

2018 KINO BASEBALL LEAGUE

FALL LEAGUE INFORMATION/TEAM REQUIREMENTS

AGE DIVISIONS 10U TO 15U

NARRATIVE

The following are team entry requirements and policies for teams to review before they decide to enter a team in the 2018 Kino Baseball Fall League program.

The policies and requirements that are outlined are to ensure that the players, coaches and parents fully understand to what the expectations are for competing in the Kino Baseball Fall League.

The Kino Baseball League reserves the right not to accept any team that does not meet these requirements.

FALL LEAGUE DEFINITION

The Kino Baseball Fall League is a competitive program for age divisions 10U through to 15U. The Kino Fall League is NOT a recreational or developmental type of league. The teams that participate in the league are mainly experienced players and teams. Teams that have not played in a competitive environment may want to re-consider before entering the Kino Fall League.

If you have a team that is looking for development, then possibly the Little League Fall Training and Development (TAD) program may be best suited for your players.

We wish to be assured that every young athlete has the opportunity to play at the skill level that they are comfortable with so as to enjoy playing the game. Nothing is worse than having a team that needs further development playing in a division with teams that have more playing experience in a competitive setting. The results are never positive.

Teams that play in the Kino Baseball Fall League play for championships.

TIME LINE REQUIREMENTS

- SEPTEMBER 6 Coaches Orientation. Team that is not represented at this meeting will not be placed on the league game schedule. (See last page for time and location)
- SEPTEMBER 6 Deposit of \$250 is to be paid.
- SEPTEMBER 19 Team Certification Night.
 - 10U and 11U Divisions. Coach is to bring team roster, copies of players proof of birth. NOTE: Players that played in the 2017 fall league, proof of birth is on file with the league and a copy is not required. Proof of birth is for only new players that will be playing in the fall league.
 - Coach certifications
 - Copy of team insurance
 - Payment of remaining balance of team entry fee.
- SEPTEMBER 20 Team Certification Night
 - 12U, 13U and 15U Divisions
 - Same requirements as noted for 10U and 11U teams
- SEPTEMBER 22 Season begins

DIVISIONS

The Kino Baseball 2018 Fall League will consist of the following divisions:

- 10U Division
- 11U Division
- 12U Wood Bat Division
- 13U/80 Division
- 15U Division

There must a minimum of four (4) teams to sanction and schedule a league.

FIELD DIMENSIONS

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| • 10U Division | 60 foot bases/46 foot pitching distance |
| • 11U Division | 70 foot bases/50 foot pitching distance |
| • 12U Wood Bat Division | 70 foot bases/50 foot pitching distance |
| • 13U Division | 80 foot bases/54 foot pitching distance |
| • 15U Division | 90 foot bases/60 foot 6 inch pitching distance |
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PLAYER ELIGIBILITY

- **AGE CUTOFF:** **APRIL 1, 2019**
- **PLAYER PROOF OF BIRTH:** Coaches are responsible for collecting and submitting to the league at team certification night copies of players that are listed on the team roster.
- Players who played in the 2017 Fall League, copy of their proof of birth is on file.
- New players to the 2018 Fall League, a copy of proof of birth is required.
- **ACCEPTABLE MEANS OF PROOF OF BIRTH INCLUDE:** Certification from the state, county or city bureau of vital statistics, United States passport, United States Naturalization Certificate. Certificate from another country is acceptable.
- Player is not eligible or certified to play in the league unless a copy of the proof of birth has either been submitted or is on file with the league.

DIVISION AGE LIMITATIONS

- **10U DIVISION**
 - Minimum age is 8 years old.
 - Player is required to turn age 8 prior to April 1, 2019.
 - 7 years of age and younger are not eligible for the 10U division.
 - Player that turns age 11 prior to April 1, 2019 is not eligible for the 10U Division

- **11U DIVISION:**
 - Minimum age is 9 years old.
 - Player is required to turn age 9 prior to April 1, 2019.
 - 8 years of age and younger are not eligible for the 11U Division.
 - Player that turns age 12 prior to April 1, 2019 is not eligible for the 11U Division.

- **12U WOOD BAT DIVISION:**
 - Minimum age is 10 years old.
 - Player is required to turn age 10 prior to April 1, 2019.
 - 9 years of age and younger are not eligible for the 12U Division.
 - Player that turns age 13 prior to April 1, 2019 is not eligible for the 12U Division.

- **13U DIVISION:**
 - Minimum age is 11 years old.
 - Player is required to turn age 11 prior to April 1, 2019
 - 10 years of age and younger are not eligible for the 13U Division
 - Player that turns age 14 prior to April 1, 2019 is not eligible for the 13U Division.

