

SYKESVILLE BASEBALL

2020

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PROGRAM GUIDE

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PRESIDENT'S LETTER

Dear Parents and Players:

Thank you for registering to become a part of the Sykesville Baseball Organization. We are one of many great youth sports programs in the Freedom area and are proud to offer baseball to boys and girls from Sykesville, Eldersburg, and all surrounding areas. Sykesville Baseball offers recreation leagues and travel baseball teams for children ages 4 to 22 years old. Since its inception, Sykesville Baseball has provided a positive environment for our children to play the great American pastime of baseball. Over the years our philosophy has been and will remain simple: Everyone has the opportunity to play and learn about the great game of baseball while having fun.

As we move towards the 2020 season – our Board of Directors is currently discussing many possible improvements to our facilities. First, we have renovated a baseball field at Fairhaven Park. Through our volunteer's hard work and persistence, we were able to use this field for the Clinic 8 All-Star Game and Minors Championship last spring. There are other exciting additions and improvements for both Fairhaven and Freedom Parks that are being discussed and planned right now. Stay tuned to our website and Facebook page for more information.

Sykesville Baseball registration fees for 2020 are as follows:

1 Player: \$150.00
T-Ball \$120.00
2 Players: \$145.00
3 Players: \$140.00
Each Additional Player: \$140.00

Fees must be paid at the time of registration.

Please note that all registrations will be done online. Online registration started on 11/1/2019 and ended on 2/22/2020. A \$10.00 late fee is assessed for late registrations beginning on 2/2/2020. Be advised that you are not guaranteed a spot in the program when registering after 2/22/2020, however, we do our absolute best to accommodate everyone that registers. Your child may be placed on a waitlist if their age group is full when registering late. Therefore, we encourage you to register as early as possible.

Running a youth program of our size takes a lot of hard work year-round. I'd like to take this opportunity to thank our Board members, coaches, snack bar volunteers, sponsors, and other volunteers that all contribute to making Sykesville Baseball a successful program. I'd also like to thank the Freedom Area Recreation Council for their support. Without this commitment, our success would not be possible.

In closing, I'm looking forward to seeing all of you at the ballpark this season. As always, if you have a question, comment, or suggestion, please see me or any of our Board members. Someone is always on duty at Fairhaven Park and Freedom Park when games are being played. On behalf of our Board of Directors and all our volunteers, we look forward to a great season of baseball and are anxious to work with the most important part of Sykesville Baseball – our players. Thank you.

Carl Gatzke
President – Sykesville Baseball

The Americans with Disabilities Act applies to the Carroll County Government and its programs, services, activities, and facilities. Anyone requiring an auxiliary aid or service for effective communication or who has a complaint should contact The Department of Citizen Services, 410.386.3600, 1.888.302.8978, or MD Relay 7-1-1/1.800.735.2258 as soon as possible, but no later than 72 hours before the scheduled event.



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Department of Recreation and Parks.

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MISSION STATEMENT

PURPOSE: *To operate a recreational baseball program where the youth of our community can learn to develop a positive self-image, self-confidence, basic athletic skills, and other positive character traits through their participation in baseball.*

1. To implant firmly into the boys and girls who participate in Sykesville Baseball the ideals of good sportsmanship, honesty, loyalty, courage, and respect for the game.
2. To develop good health and physical coordination in the boys and girls who participate in Sykesville Baseball.
3. To assist the boys and girls in developing and maturing into decent, moral, civic-minded and healthy men and women.
4. To teach the boys and girls of Sykesville Baseball that the attainment of exceptional athletic skill and the winning of baseball games is **SECONDARY** to good sportsmanship, fair play, and loyalty.
5. To interest the citizens and leaders of the Sykesville Area in the moral welfare, health and development of the boys and girls in the community.

PHILOSOPHY: *To ensure an environment that stimulates the development of our youth, we strive to provide the following:*

POSITIVE COACHING – We will train and encourage our coaches to make an extra effort to understand and offer positive help to our players, rather than negative criticism.

BALANCED TEAMS – We make our best effort to ensure our teams are as evenly balanced as possible...because it is more fun when teams of equal ability play.

EVERYONE PLAYS – Our major goal is to provide a league where every child plays baseball... so, we mandate that every player on every team must play at least four innings of every six-inning game.

OPEN REGISTRATION – The foundation of the league is to allow the youth of our community to participate in sports. Our program is open to all children between 4 and 22 years old who want to register and play baseball.

2020 Sykesville Baseball Program Officers and Board Members

www.SykesvilleBaseball.com

EXECUTIVE BOARD

President.....Carl Gatzke
Vice President (Fairhaven Park)Mike Deskin
Vice President (Freedom Park)Justin Dwight
TreasurerJennifer Hortiz
SecretaryFred Lucarelli

BOARD MEMBERS

Jennifer Hortiz	Carl Gatzke	Brad Schulze	George Marzano	Mike Hanfman
Mike Deskin	Justin Dwight	Fred Lucarelli	Jim Woods	Joe Hortiz
Lori Doyle	Chris Roach	Mitch Dobres	Daryl Cooper	Tim Metz
Jenn Doe	Kim Rainbow	Bryan Pierce		

SYKESVILLE BASEBALL **RECREATION PROGRAM POLICY**

AGE: The league is open to all children between 4 and 18 years old who want to register and play baseball. The division in which your child plays is determined by his/her age on July 31. The birthday cutoff date for 4-year old players is December 31st.

