



2022 Coaches Meeting

Agenda

- Coaches Manual Review
- Season Logistics
- Special Rules



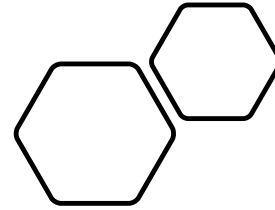
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- Reference to coaches' manual



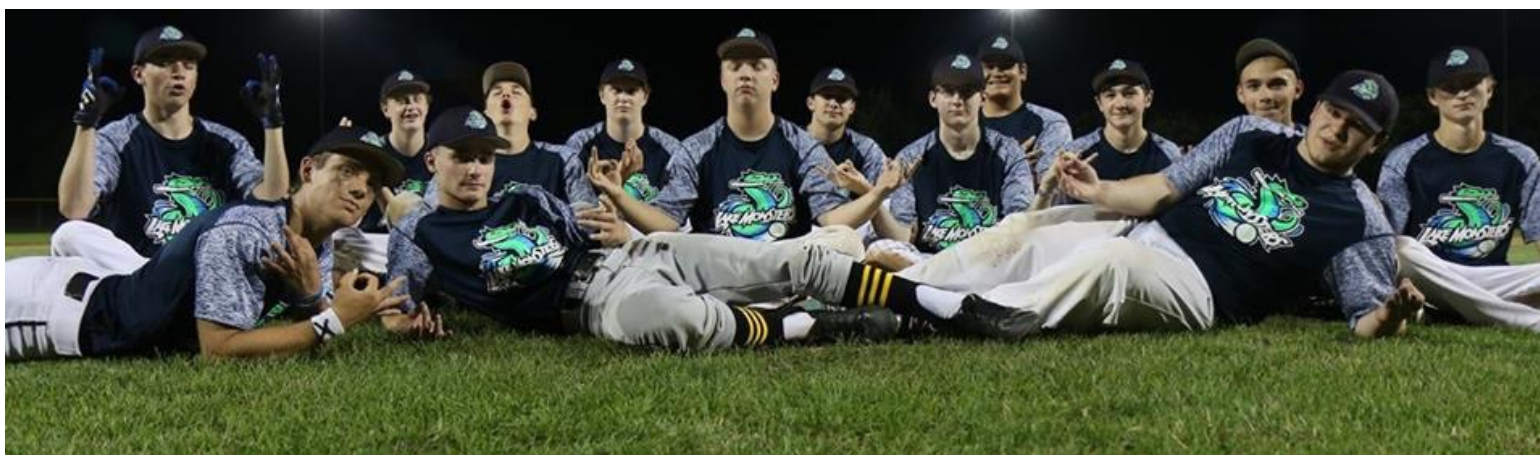
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Coaches Manual





Spirit of the Game



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BAC In-House Baseball should be **an enjoyable and learning experience** at all levels. Every effort should be made to play all games when players from both teams are present. Should circumstances prevail that dictate a forfeiture (i.e., not enough players from one of both teams), an effort should be made to play, call it a scrimmage if you like.

Treat other participants with respect, cooperate with officials, coaches and fellow participants. Support all players, fans and coaches who teach and display good sportsmanship.

Sportsmanship is contagious! If coaches and parents exhibit good sportsmanship, players will do the same.

This is all in the *“Spirit of the Game”*.

Introductions

- Commissioner: Patrick Trussell
- BAC Admin: Carrie Westrum
- Communications: Jeannie Trussell
- Chief Umpire Coordinator: Patrick Trussell, Gene Dotas
- Umpire Coordinators: Cathy Vieman – Squirt
Jeannie Trussell – Minors, Majors, Ponies, Seniors
- League Directors: T-Ball – Max Alschlager
Squirts – TBD
Minors – Larry Lillie
Majors – Jake Bazella
Ponies/Seniors – Bob Niederleucke
- Equipment: Randy Reed
- Other Committee Members: Tony Oye
Mary Oye
Kim Lillie
Brody Bien

