WILL NEED TO RENEW THIS YEAR.
 - ▶ We have partnered with Dayton Children's Sports Medicine to help us all with concussion and other issues for our players' safety and well-being.
- ▶ You are able to upload a certificate for each of the coaches associated with your team or they are able to upload it themselves when they fill out their coaching contract.
- ▶ If they do not have their certificate when they fill out the coaching contract they can return later to the link in the email sent them by the system and then upload their certificate with the file uploader tool at the bottom of their contract.
- ▶ As a Head Coach you are able to upload the certification for them as well. Click on the Concussion link in the requirements section to the left. Information on the Concussion Law is available under Coaches Corner and Forms.

What We Need From You

- ▶ **Background Checks:**

- ▶ Our primary area of concern is any conduct involving children or sexual crimes.
- ▶ We will again be providing website information to all Head Coaches who will be responsible for verifying that their assistants are not on any sexual predator lists.
- ▶ Head coaches will sign off that they have checked these websites and their coaches are not listed on them.

Upcoming Dates

- ▶ Registration closes February 15th.
 - ▶ League Fees are due by the 15th.
- ▶ We will have preliminary divisional splits out by February 21st.
- ▶ We will accept petitions between now and February 25th.
- ▶ Appeals of petition decisions will be heard February 28th.
 - ▶ The format for petitions can be found on the website under coach's corner.
- ▶ Final age Group Splits, divisional assignments and game requirements will all be out by March 1st.
- ▶ Coaches contact info available to coaches on March 1st.
- ▶ All league requirements due March 24th:
 - ▶ All documents, parent/player contracts, birth certificates, coaches information and background checks, concession certificates, insurance certificates and roster should be uploaded at this time.
- ▶ Scheduling Meeting date will be posted on website