

**HIGHLAND YOUTH  
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**Thank you for registering for Highland Youth Baseball and Softball League.**

**The HYSAC in conjunction with Highland Parks and Recreation Department are excited to once again be able to provide all kids an opportunity to play baseball and softball!**

***Now that you have registered your player here is what you can expect...***

***My player is excited! When do we start?***

The first step for **grades 3rd and above is to sign your player up for their Baseball/Softball Evaluations.** Players will have two opportunities to attend evaluations on the following dates:

**WEDNESDAY, MARCH 18th at the WEINHEIMER COMMUNITY CENTER 6:00-8:00pm**

**SATURDAY, MARCH 21st at the WEINHEIMER COMMUNITY CENTER 8:00am-12:00pm**

Players in grades 2nd and below will be contacted directly from a coach.

***What is the point of the Evaluation?***

First and foremost, it is important to say that this program, like all of the athletic programs sponsored through the HYSAC is intended to encourage fair play, good sportsmanship and an opportunity to allow your child to enhance their sports skills through play. The purpose of evaluations is to keep the talent pool as even as possible when formulating teams to promote the real purpose of youth athletics.

***What happens at the Evaluation?***

Players will enter through the gymnasium entrance and will be greeted by our HYSAC volunteers. Players will run through multiple stations assessing skills and sports competency. This evaluation will only take up to 20 minutes and then you are free to leave. Parents please stick around during the evaluation as it will be a quick process. Players bring your glove and get excited about the season! At no time will a player's evaluation score be shared with players or parents. These data collected will only be used to assist in the process of creating fair and equal teams.

***What if I can't make it to either evaluation or opt not to attend?***

Your player will be randomly drafted to a team. Each team will be assigned approximately 2 pitchers and 2 catchers. Ideally, each team will also have a blend of younger and older players when applicable.

***When can I expect to hear from a coach?***

Teams will be grouped and assigned to coaches. Coaches Meetings will be held March 17th-25th. Coaches will receive their rosters and select practice times. Please be patient and check your email listed on your registration form as coaches begin communicating to players. If you have not heard from a coach by TUESDAY, March 31st you may contact the Korte Recreation Center at 618-651-1386 to find out what team your player is on. If you have signed up to be a coach you will be notified if you were selected.

***When do practices start?***

Practices can begin the first week in April. NO EARLIER! Coaches will notify parents of practice times and locations.

***Why did I receive an envelope with Raffle Tickets at registration?***

The HYSAC will be selling raffle tickets for three \$500 and three \$25 winners throughout the season! This is a valuable fund-raiser to help support the Highland Youth Baseball and Softball league. The top ticket sellers also will have the opportunity to throw out the first pitch at the Cardinals Game!

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## *What if we requested to be placed on a certain team or with a friend?*

Please understand that our first priority and mission of the player evaluations is to formulate teams as equal in talent as possible. If we were to take into consideration every request it would discredit this process. Although we respect that there may be carpooling needs please understand that selecting rosters for over 600 kids is a lengthy process. We will keep these in mind however they are NOT GUARANTEED. Thank you for understanding.

## *What will my player need to start the season?*

A baseball/softball glove and baseball/softball pants. Shirts, balls, bats, helmets and more will be provided thanks to the generosity of our great sponsors and registration fees.

## *When will game schedules be released?*

Schedules will be developed as early as possible. It is important to note that schedules are contingent upon the numbers of players registered and the number of teams. The schedules will be posted online mid April at [www.highlandil.gov](http://www.highlandil.gov). Here is a list of days and times that you can expect your division to play on. Please understand that THIS IS NOT A GUARANTEED SCHEDULE and will be based off how many players and teams are registered.

### Teeball:

Pre- K (Coed Teeball)- Mon - Fri at Spindler Park; 1 game/week  
Kindergarten (Coed Teeball) - Sat at Spindler; 1 game/week

### Boys:

1st Boys (Instructional\* coach pitch) - Mon - Fri at Glik Park; approx 1 game/week  
2nd Boys (Instructional\* coach pitch) - Wed - Fri at Glik Park; approx 1 game/week  
3rd/4th Boys (Rookie\* player pitch) - Thurs - Sat at Glik Park; some traveling required; approx 1 game/week  
5th/6th Boys (A\*) - Mon - Sat home games at Glik Park; traveling required approx 2 games/week  
7th/8th Boys (AA\*) - Mon - Sat home games at Glik Park; traveling required approx 2 games per week

### Girls:

1st/2nd Girls (Instructional\* coach pitch) - Mon - Wed at Glik Park; approx 1 game/ week  
3rd/4th Girls (Rookie\* player pitch) - Tues - Thurs at Glik Park; some traveling required; approx 1 game/week  
5th/6th Girls (A\*) - Mon - Sat Home games at Glik Park; traveling required approx 1-2 games/week  
7th-10th Girls (AA\*) - Mon - Sat Home games at Glik Park; traveling required approx 1-2 games/week

## *Wednesday, May 27th: Night at the Park Cardinals vs Arizona Diamondbacks*

Join us for a night at the big leagues! Highland Parks and Recreation night at the park is an opportunity for all boys and girls enrolled in the baseball/softball program to take part in the pre-game parade around the warning track of Busch Stadium! In addition, the top ticket sellers will be invited to throw out the first pitch prior to the start of the game! Tickets are for sale at the Weinheimer Community Center for \$15.00 and periodically at Glik Park during the evenings once games start. All are welcome to attend!

## *HYBSL Glik Park Party*

Celebrate a great HYBSL season with a family fun night at Glik Park! Join all HYBSL players for movie in center field and a fun filled day for the whole family. Wear your HYBSL shirt and receive free admission. More information to follow!

## **IMPORTANT CONTACT NUMBERS:**

Korte Recreation Center	618-651-1386
Weinheimer Community Center	618-654-6071
Glik Park	618-654-4432
Weather Cancellation Hotline	618-654-7042

*HYSAC wants to extend a sincere "THANK YOU" for helping us make your child's experience in this sport FUN and educational!*

# **LET'S PLAY BALL!**