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Field Care

- Tentative Field Opening: April 15
- Do not use premium fields for practices
- Take care of our fields!
 - Cover mounds
 - Keep tarps off grass
- Field Boxes: 2-3-5-6
- Sue Fischer
 - Gates & Shed: 1-2-3-9
 - Chalk and field-dry are available
 - Sue Fisher 5 Lights
 - Batting Cages
- Report any issues to the league



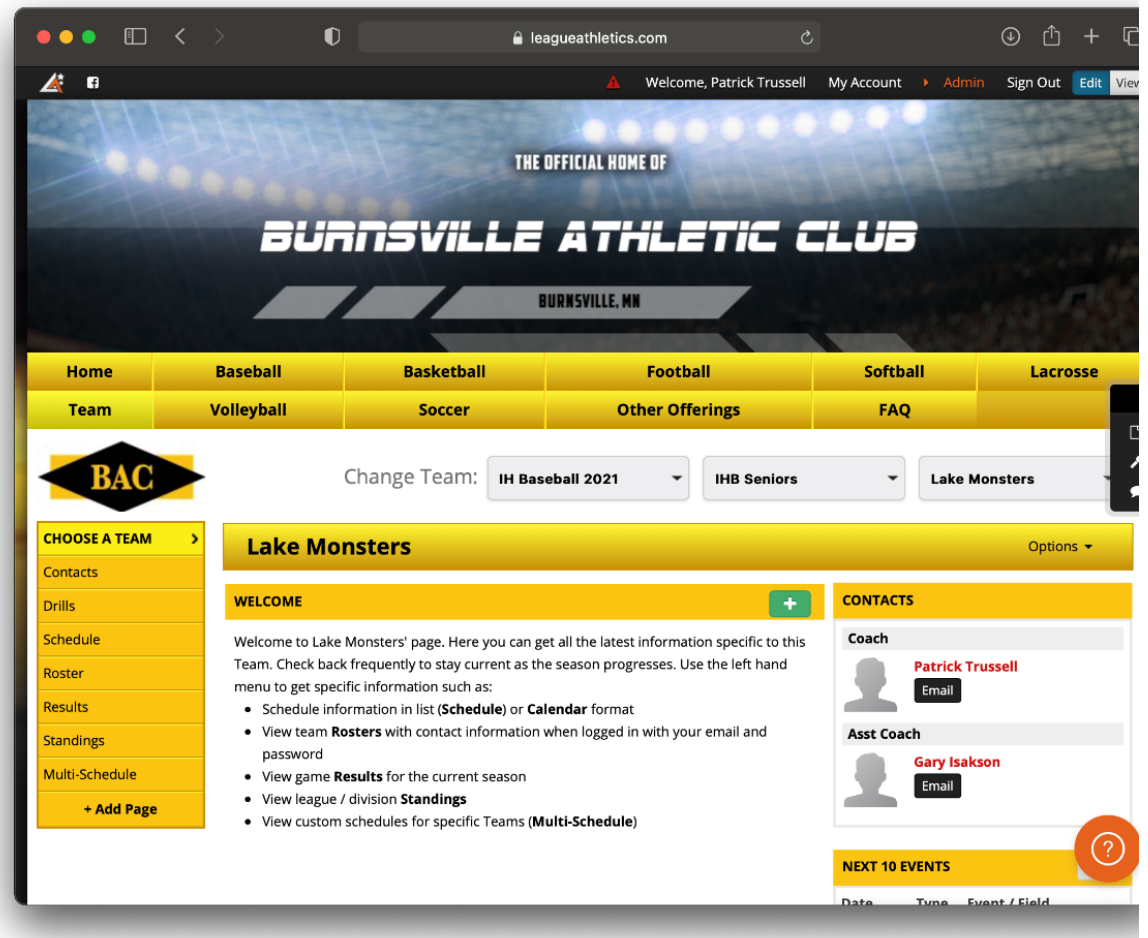
Championship Weekend



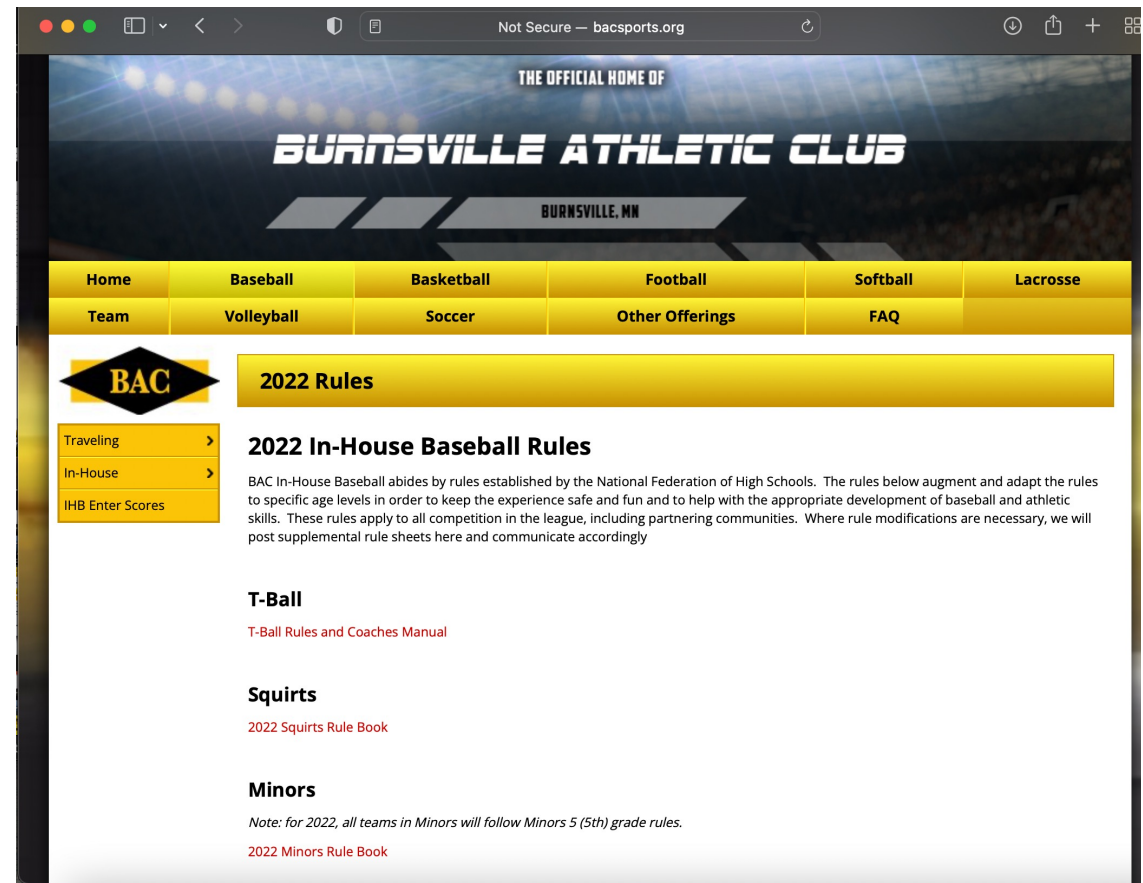
- July 8th through the 10th
- Alimagnet Park
- Likely to have playoff games the week before
 - Minors & Majors
- Not every team may make it to the weekend
- Equipment Return

Using the Website

- Find Rules and Handbook
- Report scores
- Schedule a practice
- Schedule download



