



**2021**

**SPRING BASEBALL**

**INFORMATION**

## Mudsock Youth Baseball Board 2020-2021

### EXECUTIVE BOARD

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President	John Hoffman
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Travel Director	Rob Sevening

### COMMISSIONERS

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High School Baseball	Josh Woody
Jr. High School Baseball	Josh Woody
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5th-6th Grade National White	John Barker
3rd-4th Grade National Blue	Mike Blackburn
3rd-4th Grade National White	Mike Blackburn
3rd-4th Grade American	Mike Blackburn
1st-2nd Grade National Blue	David Spaulding
1st-2nd Grade National White	David Spaulding
1st-2nd Grade American	Jarek Morgan
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9U Express Travel	Clayton Davis
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Tournaments	Josh Thomas
Equipment	Brendan Tebben
Fields	Tim Baldwin
Uniforms	Jamison Vance
Umpires	Jeremy Medina
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Scheduling	Lesley Stout
Development BB	Open
Concessions	Open
Auxiliary	Open
Webmaster & Social Media	Jason Acquisto

To contact a member of the board and for updates throughout the season, please visit the baseball website at <https://www.baseball.myathletics.com>. The baseball board meets the first Thursday of each month at the Billericay Park Building at 8:00 PM in the summer and 7:00 PM in the winter. All interested parties are invited to attend.

## **WEBSITE**

We have always provided an information packet for our members with information for the upcoming year. We are again providing this information in a static document. However, information in this document is subject to change and any updates to the included information will be provided on our league website at [www.baseball.myathletics.com](http://www.baseball.myathletics.com).

## **PARKING**

Parking violations will be enforced by the City of Fishers by issuing tickets and towing vehicles. Therefore, we ask that you please park only in designated areas. Please check our website for further information on this matter.

## **MUDSOCK YOUTH BASEBALL ORGANIZATION**

Our recreation league has adopted the rule that we will separate our kids by grade. Players will play in their grade not their age. There are very few exceptions to this rule. Please consult the player agent, Todd Fandrei, for additional information.

### **Recreational leagues will determine division by grade as follows:**

Pre-K (5 years old by 8/1/2021)

Kindergarten

1<sup>st</sup>/2<sup>nd</sup> Grade

3<sup>rd</sup>/4<sup>th</sup> Grade

5<sup>th</sup>/6<sup>th</sup> Grade

7<sup>th</sup>/8<sup>th</sup> Grade

High School

### **Travel leagues will also adopt the same rules and will split by the below age-determining date:**

<u>Age Division</u>	<u>Born on or after...</u>
14U	May 1, 2006
13U	May 1, 2007
12U	May 1, 2008
11U	May 1, 2009
10U	May 1, 2010
9U	May 1, 2011
8U	May 1, 2012
7U	May 1, 2013

# 2021 MUDSOCK YOUTH BASEBALL PROGRAM

## Overview of Offerings by League

*\*Players will be assigned to a league based upon the child's grade for the 2021 season.*

### PRE-K LEAGUE & KINDERGARTEN LEAGUE

#### Commissioner

Joe Frolo, [jacaf19@yahoo.com](mailto:jacaf19@yahoo.com)

These are non-competitive, coach-pitch leagues that will use a tee when needed. This league emphasizes teaching the fundamentals of the game of baseball in a fun and enjoyable atmosphere. EVERY participant of this division will receive a season-end award.

### 1<sup>st</sup>/2<sup>nd</sup> GRADE

#### Commissioners:

National League Blue (NLB): David Spaulding [Davidspaulding414@gmail.com](mailto:Davidspaulding414@gmail.com)

National League White (NLW): David Spaulding [Davidspaulding414@gmail.com](mailto:Davidspaulding414@gmail.com)

American League (AL): Jarek Morgan [morgan.jarek@yahoo.com](mailto:morgan.jarek@yahoo.com)

**National League Blue (NLB):** This is the top competitive coach/pitch division with scores/standings being recorded. Each player will be assigned a team by a coach draft. To be considered to play in this league, EVERY player will be required to attend the designated evaluation session for 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> graders. It is VERY IMPORTANT that every player attend the designated evaluation session to help in the draft process. Evaluation scores will help to ensure a better playing experience for ALL, as the teams will be divided as fairly as possible based on evaluation scores. (See **Recreational Baseball Evaluations section on following pages for more detailed information**). Individual awards for each division of this league will be given ONLY to the first and second place teams in the end-of-season tournament. There will be an All-Star game after the recreational season ends. Only NON-travel players are eligible and players will be nominated to participate in this game by the coaches of the league.

