

Chet Waggoner 2012 Baseball

Please help us in placing your child in the right Division by indicating on your application your child's previous level of play and/or experience, even if not with Chet Waggoner. If your child is an eight year-old trying out for the Minor Division, please indicate that, as well. There will be an evaluation for seven year-olds wanting to play in the National Division to ensure all children will be safe. This evaluation will take place on Saturday, March 24th at 1:00 p.m. on the farm league field. The Minor League evaluations will be held on Saturday, March 24th at 2:00 p.m. (Rain Date March 25th).

The farm level is the most populated level of play, so coaches are in dire need! Help out if you can.

The Farm League will consist of two divisions, American and National.

Age Requirements for American Division:

1. All 6 year old players will play in the American Division.
2. All 7 year old players playing for their first year in the Farm League will be in the American Division.

Age Requirements for National Division:

1. All 8 year olds will play in the National Division.
2. A 7 year old may play in either American or National Division, but will need to attend the evaluations for the National Division.

Goals of Farm League

1. To teach the fundamentals of baseball to all players in a constructive and atmosphere.
2. To have fun! Make kids smile and build camaraderie between the players and parents.
3. To develop player's skills so they will be prepared to play at the next level of play, and to place an emphasis on player development, rather than winning games.
4. To ensure that all Little League safety rules are followed and that all kids have the proper equipment to play at the Farm League level.
5. To have clinics that will help develop the coaches and players in the league.
6. To create a Sunday League, travel team(s), and fall league that will allow kids to play more if desired.
7. To make the Farm League field one of the best looking, well maintained fields at Chet Waggoner.
8. To teach kids teamwork, sportsmanship, and life lessons.

To inspire parents to become more involved in the operations of Chet Waggoner and to encourage parents to support the Chet Waggoner smoker, this is our only fundraiser and the main source of income for park improvements. It is the manager's job to set the expectations that Chet Waggoner has of the parents, and to also communicate what the parents can expect of the manager who is coaching their child.

Appointing Managers and Coaches

Managers/Coaches will consist of adults 18 years or older that have applied for a coaching position via the Volunteer Application form. Coaches will be subject to background checks that are set forth by C.W.L.L. Upon approval of the volunteer application form coaches will then be selected by the V.P. of the Farm League.

Criteria to be considered by the V.P. when selecting a coach will be as follows.

1. Does the coaching applicant have previous coaching experience?
2. Has the coaching applicant displayed involvement in C.W.L.L. Such as working at the fundraiser and perform duties at the park beyond coaching?
3. Is the coaching applicant knowledgeable about baseball?
4. Is the coach willing to attend coaching clinics , perform clinics, and generally do things for C.W.L.L. that are above and beyond just coaching?
5. Is the coaching applicant also a sponsor?
6. What comments do parents or past V.P.'s give about the applicants demeanor and coaching abilities?
7. Is the coach willing to have at least two (2) practices a week?

Requirement/Expectations of Managers and Coaches

1. This is a big responsibility and a serious commitment to the kids and to C.W.L.L.
2. This job will require teaching the fundamentals of baseball, communicating with parents, and working on the field and/or park facilities.
3. A minimum of two (2) practices a week should be conducted.

4. Managers will manage the team with the mission statement in mind.
5. Managers will follow all rules that govern our league's play.
6. Managers are expected to work towards obtaining all the goals set forth by our league.
7. Managers must be a leader for the kids and parents by displaying good behavior, good sportsmanship, not arguing with umpires or other coaches, and not allowing parents or players to argue with umpires.
8. Managers or at least one coach from every team must be first aid certified.

Placement of Kids on Teams

1. All kids of a manager and his two (2) assistant coaches will be placed on their respective team.
2. Little League recommends that teams should not consist of the same players year to year until the players reach the Major League.
3. After the coaches kids are placed on a team, then the remaining kids will be placed on teams. The players will be placed on teams with efforts made to ensure all teams have an equal number of same aged players.

Exception: All siblings will be on the same team, if they are not in different divisions.

Minor and Major League Baseball

Chet Waggoner Little League (CWLL) will have tryout/evaluations as described below. These sessions will give managers an opportunity to evaluate players and place them in the appropriate league. Also, the evaluations will give the managers an opportunity to draft teams which are intended to be equal in talent and give every team a good chance to win games. Equal competition will make the league fun for all the players, coaches and spectators.

All baseball players league age 9-12 who are NOT currently on a Major League roster and who desire to be considered in the Major League draft are REQUIRED to attend tryouts/evaluations on March 24, 2012 (rain date scheduled on Sunday, March 25, 2012).

- Minor League Baseball Evaluations, 8/9 Year Olds, held on 3/24/12 at 3:00 p.m. on the Minors Baseball Field.
- Major League Baseball Tryouts, 9/10 year Olds wanting to be considered for the Major league draft, held on 3/24/12 at 1:00p.m. on the Majors Baseball Field.
- Major League Baseball Tryouts 11/12 Year Olds (12 year olds must play in the Majors and must attend this tryout) held on 3/24/12 at 3:00 p.m. on the Majors Baseball Field.

Team Formations/Player Placement: Teams will be formed by utilizing a draft process. Managers of teams in the Minor and Major Leagues will draft players. The teams at these levels are not formed based on player or coach requests as is done in the T-Ball League.

- All players league age 12 will play in the Major League and will be drafted by a Major League Manager.
- All players league age 9, 10 and 11 that tryout for the Majors will play in the Major League if drafted. There is no guarantee of placement on a Major League team.
- Any player league age 9, 10 and 11 not drafted on a Major League team will be drafted by a Minor League Team.
- Players league age 8 that attended the Minor League evaluation will be allowed to play in the Minors **if drafted** by a Minor League manager. If said player is not drafted, then he/she will play in the Farm League National Division.

Please Note:

If a player does not attend tryouts then he/she will not be allowed to play All Stars for the 2012 season.

Thank you in advance for your cooperation, we look forward to a good season.

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