Rules & Handbook

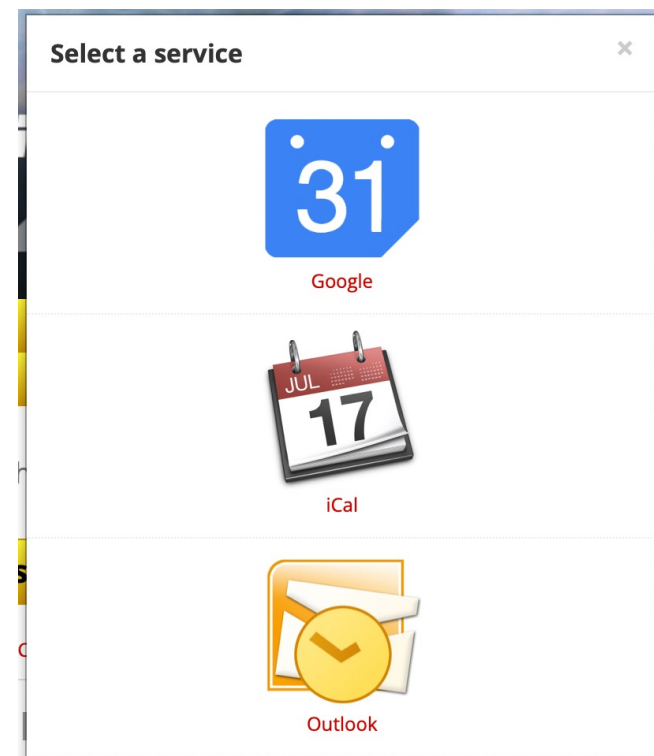
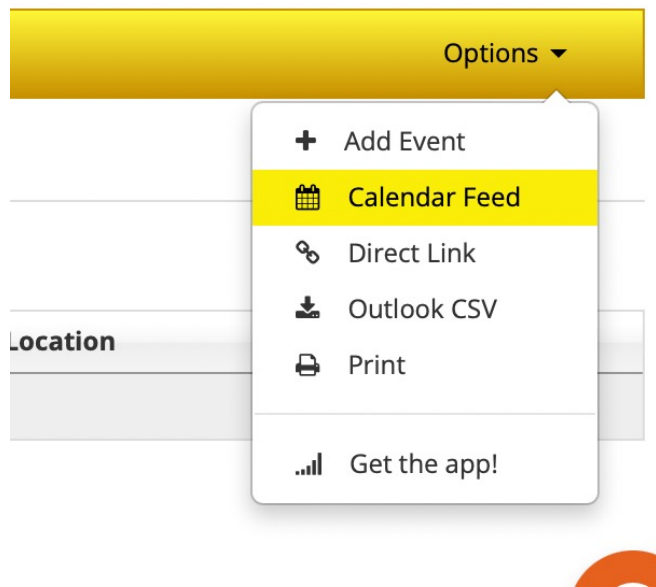


Reporting Scores

- DO NOT ENTER SCORES DIRECTLY IN YOUR TEAM PAGE!!!
- Coaches should agree on the final score at the end of the game.
- BOTH TEAMS should enter a score.
- Includes fields to rate comment on the umpires.
 - Constructive comments only, please



Downloading your Schedule



Umpires



- Begin at Squirts 2
 - Instructional levels for Umpires
 - Help them with positioning and rules, NOT JUDGEMENT CALLS
- Expectation of coaches:
 - Work with the umpires
 - Let them do their jobs
 - Treat them with dignity and respect
 - Keep your cool, no matter what
 - Provide *CONSTRUCTIVE* feedback when reporting scores
- You are responsible for fans, players, assistant coaches

