

# Sykesville Baseball

## 2020 Spring Parent Meeting

### Who Are We?

- Organization began in the 1950's
- Part of Carroll County Rec & Parks and Freedom Area Rec Council
- Under the CCRP umbrella, we are a 501c3 organization
  - **Sections within Sykesville Baseball**
    - Recreation league- 600+ players with 150+ volunteers
    - Travel league- 200+ players with 75+ volunteers
    - Umpire league- 50+ umpires

### Division Information

- TBall, Instructional-6, Clinic-7, Clinic-8, Minors (9-10), Majors (11-12), Preps (13-15), Seniors (16-18)
  - **Season**
    - March 16-June 13
  - **Practices** (dependent on the weather until season starts)
    - Weekday evenings-Mon, Tues, Wed or Thurs- starting between 5:30 & 6:00pm
    - Saturday- time slots beginning at 9:00am
    - TBall through Clinic 8 will practice twice a week until the first week of May
  - **Games**
    - Weekday evenings-Mon, Tues, Wed or Thurs at 6:00pm
    - Saturday (9, 11:45 or 2:30)
  - **Field Locations**
    - Fairhaven Park- 600 Obrecht Road (TBall through Minors)
    - Freedom Park- 100 Raincliffe Road (Majors through Seniors)

### Volunteer Needs

- **Coaches**
  - Please check with your player agents for specific division needs
  - Background Checks
    - BGC's are mandatory by Carroll County Recreation & Parks for anyone having routine interaction with children on the playing field...this means coach, asst. coach, team parent.
    - Follow the link below for step-by-step guide to compliance.
    - Badges must be worn and visible at all times.
    - **Background Check**
- **Board of Directors**
  - Contact President Carl Gatzke at [gatzkesae@gmail.com](mailto:gatzkesae@gmail.com) for information
- **Field Prep**
  - Saturday, March 14
- **Every game day** - especially bad weather days!

### Equipment

- **Parents Provide**
  - Glove
  - Rubber Cleats
    - Soccer cleats will work. When the grass is wet, sneakers will be too slick.
  - Bat (except TBall)
  - Water Bottle
  - Athletic Supporter (I-6 & up for catcher position)
- **Sykesville Baseball Provides**

- Uniform (Pants, Jersey, Socks, Hat)
  - Should arrive the last week of March. A pants exchange will take place prior to opening day.
- Batting Helmets
- Catchers Equipment

### **Important Dates**

- February 29 & March 7 – Minors, Majors, Preps Evaluations – Top Gun
- March 4 – Managers Meeting
- March 14 – Field Day
- Week of March 16 -Practice Begins
- April 4 – Opening Day
  - Festivities will begin:
    - 8:45 am at Fairhaven
    - 9:15 at Freedom Park.
  - Fairhaven will be bubbling with extra excitement as we unveil the newest addition to the park, donated by The Nathan Chris Baker Foundation.
- April 25 & May 2 – Pictures
- NO Games Memorial Day Weekend
- May 31 - O's Game & Parade
- June 13 - Last Day of Season/Clinic-8 All-Star Game/Championship Games (Min, Maj, Preps)
- June 15 - All-Star Monday (Minors, Majors, Preps)

### **Communication**

- [www.sykesvillebaseball.com](http://www.sykesvillebaseball.com)
  - On our website you will find the program guide, rulebook, contact info and game schedules.
- <https://www.facebook.com/sykesvillebaseball>
  - Be sure to “like” and “follow us”
- **Dick's Team Manager**
  - This is our team management app, similar to SI Play
  - Please go ahead and download the app. Create an account using the email address that is tied to your WEBSITE account.
  - As we get closer to the season, there will more additional information on the next steps.
- **Rained Out**
  - Weather Related Text Notifications
    - As we get closer to Opening Day, you will receive an email from the system asking you to register for text notifications.
    - Between now and then, please double check that the cell phone number listed in your account is up to date.
  - Timing
    - We make every effort to make the call on weeknight events by 4:00pm. The text notification will go out and Facebook will be updated.
    - On Saturdays, it is usually an early morning decision. If we can make the call on Friday night, we will.

### **Sponsors**

- WE LOVE THEM and we will ALWAYS welcome more! You will see the names of all of our sponsors on field banners and the backs of jerseys.
- Please contact Jennifer Hortiz at [sykesvillebballsocial@gmail.com](mailto:sykesvillebballsocial@gmail.com)

### **Expectations:**

Come Prepared, Be Respectful, Communicate, Encourage, HAVE FUN!