CALENDAR: The program guide has a calendar of events for the league. Parents are needed to assist us in operating the program.

EQUIPMENT: All divisions - The league will provide fields and equipment (bases, bats, balls, catchers safety equipment, and batting helmets).

UNIFORMS: All divisions - Will receive hats, tee shirts, pants & socks which the players may keep.

PRACTICE: The managers will contact the players on their team by the 2nd week of March to discuss practice nights and fields.

REFUND SCHEDULE:

All requests for registration refunds must be addressed in writing to the league president. Refunds will then be sent within two weeks from receipt of the request. A \$10.00 per child administrative fee is non-refundable on all registrations. The balance will be refunded if requested by Opening Day and the uniform is returned by Opening Day. The postmark of the refund request will determine the date. Email to sykesvillebaseball@gmail.com or mail request to:

Carl Gatzke
c/o Sykesville Baseball
P.O. Box 1361
Sykesville, MD 21784

REGISTRATION PROCESS:

Formal registration will take place from November 1 - January 31 at <https://www.sykesvillebaseball.com>. We will try to accommodate late registrations; we cannot guarantee a place on a team after official registration is held. An additional \$10.00 will be assessed for late registration as of February 1, 2020.

WAITING LIST: Late registration players will be placed on a waiting list and assigned to a team on an availability basis. A full refund will be applied if the child cannot be placed on a team.

WEATHER CANCELLATION:

All weather-related cancellations will be made by the Board Member in charge of the Clubhouse on the day of the game. The cancellation information will be emailed to all families and posted to the social media sites as early as possible.

SMOKING POLICY:

Carroll County Recreation & Parks Ordinance #01-1 prohibits the use of tobacco products during all Rec Council-sponsored youth activities. Thank you in advance for your cooperation in this matter.

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DIVISIONS

RECREATIONAL LEAGUE			
DIVISION	AGE	PLAYER AGENT	TELEPHONE
T-Ball	4,5	George Marzano	443-465-2546
Instructional	6	George Marzano	443-465-2546
Clinic	7	George Marzano	443-465-2546
Clinic	8	George Marzano	443-465-2546
Minors	9, 10	Lori Doyle	410-794-6410
Majors	11, 12	Justin Dwight/Tim Metz	301-461-9336
Prep	13, 14, 15	Mitch Dobres	301-461-9336
*Senior	16, 17, 18	Fred Lucarelli	443-280-3280
<p>*Effective Spring 2013, the Senior Division will be required to use BBCOR certified aluminum bats (weight -3) or wood bats. To be certified, a BBCOR measure of .5 or lower and a “BBCOR certified” label must be on the bat.</p>			
Player and Coach Skills Development Program – Coordinator:			
<p>For the Spring 2020 Season, Sykesville Baseball is continuing its development program for our coaches, parents, and players. This program will be focused on the areas of coach instruction, player skills development, and further improving the level of sportsmanship and competition in Sykesville Baseball. Coaches will receive thorough instruction on improving the experience of our young ballplayers and families throughout the season. We will also be hosting in-season clinics for catchers and pitchers of all ages.</p> <p>For more information, please visit the Sykesville Baseball website: www.sykesvillebaseball.com</p>			
TRAVEL LEAGUE – Coordinator: Chris Roach 443-623-5009			
<p>Sykesville Baseball offers players the opportunity to compete at a higher level in our travel baseball league. Players are challenged to compete against teams from other organizations in both regular league play and tournaments across the east coast. Our Cyclones teams play in the Crab Chesapeake Regional Amateur Baseball. Ages range from 8 to 22 years old and tryouts for these teams occur in August for the following spring season.</p> <p>For more information go to: www.sykesvillecyclones.com or email: travelball21784@comcast.org</p>			

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PROJECTED OPERATIONS BUDGET
SEPTEMBER 2019 – AUGUST 2020

<u>CATEGORY</u>	<u>AMOUNT</u>	<u>CATEGORY</u>	<u>AMOUNT</u>
Team Sponsors	\$ 10,000	Administrative	\$14,000
Misc. Sources	16,000	Baseball Operations	86,500
Snack Bar	9,400	Improvements	13,100
Player Registration	82,000	Utilities	21,000
Reimbursements	12,500		
Travel Program	4,700		
<u>TOTAL</u>	\$134,600.00	<u>TOTAL</u>	\$134,600.00

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UMPIRE PROGRAM



We at Sykesville Baseball are extremely proud of our Umpire program which began over 30 years ago. During February and March each year, Sykesville Baseball conducts an Umpire Training class covering rules, positioning, and mechanics. Each umpire candidate in the class is given a package containing the local Sykesville Baseball rules, National Federation High School rules, and various classroom handouts used in conjunction with the lectures provided during the 7-week class. The training class concludes with a final examination that the candidates must pass before being awarded

the Sykesville Baseball Umpire patch for their shirts, and a field trip to a Frederick Keys game to observe and meet a professional umpiring crew.