**National League White (NLW):** This is a competitive coach/pitch division with scores/standings being recorded. Each player will be assigned a team by a coach draft. To be considered to play in this league, EVERY player will be required to attend the designated evaluation session for 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> graders. It is VERY IMPORTANT that every player attend the designated evaluation session to help in the draft process. Evaluation scores will help to ensure a better playing experience for ALL, as the teams will be divided as fairly as possible based on evaluation scores. (See **Recreational Baseball Evaluations section on following pages for more detailed information**). Individual awards for each division of this league will be given ONLY to the first and second place teams in the end-of-season tournament. There will be an All-Star game after the recreational season ends. Only NON-travel players are eligible and players will be nominated to participate in this game by the coaches of the league.

**American League (AL):** This is a developmental, coach/pitch league. Each player will be assigned a team by a combination of coach draft and league commissioner. It is VERY IMPORTANT that every player attend the designated evaluation session. Evaluation scores will help to ensure a better playing experience for ALL, as the teams will be divided as fairly as possible based on evaluation scores. **See Recreational Baseball Evaluations section on following pages for more detailed information.** Basic fundamentals of the game will be the emphasis, as this age group prepares for the competitive experience. **We always need coaches at this level.** Every year we have to recruit coaches to fill out the demand for teams. If you have any baseball experience or just have an interest in growing as a coach with your son in years to come, **PLEASE VOLUNTEER.** There will be an All-Star game after the recreational season ends. Only Non-travel players are eligible and players will be nominated to participate in this game by the coaches of the league.

### **3<sup>rd</sup>/4<sup>th</sup> GRADE**

#### **Commissioners:**

National League Blue (NLB): Mike Blackburn [mkrkb@yahoo.com](mailto:mkrkb@yahoo.com)

National League White (NLW): Mike Blackburn [mkrkb@yahoo.com](mailto:mkrkb@yahoo.com)

American League (AL): Mike Blackburn [mkrkb@yahoo.com](mailto:mkrkb@yahoo.com)

This is a competitive, player pitch league with emphasis on continuing the basic fundamentals of the game with additional baseball instruction. **See Recreational Baseball Evaluations section on following pages for more detailed information.** Players are drafted into three leagues:

**National League Blue (NLB):** This is the most competitive league involving the higher skilled players. Players in this league will be determined by a draft of coaches in this league. The BLUE division WILL include the 3<sup>rd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> grade TRAVEL players. To be considered to play in this league, EVERY player will be required to attend the designated evaluation session for 3<sup>rd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> graders.

**National League White (NLW):** A highly competitive league with players determined by a draft of coaches in this league. To be considered to play in this league, EVERY player will be required to attend the designated evaluation session for 3<sup>rd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> graders.

**American League (AL):** A competitive league for players not drafted into the National League. It is VERY IMPORTANT that every player attend the designated evaluation session to help in the draft process. Evaluation scores will help to ensure a better playing experience for ALL, as the teams will be divided as fairly as possible based on evaluation scores.

Individual awards will ONLY be given to the first and second place finishers in the end-of-season tournament for each of the three leagues within this age group. All three leagues will have a post season (All Star) game after the recreational season ends. Only NON-travel players are eligible to participate. Players will be nominated to participate by the coaches in their league.

## **5<sup>th</sup>/6<sup>th</sup> GRADE**

### Commissioners:

National League Blue (NLB): John Barker [hollybarker23@yahoo.com](mailto:hollybarker23@yahoo.com)

National League White (NLW): John Barker [hollybarker23@yahoo.com](mailto:hollybarker23@yahoo.com)

**National League Blue (NLB):** The most competitive league involving the higher skilled players. Players in this league will be determined by a draft of coaches in this league. **See Recreational Baseball Evaluations section on following pages for more detailed information.** To be considered to play in this league, EVERY player will be required to attend the designated evaluation session for 5<sup>th</sup> and 6th graders.

**National League White (NLW):** A highly competitive league with players determined by a draft of coaches in this league. **See Recreational Baseball Evaluations section on following pages for more detailed information.** To be considered to play in this league, EVERY player will be required to attend the designated evaluation session for 5<sup>th</sup> and 6th graders.

Individual awards will ONLY be given to the first and second place finishers in the end-of-season tournament for each of the three leagues within this age group. Both leagues will have a post season (All Star) game after the recreational season ends. Only NON-travel players are eligible. Players will be nominated to participate in this game by the coaches in their league.