- **15U DIVISION:**
 - Minimum age is 13 years of age.
 - Player is required to turn age 13 prior to April 1, 2019
 - 12 years of age and younger are not eligible for the 15U Division
 - Player that turns age 16 prior to April 1, 2019 is not eligible for the 15U Division

TEAM COMPOSITION

- Maximum number of players on a team roster is 20.
- The team roster is certified prior to the season.
- Roster and copies of players proof of birth (new incoming players to the league) are required to be submitted to the league prior to the start of the season.
- October 1st is the last day a team is permitted to add player(s) to the team roster.
- Any addition to the team roster prior to October 1st, requires the player information of name, address, phone number and date of birth, along with a copy of the player's proof of birth.
- Players are **NOT PERMITTED** to play on another team within the same age division.
- Player that meets the age eligibility requirements are permitted to play in separate age divisions.
- Player that leaves the team for any reason is not permitted nor eligible to play on any other team within the same division for remainder of the season
- Player trades between teams are NOT PERMITTED.

COACH CERTIFICATION

- The league requires that the team manager and at minimum three (3) assistant coaches have the following certifications:
 - National Federation High Schools (www.nfhs.org)
 - Concussion Management
 - Introduction to Pitch Smart
 - Heat Illness Prevention
 - Sportsmanship
- These on-line courses are **FREE**.
- Upon completion of all four (4) courses, a copy of certification for each course is required to be submitted to the league on/or before September 22nd. This requirement applies to only new coaches to the league that did not coach in 2017. Coaches that coached in the fall league in 2017 have met the standard and their certification is on file with the league.
- **PENALTY**: Team manager or coaches not meeting this standard will not be permitted to be in the dugout or on the field of play during a league game until the certification standard has been met.

ALL ACCESS CREDENTIAL

- The league on team certification night will issue “All-Access” Credentials to only those coaches that have met the coaching certification program requirements.
- There will be a maximum of 4 all-access credentials issued per team.
- Any individual that does not complete the required on-line NFHS training certification courses will not be issued an All-Access credential and therefore cannot be in the dugout or the field during a game.
- The credential demonstrates the approval of the adult coach to be on the field or in the dugout with the young players.
- Coaches are required to wear the credential while on the field and in the dugout when the team is playing in a league game.
- **PENALTY**: Umpires will submit a report to the league of any coach not wearing the credential. The league will issue a warning to the coach in violation. Subsequent violations by the same coach that are reported will result in the coach privileges being suspended for a minimum two (2) games.

GAME SCHEDULE

- The Fall league season will run from September 22 to October 28. If weather prevents game(s) from being played during this period, then the league season will run into the weekend of November 3-4
- The number of games: 10
- Days of play: Saturdays and Sundays
- Game Times: All day games, but due to weather, make up games could be played during a weeknight or on a weekend evening.
- The league understands that in the fall there are school breaks and some teams may have committed to play in a tournament., but it must be clear and understood that playing in the Kino Baseball Fall League is priority, not secondary to a tournament. Therefore, the following policy:
 - Teams will be permitted ONE (1) black out weekend. If a team requires more than one (1) black out weekend it places a burden on the other teams in the league when it comes to the game schedule and therefor the league reserves the right not to accept a team if they require more than one black out weekend.
 - **Black out dates are required to be submitted to the league by September 6.** After this date the game scheduled will be developed and submitted to teams by September 16.
 - The league cannot accommodate special game times to play. EXCEPTION: The league understands that during the fall season there are players that play in the local youth football league. The league in the past and will once again work with those teams that have such a situation. But it must be understood that these teams are held to the same standard with only ONE black out weekend permitted.
- The league does not schedule around UA football games.
- It is important that the coaches meet with parents to find out any dates the team cannot play before they commit to the league.
- Due to the limited number of fields the league has permitted from the city and county for the fall league, once the game schedule is developed and becomes official (September 16).
- If a team has a “situation” and needs to re-schedule a game, the league will evaluate the “situation” and determine to either approve or not approve the re-scheduling. If fields are available, the requesting coach will contact the opposing team coach to get their approval. If the opposing team cannot make any of the dates available, then the team requesting the schedule change will forfeit the game.
- **POST-SEASON:**
 - There are no black-out dates permitted during the dates of the post-season play. Teams need to be available to play both Saturday and Sundays for the post-season. There are no accommodations for game days or game times during the post-season.
 - The format for the post-season tournament is to be determined by the league pending the number of teams that have been certified to play. Understand that the tournament format may not include every team in the division.

