

Welcome to the Grand Forks 10u Royals Baseball Team!

We are excited for the upcoming season.

There will be a parent meeting next week, and I hope everyone is able to attend. The parent meeting will take place April 20th after practice (~8:00pm). Many details we need to cover will be done at the parent meeting. However, there are a few items we can address in this message:

Practices: During April we will practice as a team on Tuesdays (April 20th and 27th). The April 20th practice will be at Gambucci 6:30-8:00pm. At some point this weekend we will get a GroupMe set up, and if anything changes we will inform you through this group chat. As a reminder, local league practices will also be on Mondays and Wednesdays. During May, June, and July practices will be determined based on when we have games, and these dates should be set within the next couple weeks.

Games: We are in the process of scheduling a few more games, but most games and tournaments have been set. Please go to the 10u Royals team page on the website to view the schedule.

Tournaments: We have 6 tournaments scheduled this year (which includes the state tournament). There is the possibility for a 7th tournament if we perform well at state and play at regionals (Minot). Again, our team webpage has the dates and locations for these tournaments. None of these tournaments require hotel stays, although that is something we can still do if wanted.

Jerseys: We will be leasing our jerseys from the GFYBA, which should help to cut down costs. These have been ordered and should be available soon.

Pants: Players will need to order their own pants. We will discuss pants at our parent meeting.

Belt/Socks: Each player should also get a blue baseball belt and royal blue baseball socks for games.

Hats: We can use league hats, which is fine. If someone would like to step up and order Royals hats (maybe a different color with 'Royals' written on the back), that would also be acceptable. We can work the cost of these hats into the player fee.

Cost: \$250 – You can either pay by check or venmo (@thomas-grafenauer)

If you have any ideas to reduce the player fee we are willing to listen. Sponsors for travel teams are becoming more acceptable within our association. Any money from sponsorships will go into the team pot and held until the end of the season. If we are fortunate enough to perform well at state and travel to regionals this money can be used then. Otherwise, families will be refunded the difference at the end of the season.

Expectations: We will go over expectations with the boys. Please try to reinforce these expectations:

- Kids will listen and not talk while coaches are talking. Kids will look at coaches while they are talking.
- Kids will hustle on and off the field (no walking in baseball).
- Kids will not complain to or about the umpires.
- Kids will wear a baseball hat to every practice and game. Hats will not be worn backwards.

- Kids should wear baseball pants to all practices. These should not be the game pants, please have them wear practice pants.

Team Manager – If anybody would like to step up and be the team manager that would be appreciated. Some duties would include finding/reserving hotels, putting together the team binder, clothing order if wanted, and various other related items. It would not be hard but would help a lot.

Here is our roster:

Jake	Bakken
Caden	Benke
Logan	Benson
Jake	Fulton
Bentley	Hart
Isaac	Hart
Bennett	Hoffner
Grayson	Kiss
Alex	Lommen
Camden	Lucke
Colt	Quamme
Ben	Stattelman
Jayce	Grafenauer

Thanks,

Tommy Grafenauer
Mike Kiss
Josh Quamme
Willis Stattelman