## **7<sup>th</sup>/8<sup>th</sup> GRADE**

### Commissioner:

Josh Woody [jwoody11@comcast.net](mailto:jwoody11@comcast.net)

This is a competitive, instructional league geared toward the older age groups. Players in this league will be determined by a draft of coaches in this league. **See Recreational Baseball Evaluations section on following pages for more detailed information.** Awards will be given to the first and second place finishers in the end-of-the-season tournament for each division. An All-Star team will be selected within each division, as the interest exists.

## **HIGH SCHOOL**

### Commissioner:

Josh Woody [jwoody11@comcast.net](mailto:jwoody11@comcast.net)

This is a competitive, instructional league geared toward the high school players.

# RECREATIONAL BASEBALL EVALUATIONS

Player Agent:

Todd Fandrei [toddfandrei@yahoo.com](mailto:toddfandrei@yahoo.com)

*\*For the safety of our players, there will be a new format for recreational evaluations for the 2021 season. Please refer to our website by January 1<sup>st</sup>, 2021, to see the latest information along with who is encouraged to attend. Thank you!*

**7U Fishers Express**  
**Sunday, January 10, 2021**  
**TBD, please check our website on**  
**January 1<sup>st</sup>, 2021 for additional**  
**information.**

Registration is currently open at [myathletics.com](http://myathletics.com).

\*contact 7U Travel Commissioner Matt Baldini with any questions ([Mtbaldini@gmail.com](mailto:Mtbaldini@gmail.com))

## **MANDATORY TEAM PARENT MEETING:**

There will be a mandatory team parent meeting. Details will be posted after March 1<sup>st</sup> on the website and communicated to team coaches. Each team must send a team parent or team representative to the meeting. It is the responsibility of the team head coach to make sure that they have a team member in attendance at this meeting as important information about the season and team pictures will be distributed.

## **WEATHER/FIELD STATUS**

You can follow along on field and weather per the following Twitter accounts:

[@FHSEYBB](https://twitter.com/FHSEYBB) (Fishers-HSE Youth Baseball League)

[@Fishersfields](https://twitter.com/Fishersfields) (Fishers Park Maint.)



**2021**

**FISHERS EXPRESS  
TRAVEL BASEBALL  
INFORMATION**



## **YOUTH BASEBALL TRAVEL PROGRAM (FISHERS EXPRESS)**

The travel baseball program is designed to provide a higher level of training and competition to those players that have a desire to develop their skills beyond what the recreational level allows. This program is an integral part of the Mudsock Youth Baseball league, but it requires a more significant parental and player commitment.

### **VISION**

To provide the most effective community-based travel baseball program for the City of Fishers and the students in the Hamilton Southeastern school district. To help all players develop the fundamental skills and aptitude to play competitive baseball at the high school level and beyond.

### **MISSION**

To offer a more instructive and competitive baseball atmosphere than the recreational league allows for all baseball players (1st – 8th grades) in the Fishers/HSE school districts. Teach basic baseball fundamentals along with reinforcing life skills and values such as honesty, work ethic, leadership, teamwork & good sportsmanship. Provide a fun and rewarding experience to help inspire and develop a player's passion for the game. Help prepare all players to be physically, mentally and competitively ready to play for their respective high school's varsity baseball program. To continue to improve our program we have added a Travel Board that will consist of a commissioner for each age division.

### **TRAVEL PROGRAM TEAMS**

The travel program will be comprised of Fishers Express 8U– 14U teams as well as Fishers Express 7U teams, which combine both recreational play and travel.

#### **FISHERS EXPRESS 8U-14U**

Starting at 8U we will have a full time Fishers Express team with the possibility of having additional Express teams based on participation level. There is no split of teams based on the high school they attend, as all teams will be “combined”. All of these travel teams will compete against the most competitive teams in the local and regional area. It is also very possible that these teams may choose to compete at a national level. These teams start early in the year (Jan/Feb) and practice times could be 3-5 days per week. These teams typically play in 6-8 tournaments per season, which ends late July. Each team will be responsible for hosting and coordinating a home travel tournament.

#### **FISHERS EXPRESS 7U**

We will have a Fishers Express team with the possibility of having additional Express teams based on participation level. There is no split of teams based on the high school they attend, as all teams will be “combined”. All players will play in the REC league. Each team will be

responsible for hosting and coordinating a home travel tournament. These teams typically play in 3-4 tournaments per season and multiple doubleheaders, which ends early July. The REC League will take precedent over the organized travel component of these teams.

