**In House Parents Guidelines and Information 2023**

**Important Dates**

T-Ball Opening Day - Saturday, April 29

Minor Hardball & Major Hardball - Week of May 3

Coaches Pitch - season starts week of May 10

Picture Day – TBD

Playoffs begin the week of July 10

**Game Days for Each Division**

**T-Ball** plays every Saturday.  Games are 9:30-11:00.

**Coaches Pitch** usually plays Mondays and/or Wednesdays.

**Minor Hardball** usually plays Mondays and/or Wednesdays

**Major Hardball** usually plays Tuesdays and/or Thursdays

**Holidays –** No games Memorial Day weekend – (May26-29) No games 4th of July weekend – (July 1-4)

**Below is a list of rules and guidelines and important dates to assist parents and coaches on any questions they may have in preparation for the 2020 season.**

**Uniforms:**  In **T-Ball,** the league supplies a cap and shirt for all players.  These are all that is required for players for games. Batting helmets are also supplied by the league. There are no pant or sock requirements for T-Ball.

In Boys Coaches Pitch, Minor Hardball & Major Hardball the league supplies shirts and caps and baseball socks.  In these three divisions, players will be required to wear SOLID gray baseball pants. The league does not supply pants. No sweat pants or any other type of pants are permitted.  They must be baseball pants.  Also, stripes of any kind, single stripe or pinstripes, and colored pockets are NOT permitted.  Solid grey only.***Please note:  Any player not in accordance with these guidelines will not be permitted to play in the game.*** If a player loses or misplaces any part of his uniform, including the cap, it is the parent's responsibility to replace it.  If you need to replace any part of a uniform see a league official at the Maplewood office and they can get it ordered.  League officials are at all games and the uniform policy will be enforced.  We highly recommend parents put their child's name or uniform number inside the bill of the cap.

**Socks:** The majority of players now wear their pants to below, or, at the top of the shoe. Parents will have the option of buying them through the league when they register at a cost of $5.

***If your child wears socks to the shoe, you will not have to purchase socks. But, if they prefer some of the sock to show, parents will be required to order the socks when they register and the league will purchase the socks in the official color of each individual team.***

If socks are not ordered, players who wear a sock of a different color than their team’s ***official color*** will not be permitted to play unless they wear their pants all the way down to where the socks do not show.

This rule does not apply to T-Ball players.

**Equipment:**  The league supplies equipment to all teams.  This equipment includes catcher’s equipment (except in T-Ball) and practice balls.

 Parents also will be responsible for purchasing a bat for their child. ***New league rules regarding bats is as follows:***

**For Boys Coaches Pitch, Minor Hardball and Major Hardball:** Barrel width limit is **2 3/4” max.**  **Bats must carry the “USSSA Baseball 1.15 BPF” logo, or the “USA Baseball” logo**. Bats approved by USA Baseball will not have the 1.15 BPF logo since they are already manufactured as a reduced injury bat. There is no limit on the length/weight ratio.

**For T-Ball**: The bat must state "T-ball" or "For T Ball Use" or something along those lines.

Due to health and safety concerns, players in Coaches Pitch and Minor and Major Hardball will need to supply their own helmets. There are no rules regarding color and face bars are not required but are permitted. Helmets must be stamped with the **NOCSAE® label.** Players will not be permitted to use helmets of other players.