Umpires – Part 2

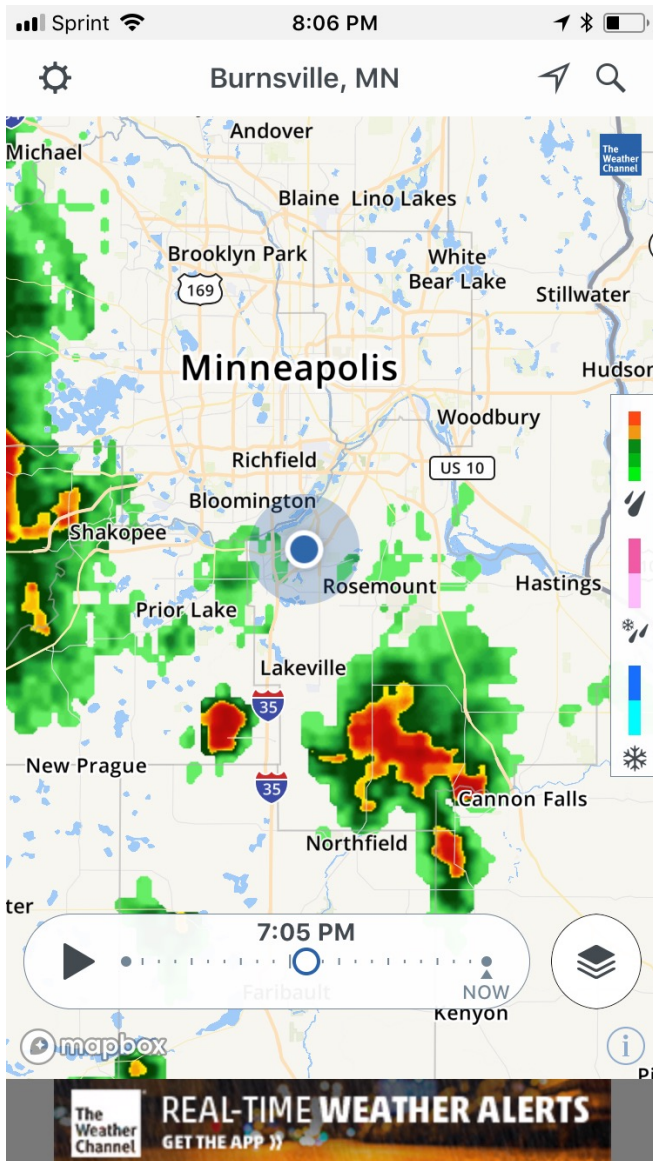
- We teach professionalism
- We don't teach them to eject people, BUT . . .
- Profanity, constant questioning, referring to on-line rule books, trying to take over games will cause issues
- Do NOT expect perfection
 - No umpire is perfect
 - Your rule knowledge is likely not perfect
- Remember that they are kids
- We have THEIR back