### **TEAM SELECTION**

Evaluations will be set up by the travel commissioners for each particular age group. The evaluators will have an appropriate level of baseball knowledge and experience. They will follow the same consistent approach as outlined by the travel program for evaluating each grade level. All players will be assessed on basic baseball skills: fielding, throwing, hitting, and running. Players will also be evaluated on their aptitude for the various skilled positions such as outfield, infield, pitching and catching. Teams will be selected based upon the results of this evaluation process along with how the talents of each player best contribute to the overall chemistry of the team. Coach evaluations of players from the previous season will also be considered as a part of the selection process. Team selections will be posted on our League website [www.baseball.myathletics.com](http://www.baseball.myathletics.com). The number of teams in the travel program will be determined per the league's discretion based upon the overall interest and player skill at each grade level.

### **COACH SELECTION**

Head coaching candidates for the full-time and travel teams need to submit an application to the travel commissioner by the designated due date and prior to the player evaluation and team selection process. Members of the executive baseball board along with the travel commissioner will interview and select all head coaches. Candidates with the best combination of coaching and/or playing experience, good judgment and commitment to the travel program along with strong organization, motivation and communication skills will be given highest consideration. The head coach is responsible for selecting (1 to 2) assistant coaches to help with the team. All coaches must submit a background check form.

Coaches for the 1<sup>st</sup> team at each age group will be named/announced prior to the evaluation date. All other coaches will be named after the completion of tryouts. Parents will fill out an evaluation form on the coaches at the end of the season. These ratings/comments will be used to help decide whether a coach will be given the opportunity to coach the following season.

### **CODES OF CONDUCT**

For any game or practice during the travel baseball season, it is up to the adults to be positive role models for all of our children. All of us need to be good ambassadors for our community when traveling or hosting games. Inappropriate behavior not only has a detrimental effect on our children, but it also brings disgrace to our community and our travel baseball program.

### **PARENT EXPECTATIONS**

Parents can talk to coaches about their own child's situation at any time with regards to what they can improve on, how they are doing and what they can do to get better. Coaches will not discuss individual playing time or situations about another player on the team. Allow the coaches to

“coach”. Cheer and encourage all players on the team to do their best at practices and games. Coaches, players, and parents will all be upset from time to time, especially after a tough loss. Do not address the situation for at least 24 hours as that will allow everyone time to evaluate what occurred.

### **PLAYER EXPECTATIONS**

Always give your best effort. Ability, attitude and attendance help determine playing time. Hustle. Never argue with an umpire’s decision. Listen to your coaches. Be respectful to your teammates. Be a team player. Be prepared (both mentally and with equipment) for all practices and games. Look and act like a baseball player with shirt tucked-in, hat on properly, etc. for all practices/games. Learn as much as you can and have fun.

### **TRAVEL RULES**

The travel teams are part of the overall Mudsock Youth Athletics program and must adhere to all policies set forth by Mudsock, Youth Athletics and the Fishers HSE Youth Baseball Board. Violations will be handled by the Baseball Player Agent, Travel Commissioner and League President. Also, each coach, assistant coach and any individual helping with the players on a team, must have completed a background check form.

For more information about the Fishers HSE Travel Program, go to [www.baseball.myathletics.com](http://www.baseball.myathletics.com) and click on Baseball Menu and select Travel Baseball. Please contact the Travel Director Rob Sevening at [Rob.Sevening@RNDC-USA.COM](mailto:Rob.Sevening@RNDC-USA.COM) if you have any additional questions about this program.

**Hamilton Southeastern - Fishers Travel Baseball Program**

**COACHING APPLICATION**

Parent coaches and independent coaches will be utilized. The baseball board will select coaches based on experience and recommendations. Parent coaches will be selected after the teams have been determined. The board will interview and select all coaches based on prior experience and feedback. All candidates must submit an application and background check form (attach to application) to the travel league commissioner, **Rob Sevening** at [Rob.Sevening@RNDC-USA.COM](mailto:Rob.Sevening@RNDC-USA.COM)

**Name** \_\_\_\_\_ **Phone No.** \_\_\_\_\_

**Address** \_\_\_\_\_

**Player** \_\_\_\_\_ **Age Group** \_\_\_\_\_

**E-mail Address** \_\_\_\_\_

**Are you interested in Head Coach or Asst. Coach?** \_\_\_\_\_

**List some of your previous experiences working with or coaching school age children:**

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**At what level have you played baseball and where?**