GAME SITES

- Games will be played at various city, county and school fields throughout Tucson.
- Fields are prepared prior to each game by the league field crew staff. The staff will line the field, put out the bases, and at the conclusion of each game, the field staff will collect and put away the bases. Teams will not have to do field duty. This is a cost that is included in the team's entry fee.
- Teams are required after each game to collect and throw away all debris and trash generated during the game. The league does not clean up dugouts. If a dugout is not cleaned out, the league will fine the team \$50.00.
- Spectators are expected to clean up and remove debris and trash in their seating area before they leave the park.

INSURANCE

- Teams that participate must provide the league with a Commercial General Liability certificate of insurance that names Kino Baseball League as additional insured.
- Resources for sports insurance includes:
 - Chappell Insurance (www.chappellinsurance.com) 1-800-447-6797
 - USSSA Baseball -team needs to register with USSSA in order to be eligible to purchase insurance.
 - K&K Insurance (www.kandkinsurance.com) 1-800-837-4757
- Liability Insurance with limits of not less than:
 - Each Occurrence \$2,000,000
 - General Aggregate \$2,000,000
- Team is to provide certificate of insurance on team certification night. Team will not be certified nor permitted to play without the submission of the insurance certificate.
- The league has liability insurance that covers all participating teams, the city, county and school fields that games are played on.
- There is NO medical/accident insurance provided by the league for the fall season. If a player or coach gets injured during a practice or game, or in vehicular accident while go to or from practice or a game and requires medical treatment they do so on their own health care insurance and medical providers.

UNIFORMS

- Players required to be in full baseball uniform that is defined as pants, cap and matching colored jersey with a number on the back.
- Player must have a number on the back of the jersey. Player has no number, they are not eligible to play in the game.
- Coaches are to dress professionally and must wear a baseball cap and all access credential when in the dugout or on the field during the game.

BAT SPECIFICATION

- **10U, 11U DIVISIONS:**
 - No longer than 32 inches
 - Barrel diameter may not be larger than 2 5/8"
 - Bat must be USABat certified stamp
- **12U WOOD BAT DIVISION:**
 - No longer than 32 inches
 - Solid one- piece wood only (ash or maple)
 - Not permitted: Bamboo, composite or metal
- **13U DIVISION:**
 - No longer than 34 inches
 - Wood or metal is permitted
 - Barrel diameter may not be larger than 2 5/8"
 - Metal bats must be BBCOR or USABat certified.



- **15U DIVISION:**
 - No longer than 34 inches
 - Barrel diameter may not be larger than 2 5/8"
 - Bat must be BBCOR certified stamp or player can use solid one- piece wood bat



FORFEITS

- Teams must start and finish with nine (9) players.
- Team that does not have nine (9) players at game time will forfeit to the opposing team. There is no "grace time period" granted.
- Forfeit fine: \$150.00 payable to the league prior to the team's next scheduled game.
- When a game is forfeited the umpires will leave the field. The umpires will not stay and do "scrimmage" games between teams.
- Team that has a player get injured or is ejected and the team is left with 8 players and there are no eligible substitutes available, the game is forfeited at that point. There is no forfeit fine assessed.
- Team that requests to re-schedule a game, they will be required to pay the league \$25.00 fee. The league will review any open fields and dates and will advise the requesting coach. The requesting coach will contact the opposing team coach and ask about a re-schedule. If the opposing team coach agrees, then the game will be re-scheduled. If the opposing team coach does not wish to change the game date, then the requesting team forfeits the game and is fined \$50.00 that is payable to the league in full prior to the team's next scheduled game.

ENTRY FEE

- Deposit of \$250.00 required to be paid on/or before September 6, 2018 to guarantee slot on the game schedule. The balance of the entry fee is to be paid in full at team certification night.
- The entry fee covers the cost of umpires, fields, baseballs, post-season awards.
- There are no payment plans.
- Payment is in the form of either cash, or one check. Check can be money order or cashier check.
- Check is payable to: Kino Baseball League
- Deposit payment can be mailed to: PO Box 89304, Tucson, AZ 85752
- No individual parent checks towards the entry fee payment is accepted. Parents are to pay the coach.
- Debit/credit cards towards payment is not accepted.
- Refund Policy:
 - 100% of deposit prior to September 20, 2018
 - Zero refund after September 20, 2018
- Contact the league for the entry fee of your division.

10U DIVISION:	\$ 980.00
11U DIVISION:	\$ 990.00
12U WOOD BAT DIVISION:	\$1,025.00
13U DIVISION:	\$1,200.00
15U DIVISION:	\$1,300.00

CONDUCT

Adult coaches set the example for their team when it comes to how they conduct themselves during a game. Debating or questioning calls with the umpires is part of the game, but it is how one conducts themselves during their interaction with the umpires that determines if a coach remains in the game without being ejected.