Rainout Procedure

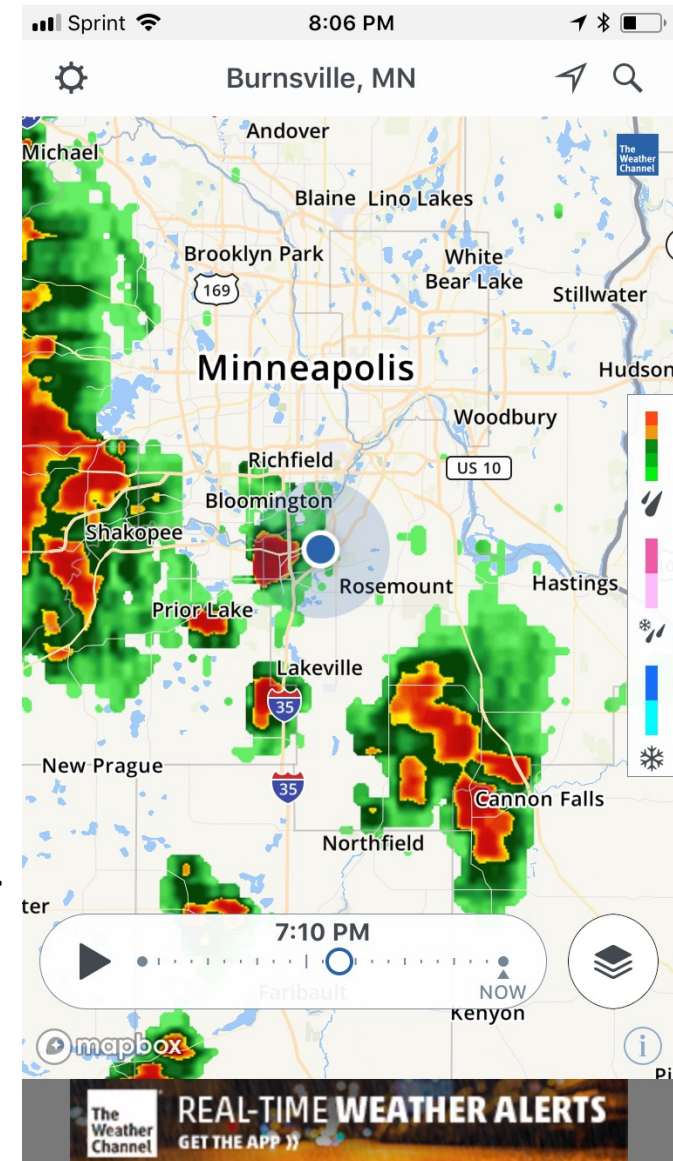


- League Cancellations
 - Notification from the website
 - Emails/text messages
- Rain Out Procedure
 - Head coach responsible for checking field
 - Contact visiting coach to discuss field conditions
 - Voicemail/e-mail is not considered good contact for postponement of games
 - Contact age-level umpire coordinator ASAP to cancel the umpires
 - Reschedule game as soon as possible, this is the responsibility of the home team. Contact the league director if you are the visiting coach and are having trouble getting a game rescheduled

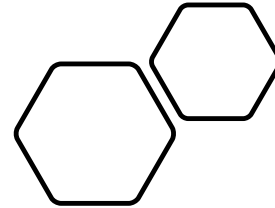


Lightning

- If you can see it, it's too close
- Suspend play
- Cover fields
- Get kids to cars/shelter
- 30-minute game delay
- Game clock does NOT stop!
- If not a legal game, continuations allowed after 2 innings



Season Logistics



A person's hand is holding a black smartphone. Above the phone, four white outline icons of envelopes are floating in a diagonal line from the bottom left towards the top right. The background is a blurred city at night with warm, out-of-focus lights. A laptop is partially visible on the left side of the frame.

READ YOUR EMAILS!!!

What if I won't have enough players

- 8 players by game time and/or be able to finish the game with 8 players.
- “Make the call to the minors.”
 - 1 level below your current level in current in-house program
 - Try for the higher age of a combined level, if possible
- Rules for Substitutes
 - Must wear their team uniform
 - May not pitch
 - All other participation rules apply
 - Do not start a substitute over a rostered player

What if I still can't field a team?

- Must be MORE THAN 72 HOURS before the game
- Contact the other coach and gain agreement for the reschedule
- If possible, determine a make-up date
- Contact the umpire coordinator to reschedule the game, fields and umpires

Game Logistics

- Coaching Staff – ***know the rules***
- Base Coaches – Know the rules for advancing runners
- Bench Coach – Keep batting order, ensure players are ready to hit (on deck), keep order on the bench
- Pitching Coach – Make sure they can throw strikes
- Head Coach – Keep the game moving by having players (defense, catcher) ready. Keep your cool, set an example.

Global Rules – All Age Levels

- NFHS Rule Book
- Runner Interference
- Obstruction
- No appeals
- No head-first sliding (Ponies and below)
- Only the starting pitcher can re-enter the game as pitcher, and only one time.
- 3 charged defensive conferences per game

Pitch Counts

- Maximum number of pitches per-game and per-week
- In addition to inning maximums
- BOTH coaches are responsible for tracking pitch counts for BOTH teams
 - Verify pitch counts after each inning
 - Home team counts are official
- If a pitcher reaches the limit during an at-bat, he can finish that at-bat.
- Continuation games
 - Pitch counts continue from when the game was stopped.
 - Weekly pitch counts apply for the week in which the game is resumed.