Umpires are becoming a rare commodity and the Baseball program would not be able to succeed without this training program. There is a \$25 registration fee that covers the cost of rule books, handouts and umpire hats, bags, indicators, and brushes. New umpires will also be required to purchase a uniform shirt at a cost of \$25.

The 2019 class will be held on Sunday afternoons, from 1:00 to 3:00 in the Sykesville Middle School cafeteria, beginning February 2. Those interested in joining the program should register online at www.sykesvillebaseball.com or register at the first class on February 2nd.

The program is open to 12-year old's through adults. Umpires must be 12 years old as of July 1st of playing season.

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CODE OF CONDUCT

PARENT'S CODE

- * Do not force an unwilling child to participate in sports.
- * Teach your child to play by the rules
- * Help your child work toward skill improvement and good sportsmanship in every game.
- * DO NOT ridicule or yell at your child or any child for making a mistake or for losing a game.
- * Applaud good plays by your team and by members of the opposing team.

- * Recognize the value and importance of volunteer coaches, and officials. Without them, there would be no baseball league.

MANAGER'S CODE

- * Ensure that your player's baseball experience is one of fun and enjoyment. Players should never be yelled at or ridiculed for making a mistake or losing a game.
- * Set a good example and be generous with your praise. Children need a coach they can respect.
- * Keep informed about sound coaching principles and the growth and development principles of children.
- * Practice the "Positive Coaching" and "Everybody Plays" philosophies of the Sykesville Baseball Organization.
- * Be reasonable in your demands on the young player's time, energy, enthusiasm and performance on the field.
- * Enlist the support of your team's parents in your efforts to instill the proper values and attitudes in the players.

PLAYER'S CODE

- * Play for the fun of it, not just to please your parents or coach.
- * Play by the rules.
- * Be a good sport by cheering all good plays, whether it is your team's or the opponents.
- * Cooperate with your coaches, teammates, opponents and the umpire.

- * Treat all players as you would like to be treated. Control your temper and resist the temptation to retaliate against another player.
- * Remember the goals of the game are to have fun, improve your skills and feel good.

UMPIRE'S CODE

- * Always remember the game is for the players. Player safety and fair play come first.

- * Study and learn the Rules of the Game and understand the "spirit" of the Rules.

- * Stay calm when confronted with emotional reactions from players, coaches, and parents.
- * Honor accepted game assignments. In case of an emergency or conflict, find a replacement.
- * Support good sportsmanship with kind words to players, coaches, and parents of both teams when deserved.
- * Always be fair and impartial, avoiding conflicts of interest. Decisions based on personal bias are dishonest and unacceptable.
- * Wear the proper equipment provided by the league. Keep it in good condition.

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2020 CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Date	Time	Event	Location
Nov. 14 th -Jan. 31 st		Online Registration	www.sykesvillebaseball.com
Sunday, February 2 nd	1:00 pm – 3:00 pm	Umpire 7 Week Classes Start	Sykesville MS Cafeteria
Wednesday, February 26 th	7:00 pm – 8:00 pm	Parents Meeting	South Carroll Senior Center
Saturday, February 29 th & March 7 th	1:00 – 9:00 8: 30 am – 3:30 pm	Evaluations	Top Gun Baseball
Wednesday, March 4 th	6:30 pm - 9:00 pm	Managers Meeting	South Carroll Senior Center
Wednesday, March 11 th	6:00 pm	Minors Division Draft	Fairhaven Clubhouse
Wednesday, March 11 th	7:30 pm	Majors Division Draft	Fairhaven Clubhouse
Wednesday, March 11 th	8:30 pm	Preps Division Draft	Fairhaven Clubhouse
Saturday, March 14 th	8:00 am	Field Day	All Fields
Monday, March 16 th	6:00 pm	Spring Practice Begins	All Fields
Saturday, April 4 th	TBD	OPENING DAY	All Fields
Saturday, April 25 th	TBD	Picture Day #1	Freedom Park
Saturday, May 2 nd	TBD	Picture Day #2	Freedom Park
Sunday, May 31 st	11:00 am	Orioles Parade	Camden Yards
Saturday, May 23 rd	No Games	Memorial Day Weekend	All Fields
Monday, May 25 th	No Games	Memorial Day Weekend	All Fields
Saturday, June 13 th	TBD	Spring Season Ends Championship Games	All Fields
Saturday, June 15 th	6:00 pm	Minors, Majors, Preps All-Star Games	Freedom Park
May 25 th - July 31 st		Fall Registration	www.sykesvillebaseball.com
Saturday, August 15 th	TBD	Fall Season Begins	All Fields
Sunday, August TBA	TBD	2020 Travel Tryouts	All Fields
Saturday, September 12 th	TBD	Fall Season Games Begin	All Fields
Saturday, November 7 th	TBD	Fall Season Games Ends	All Fields