



## ***FALL BASEBALL FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS:***

### **Q. What are the ages for South Cherokee Baseball?**

A. The ages for South Cherokee Baseball are 3 through 17. Fall Ball is like a training season for Spring Baseball, so your child will play in their Spring age group. Do not worry if your currently 6 year old is playing "7/8", it's the same for all the kids.

For 5-17 year olds, the baseball age for Fall season play is determined by your child's age on April 30, 2020. Example: Your child's birthday is 3-9-2010, he/she would play the Fall 2018 baseball season as an 10 year old.

**For 3-4 year old Fall T-Ball, the player must be 3 by December 31, 2019.**

### **Q. What is the difference between Spring Baseball and Fall Baseball? Why is the cost different?**

A. Fall Baseball is a shorter more relaxed season of Baseball. In the Fall, we put a heavy focus on player development and fundamental skills. If you have a player new to Baseball, Fall is a great season to start. The Fall cost is lower as there are fewer games, and players receive a hat and jersey as opposed to a full uniform in Spring Baseball. We also end Fall Ball with a skills day that the players all really enjoy.

### **Q. What are the fees for Fall Baseball?**

- A. T-Ball (3-4 Year Olds\*) \$99.00
- Baseball ( 5-8 Year Olds\*) \$130.00
- Baseball ( 9-17 Year Olds\*) \$150.00

### **Q. What do my registration fees cover?**

A. Registration fees cover expenses such as lights, water, field maintenance, landscaping, concessions, uniforms, umpires, and general park repair.

### **Q. Do I have to pay registration fees all at one time?**

A. If you register early, you can use our payment plan option. The earlier you register; the more time you will have to pay your fees. If you wait and register two days before deadline, you will still have to have the full balance paid by deadline. **All accounts MUST be paid in full before a player can attend evaluations or have a uniform ordered.** Sorry, we are unable to make any exceptions to this policy.

### **Q. When does the Fall Season start and end? How many games are played?**

A. Fall Baseball starts in the middle of August, and is completed by the end of October. Number of games played will vary depending on the total teams in each age group, but expect at least 8-10 games minimum.

**Q. How much time should I expect to be committing to Fall Baseball?**

A. During the Pre-season coaches will have the opportunity to practice 2-3 days a week. During the season, you should expect 1-2 practices per week and 2 games per week. Game days are Saturdays, Tuesdays and possibly Thursdays in the Fall, with the other weekdays used for practices and make up games.

**Q. What does the League provide and what does the parent provide?**

A. For Fall Baseball, the league provides uniform shirts (with names and numbers included) and hats. The player will have to provide pants, socks, belt, baseball glove, shoes, etc.

**Q. Can I request a certain coach or to play on a team with a friend? Can I choose my practice nights?**

A. When completing registration, there is a space for special requests. If you want to be with a specific coach or a friend, or have a conflict on a certain night, enter the information there. This is the only place where requests will be seen and noted. We do try to honor requests as we can, but with over 400 players, **we are unable to guarantee anything**. The best way to guarantee choice practice nights, and a friend on your team is to volunteer to coach a team!

**Q. When will we know which team our player is on?**

A. For Fall Baseball, the Head Coach will contact you the third week in August with general information and a team practice schedule. Practices will start immediately thereafter.

**Q. How are teams formed?**

- 3-4 age: Players are assigned to teams by The Baseball Director/Assistant Baseball Director. Every effort is made place all players with requested coaches or friends. Teams will consist of between 6-8 players depending on the number of teams.
- For ages 5/6 and above: Head coaches have the option of freezing up to three players; their own and two others. All remaining players, who attend evaluations, are put into a pool and selected by the head coaches, using a draft procedure very balanced draft procedure. All players are selected from the draft pool until there are no more remaining. Any players who do not attend evaluations are blindly added to a team in draft order.

**Q. Who maintains the baseball facilities and fields at South Cherokee?**

A. SC Baseball maintains the park and its facilities privately. All park improvements and general maintenance are provided by our outstanding Volunteers and Board of Directors.

**Q. How are coaches selected?**

A. Our Board of Directors selects coaches from the pool of parents who volunteer to coach. They use several factors including: coaching experience, number of years coaching at South Cherokee and prior experience in

the league, etc. All coaches and team moms at South Cherokee are required to pass a yearly background check.

**Q. How can we sign up to volunteer and help the park?**

A. South Cherokee, like all Little Leagues throughout the world, is a volunteer non-profit organization whose purpose is to teach our youth the game of baseball while also teaching them life lessons, sportsmanship, and how to be a good citizen. We need Coaches, Assistant Coaches, Team Moms, General Volunteers, and much more. If you would like to become a Head Coach, please complete the application and contact our Baseball Director. If you would like to help in the other areas, we will send emails at the beginning of the Fall Season to all parents for Volunteer Opportunities. Please step up and tell your Head Coach at the first team meeting, or contact an SC Board Member at any time. We need you!

**Q. What can I do as a parent to support my child?**

A. Parent support during both games and practices is critically important to the success of the League. Be supportive of the team by ensuring your child attends each practice on-time. Be a positive role model during games, whether you are a Coach, Assistant coach, or simply a spectator. Finally, please keep the following in mind:

- Always be positive and enthusiastic.
- Show your child positive reinforcement.
- Observe practices and games to learn proper techniques to practice with your child.
- Encourage your child toward skill improvement and good sportsmanship in every game.
- Teach your child to always play by the rules.
- Teach your child that hard work and an honest effort are often more important than a victory.
- Applaud good plays by your team and by members of the opposing team.
- Let the Coaches do the coaching.
- Let an umpire be the umpire. Recognize that the umpire is the closest to the play and that each umpire will "call them as they see them".

**Q. How do I stay up to date on important ALL information?**

A. Follow us on Social Media- Facebook( South Cherokee Baseball ) or Instagram @southcherokeebaseball. Check our website at [www.southcherokeebaseball.com](http://www.southcherokeebaseball.com) for the most up to date information. We also send out a weekly newsletter during the season so make sure you are receiving our emails.

**Q. What if I have a question that isn't covered here?**

A. You may email us@southcherokeebaseball@gmail.com or contact a specific member of the South Cherokee Board of Directors (see website for full list of names and numbers). They will be happy to answer any questions you may have.