Minors

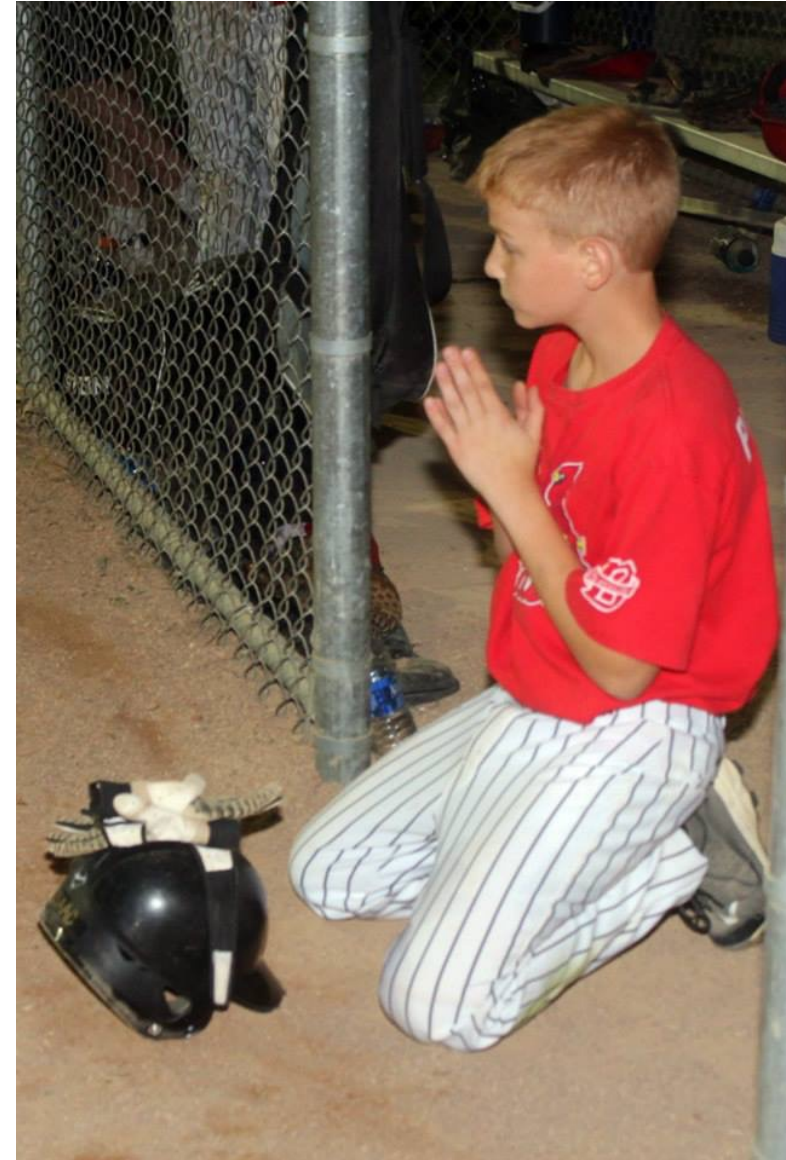
- Continued Changes
 - 4th and 5th grade combined
 - Partnering with Eastview
 - Play by Minors 5 rules
- Stealing
 - Lead-off after the ball crosses home plate
 - Player must return to the base when the pitcher has the ball on the rubber.
 - Stealing allowed after the ball crosses the plate
- Pitching
 - Distance: 46 feet
 - No breaking balls
 - 3 innings max per game, 6 innings per week
 - Pitch count: 75 per game, 105 per week
- 6-run limit per inning, unlimited in the 6th inning.
- 2-hour time limit
- Bat Restrictions:



Minors coaches, have
a great season!

Majors

- Player agreement
- Full lead-offs and stealing – It's a live ball!
- Infield fly and drop third strike are introduced
- 7 innings
- Balks!!
 - Teach your pitchers
 - Umpires will be watching
- Pitching
 - Distance: 52 feet
 - 4 innings max per game, 8 per week
 - Pitch count: 85 per game, 115 per week
- Sliding is not required, but runners must avoid contact
- 6-run limit per inning, unlimited in the 7th inning.
- 2 hour time limit
- Bat Restrictions:
 - 2-1/4": Unlimited drop
 - Big Barrel: -10



Play Ball!

“...Let us go forth awhile, and get better air
in our lungs. Let us leave our close
rooms...the game of ball is glorious.”

- Walt Whitman
Brooklyn Daily Eagle
July 23rd, 1846

