

FIRST PITCH



FROM THE DESK OF THE PRESIDENT

IMPORTANT DATES AND EVENTS

- Friday, February 1 – last day to submit Banner Sponsor's
- Friday, February 8 through Sunday, February 10 – 20% discount weekend at Dick's Sporting Goods. The flyer can be found on our website (www.papillionselectbaseball.com)
- Friday, February 22, 5pm-7pm and Saturday, February 23, 9am-1pm – 30% discount weekend at the Omaha Storm Chasers team store.
- Friday, March 15 through Sunday, March 17 – 20% discount weekend at Dick's Sporting Goods. Flyer will be made available as we approach that event.
- Saturday, April 20 – come out to Werner Park at 12pm, 2pm & 4pm to watch our 14U teams compete!

Today marks the first edition of what will become a regularly published newsletter for Papillion Select Baseball. As we wrapped up 2018, we sent out a survey to our membership seeking input on what was liked and what could be improved. We'll use this newsletter forum as a mechanism to address several of those topics.

In addition, we'll share information around Baseball in Papillion. As you are aware, the PRO General Election took place on January 17. We were so excited to see so many of you in attendance to make your voice heard. In addition to filling/re-electing board positions, By-law changes were approved. These changes will help drive baseball forward in Papillion for years to come.

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SURVEY SAYS

We appreciate those who took the time to send in their feedback. In general, the “hottest” topics had a split response. For instance, of those who referenced Organization Cost, half thought the cost was something they liked, while half thought the cost was something they disliked.

One thing that seemed to stand out with some of the responses was at times a breakdown in communication. We hope to solve that by continuing this Newsletter approach on a regular basis, from tryouts through the season itself.

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| ✗ Cost / Budget | ✗ Facilities |
| ✗ Tournaments | ✗ Practice Schedules |
| ✗ Field allocation | ✗ Coaching |





IN CLOSING

We are proud of the “small town” program environment we have in Papillion Select Baseball, while competing against the “businesses” who offer Select Baseball in the Omaha community. We are excited for changes taking place with our Recreation Baseball program this year, and really believe that it will reflect positively on the Select program as well. In many ways, the Recreation program is the foundation that allows us to build a stronger Select program and we expect that to move forward from the PRO General Election results earlier this month.

We’re looking to expand the coaching clinics made available to our coaches to sharpen their skills and to help with a more collaborative approach across all our teams. Many of our coaches will be attending some coaching clinics put on at Creighton University over the next month. There will also be some combined Rec/Select coaching clinics offered at Papillion Landing in March.

Many of you got to see Papillion Landing for the first time at the PRO General Election. One of the topics that will be addressed in the next newsletter is Papillion Select Baseball’s “place” in the new fieldhouse in the years to come.

I can tell you that we won’t be able to be everything to everyone – it’s just not possible. But I will promise you we can commit to is being the best we can at the things we do control, and to continue to strive to keep Papillion kids playing baseball in Papillion.

We will host more surveys in the future and will look to host an open forum at a future date to give you an opportunity to hear from the Board, share your feedback with the Board, and be part of our future success.

Sincerely,

Mike Apgar – President of Papillion Baseball