

I. **Team Mom Sign Up Sheet**

- a. This will be how I will communicate with you throughout the season. Please be sure to fill it out completely.

II. **Door Prize**

- a. Please fill out your name/contact info on ticket and we will have someone walk around to collect them

III. **Money to Collect from Parents**

- a. Although none of this is required, it has shown in the past to make for a very special season for the kids and the coaches. It is important to let each parent know that they are not obligated in any way to participate in any of the activities below.
- b. You may want to send an email our outlining different needs for money and let them know how much it will be for each item and the date in which you need the money. Again, make it VERY clear that none is required!!!!
- c. **TICKETS** are purchased and then given to each player after each game to purchase something at the concession stand.
- i. If you choose to do this, you can collect \$1 per game from each parent.
 1. All teams except Challenger and Tee-Ball will collect \$15 total for the season (13 regular season games and 2 tournament games)
 2. Challenger and Tee-Ball leagues will collect \$13 total for the season (13 regular season games and NO tournament games)
 - ii. Usually the team parent is responsible for purchasing and handing out the tickets at the end of each game.
- d. **BANNERS** (approx. \$6-\$7 per child, if purchased) are sometimes purchased or handmade for the team to place at their dugouts each game.
- i. IF you choose to PURCHASE, here is a local contact to have your banner made:
Mr. David Martin
david@printecsolutions.com
2840 N Mitthoeffer Place, Ste 100
Indianapolis, IN 46229
317-899-1861
- e. Mr. Martin charges \$75.00 for a team banner.
- f. **UNIFORMS** (approx \$3 per child) teams may decide that they want the kids' names put on the backs of their shirts. A couple good contacts for that are:
- i. Giraffe-X Graphics, Inc.
5746 Wheeler Rd
Indianapolis, IN 46216
317-546-4944
 - ii. Sandlot Indy, LLC
9220 Harrison Park Ct
Indianapolis, IN 46216
317-377-1406
- g. **COACH'S GIFTS** (approx. \$2 - \$5 per child) are typically a big hit at the end of each season (head coach/assistant coach). This will also be something you will collect from each player. Some ideas are as follows:
- i. Baseball/Softball with all of the kids' signatures

- ii. Bat with all of the kids' signatures
- iii. Gift certificate
- iv. Team picture that YOU have taken framed and signed by the team
- h. **TEAM PARTIES** (approx. \$5 per child) are very popular with the kids and this will be the last thing you should need to collect for from each player.
 - i. Team parent is responsible for putting this together
 - ii. Some ideas are as follows
 - 1. Party at someone's home
 - 2. Pizza party
 - 3. Ice cream party
 - 4. Party at a park
 - 5. Etc.....

IV. Game Schedules

- a. Game schedules will be available online as soon as they are put together
- b. **Opening Day Parade – APRIL 18th**
- c. The Opening Day Parade and Festivities is a tradition that is welcomed by players, coaches and parents alike.
- d. Lawrence Police Department closes Oaklandon Road for the parade and there are police officers also stop traffic at the intersection of Oaklandon and Pendleton Pike.
- e. You may park your car at the OYO fields or you may park in the Oaklandon Christian Church parking lot.
- f. **DO NOT PARK ON THE STREETS OF NEARBY NEIGHBORHOODS....YOU WILL BE TOWED!!**
- g. If you choose to park in the parking lot of Oaklandon Christian Church, they only ask that you bring a donation in the form of canned goods. These canned goods will be put into the church's food pantry for people in need.
- h. When you drop your child off at the parade, the parking lot will be marked with your team number. Please ask your coach what that number is. I have included a map showing where the teams will be located. Please copy enough of these for all of your team members. Challenger teams will be first, then T-Ball, Rookie, 8U and older.....
- i. Kids march from Oaklandon Elementary School to the OYO fields.
- j. The parade will enter the OYO park at the "back" entrance.
- k. Kids are then filed onto the four front fields (keeping with their teams) to participate in the singing of the National Anthem, a proclamation from the Mayor of Lawrence and some announcements regarding the day's events.

V. Team Mailbox

- a. Each team has a mailbox designated for their team in the umpire room. This room is located in the main concession stand. The door to this room is on the south side of the building. Mailboxes are organized by league. Please check this mailbox once a week or so for important information regarding your team.

VI. Team Pictures

- a. Team pictures will be May 9th at the fields (June 1st for Babe Ruth, Travel & 14U)
- b. If it is raining, pictures will be taken at SAOS with an "outdoor" backdrop
- c. **NO CREDIT CARDS MAY BE USED ON PICTURE DAY. YOU MAY ONLY USE A CREDIT CARD ONLINE, PRIOR TO PICTURE DAY!!!!**
- d. Pictures should be in 2-3 weeks after they are taken.

- e. It is the team parent's responsibility to pick up the picture order forms from your team mailbox and distribute the forms to your team players' parents. I will be in contact with you as soon as the forms are in your mailbox. They should be available 2 weeks prior to picture day.
- f. It is also the team parent's responsibility to help your coach get the team together 10-15 minutes BEFORE picture time to allow you the time to collect all of the forms (some parents may not have their forms so be sure to bring EXTRAS to picture day).
- g. A good idea to catch your team's attention on picture day is to make a little sign that you can hold up with your team's name/coach's name on it.
- h. Once your entire team is together and forms are all collected, proceed to the photographer for your photos.
- i. I will be in contact with you when pictures arrive

VII. General Duties

- a. Help out coach by making phone calls if practices/games are cancelled
- b. Dug-out duties (allocated out to parents)
- c. Help to make kids clean up dug outs after practice/game
- d. REMIND coaches that HOME team lines the fields before each game and VISITOR team rakes the fields after each game.

VIII. Weather Line

- a. The weather line is utilized on GAME DAYS ONLY!!!! No practice cancellations will be announced on the weather line. Practice cancellations are determined by your COACH!
- b. The weather line number is 317-767-5170. Please let all of your player's parents know about this number.
- c. Weather line is updated at around 5pm on weekdays since that is the earliest our volunteers are able to arrive at the park. It is very important that parents realize this.

IX. Website Address: www.oaklandonyouth.org

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