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**List any other involvement you have had in the Mudsock Youth Baseball program or other Mudsock Youth Athletics programs:**

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## **HOW YOUR SUPPORT HELPS BY BEING A SPONSOR:**

Sponsorship money helps pay for much needed capital improvements, field maintenance, umpire fees, uniforms, equipment, trophies, and awards. We have excellent opportunities for your contribution to be recognized throughout the community. Sponsorship opportunities include Team Sponsor, League Sponsor, Trophy Sponsor, Web-site Sponsor and/or Field Sponsor. Sponsorship fees are tax deductible as a promotional expense or as a charitable contribution (we are a 501(c)3 organization). More importantly, your sponsorship is helping the youth of our community. Sponsorship information must be confirmed by **March 1, 2021**. Contact John Hoffman at 317-502-4874 or [hoffman3059@gmail.com](mailto:hoffman3059@gmail.com) for more details on the outstanding sponsorship opportunities. A SPONSORSHIP FORM IS INCLUDED IN THIS PACKET FOR YOUR CONVENIENCE

### **POTENTIAL SPONSOR**

The Mudsock Youth Baseball League is pleased to report that the future of our sport in the Fishers community is alive and well with strong participation in the program!

2021 is our 20<sup>th</sup> year at Billerica Park. We continue to make improvements annually to our diamonds, which we feel are the best in the State. These improvements would not be possible without the generous support of our sponsors, both on a local and national level.

The league is excited to present the opportunities for corporate sponsorship for the upcoming 2021 baseball season. The dollars raised through sponsorship help fund not only our teams with equipment and uniforms, but also provide scholarships for those in need of financial assistance, making sure that everyone has the opportunity to share the enjoyment of playing the game.

Our sponsorship and marketing programs provide different levels of contribution opportunities, allowing each corporate partner to choose the level that works best for him or her. We are pleased to announce that the sponsorship levels remain the same this year and include:



## Mudsock Youth Baseball League

Tax ID: 35-1517749

### **2021 Team Sponsorship Levels**

#### **Platinum Level – \$2,500.00**

- Sponsorship of Fifteen (15) Teams
- Logo or Name on all jerseys
- Sponsor Recognition Plaque at the end of the season
- Listing on our website, [www.fishershseyouthbaseball.com](http://www.fishershseyouthbaseball.com).

#### **Gold Level – \$1,200.00**

- Sponsorship of Five (5) teams
- Logo or Name on all jerseys
- Sponsor Recognition Plaque at the end of the season
- Listing on our website, [www.fishershseyouthbaseball.com](http://www.fishershseyouthbaseball.com)

#### **Additional Sponsorship Levels:**

- 1 Team – Bronze Level = \$300
- 2 Teams – Silver Level = \$500
- Both include: Logo or Name on all Jersey's, Sponsor Plaque at the end of the season and a listing on our website.

### **2021 Field Sponsorships:**

#### **Have a field named after your business!**

##### **Billericay Park**

Field Sponsorship: \$2,500.00

Primary Sponsorship of one Field at Billericay Park

1 Field Sponsorship (2 Double sided outfield Banners), (1 Double sided fence Banner)

2 Team Sponsors (Jerseys)

Link on Fishers-HSE Baseball Website

##### **Holland/Riverside Park**

Field Sponsorship: \$1,500.00

Primary Sponsor of one Field at either Holland/Harrison Parks

1 Field Sponsorship (2 Double Sided Outfield Banners), (1 Double Sided Fence Banner)

2 Team Sponsors (Jerseys)

Link on Fishers-HSE Baseball Website

If you are interested in sponsoring anything from a team, to a set of teams or a field, please contact John Hoffman at either [Hoffman3059@gmail.com](mailto:Hoffman3059@gmail.com) or 317-502-4874. We are also happy to discuss any custom packages!

Thank you for your support!

## **SPONSORSHIP REGISTRATION FORM**

Company Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

City: \_\_\_\_\_ State: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ Cell Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Contact Name: \_\_\_\_\_

E-mail Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Website: \_\_\_\_\_

Is there a particular player you wish to sponsor? Yes \_\_\_ No \_\_\_

If yes, player's name: \_\_\_\_\_

Grade in the Spring of 2021 \_\_\_\_\_

Requests will be taken, but cannot be guaranteed.

## **Marketing Opportunities w/ Mudsock Youth Baseball**

### **Custom Corporate Sponsorship**

**We will design custom arranged Marketing Packages for those Corporate Customers Spending \$5K & more!**

**For details, please speak directly with John Hoffman.**