Using profane language, doing damage to equipment, kicking dirt, physical contact with an umpire, non-stop talking to the umpires regarding balls/strikes, judgment related calls, unsportsmanlike conduct of any kind are causes for an individual getting ejected from a game.

The policy of Kino Baseball League regarding conduct is as follows:

- Umpires never lose a game for a team. Umpires do not care who wins or loses a game. They make calls and rulings as they in their judgment see them. They are the final say in a game.
- Umpires can restrict an individual to the bench for the remainder of the game. The restricted individual is not permitted to participate in any aspect of the game. If the restricted individual continues to argue with the umpires in any form, then the individual is ejected from the game.
- Manager or coach that is ejected from a game, they must immediately leave the field and go directly to the parking lot. "Out of sight, out of mind." Failure for the ejected individual to leave the playing field immediately will result in further disciplinary action determined by the league.
- Player that is ejected from a game is restricted to the bench for the remainder of the game. If the parent(s) of the ejected player are in attendance, they may take their player and leave the park. The ejected player is not permitted to sit outside the playing field with their parents or with the spectators.
- **SUSPENSIONS:** The league will review the ejection report submitted by the umpire to determine if further disciplinary action in the form of a suspension is required.
 - Individual that gets ejected more than once during a season will receive an automatic minimum one (1) game suspension. Further game suspension will be determined by the league based on the umpire report.
 - Manager or coach that is suspended is not permitted to be at the park for the team's next scheduled game. Stay home.
 - Player that is suspended is required to be in attendance at the team's next scheduled game and sit on the bench with his teammates. If the player does not attend the game, the suspension carries over to the next game and so forth until the suspension requirement has been met.
- Umpires have the authority to eject individuals after the game is over, that will require the ejected individual to not attend the team's next game.
- Ejected individuals are not to waste their time calling or emailing the league to complain about an ejection. Umpires are in charge of the game and they have full authority to control the individuals that are participating, and if in their **JUDGMENT** and individual's conduct is not above reproach they will get ejected from a game. No appeal, no discussions.
- Any physical altercations with any individual or team whether it be on the field or in the parking lot will result in the individual(s) involved to be terminated from the league for the remainder of the season.
- Any individual that displays threatening gestures or verbally threatens another coach, player, umpire, league official is suspended for minimum four (4) games.
- The league will communicate with the ejected individual via email regarding any suspensions. Failure for an individual to check their e-mail is not a reason for not knowing about the league action of suspension.

SPECTATOR CONDUCT

The permits and contracts for fields from the city, county and school districts require the league to be responsible for the safety and security of the players, coaches and spectators that attend games.

Coaches are responsible for controlling their spectators. If the umpires request coach's intervention with any spectator, it is fully expected that the coaches will assist. Failure for a coach to assist, the umpire has full authority to eject the coach from the game.

Spectators can be ejected from the park. Failure for ejected spectator(s) to leave the park, the game will be suspended by the umpires until the ejected spectator(s) have left the park. If the ejected spectator(s) fail to leave, the law enforcement will be contacted to have the individual(s) removed from the park.

TIMELINE SUMMARY**SEPTEMBER 6 – 6:30 PM - Doubletree Hotel 445 S. Alvernon**

- Coaches Orientation
- Entry Fee Deposit \$250 required
- Black out dates are to be submitted.
- Failure for a team to be represented at this meeting will result in the team not have a spot in the league and on the game schedule.

SEPTEMBER 15 – Game Schedule to be announced.**SEPTEMBER 19 - 5:30 PM – Doubletree Hotel 445 S. Alvernon**

- **TEAM CERTIFICATION: 10U-11U Divisions**
- Team roster (maximum 20 players)
- Copies of players proof of birth (for players that did not play 2017 Fall)
- Coach certifications from NFHS Education Center for each coach.
- Issue Coach All-Access Credentials
- Certificate of Insurance
- Balance of entry fee paid in full.
- Team will be issued 2 dozen game baseballs and line up cards

SEPTEMBER 20 – 5:30 PM – Doubletree Hotel 445 S. Alvernon

- **TEAM CERTIFICATION: 12U-13U-15U Divisions**
- Team Roster (maximum 20 players)
- Copies of players proof of birth (for Players that did not play 2017 Fall)
- Issue Coach All-Access Credentials
- Certificate of Insurance
- Balance of entry fee paid in full.
- Team will be issued 2 dozen game baseballs and line up cards.

SEPTEMBER 22 – Fall Season begins**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION OR QUESTIONS CONTACT:**

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