

2022 KINO BASEBALL LEAGUE

FALL LEAGUE INFORMATION/TEAM REQUIREMENTS

AGE DIVISIONS 10U TO FRESHMAN

NARRATIVE

The following are team entry requirements and policies for teams to review before they decide to enter a team in the 2022 Kino Baseball Fall League program.

The policies and requirements that are outlined are to ensure that the players, coach, 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 Futures Division. 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 assure that every young athlete has the opportunity to play at the skill level that they are comfortable with the ability to enjoy playing the game. Nothing is more discouraging 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.

FALL DIVISIONS

- 10U DIVISION
- 11U DIVISION
- 12U WOOD BAT DIVISION
 - 13U/80 DIVISION
- FUTURES DIVISION (HS Class 2025-26-27)

SEASON CALENDAR

- 10 game regular season
 - Starts: weekend September 16-17-18
 - Ends: October 29-30

2022 SEASON CALENDAR

- Days of Play:
 - **10U DIVISION:** Friday night doubleheaders 5:00 PM and 7:30 PM
 - **11U DIVISION:** Saturdays and Sundays
 - **12U WOOD BAT DIVISION:** Saturdays and Sundays
 - **13U/80 DIVISION:** Wednesday nights; Saturday and Sundays
 - **FUTURES DIVISION:** Weeknights; Saturday and Sundays
 - Weekend games are scheduled during the day. Night games only for circumstances that may involve make up due to weather.
 - Weekends (Saturday/Sunday) with possible weeknights
- **Blackout Dates:**
 - **Only ONE black out (weekend) permitted** during the fall calendar season. If your team needs more than one black out weekend, then team will not be placed on game schedule.
 - **Blackout dates required to be sent via email by AUGUST 31, 2022**
 - Schedule to be developed after August 31 and published by September 6, 2022

GAME SCHEDULE POLICY

- The number of games: 10 + Post-season tournament. Format to be determined.
- Days of play: Fridays, Saturdays, Sundays. Weeknights (possible)
- Game Times: Day games. Weeknight games (possible)
- 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 a priority. Therefore, the following policy:
 - **Teams will be permitted ONE (1) black out weekend. Multiple black out weekends are an inconvenience and effects other teams and the overall operation of the league. Therefore, request for multiple black out weekends the team will be not be entered into the fall league.**
 - **Blackout dates are required to be submitted to the league by AUGUST 31.** After this date, the game scheduled will be developed and published to teams by September 6
 - Teams that are from outside the Tucson Metro area, the league in the past has attempted to play doubleheaders to reduce travel time and cost.
 - 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 leagues. 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 and the teams must be available to play when the post-season tournament is scheduled.
- **The league does not schedule around UA football games, Little League Fall Games, or any other events.**
- **Once the schedule is official requests to move game times will not be honored. Teams play on the game time as scheduled unless there are circumstances that the league needs to adjust based on field availability, emergencies, etc.**
- It is important that the coaches meet with parents to determine any dates the team cannot play before they commit to the league.
- Due to the limited number of umpires, and fields the league has permitted from the city and county for the fall league, once the game schedule is developed and published it becomes FINAL.

GAME SCHEDULE POLICY- continue

- 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 process is 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.
- **RE-SCHEDULE GAME \$50.00 and must be paid in full to the league prior to the request being approved. Payment can be made with credit card by contacting the league.**
- **POST-SEASON:**
 - There are no black-out dates permitted during the dates of the post-season play. Teams need to be available to play possibly weeknights, 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.
- **If a team contacts the league 72 hours or less prior to a scheduled game to cancel, the game will be a forfeit and not re-scheduled. There are no refunds for forfeited games.**

GAME SITES

- Games will be scheduled to be played at various other 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.

STEP 1 – TEAM INTEREST:

Coach is to email the league at kinobbl@comcast.net noting interest in what division they wish to play in. This does not guarantee a spot in the league until the following steps are accomplished:

STEP 2 – DEPOSIT

- **Entry Fee deposit of \$250.00 begins and must be received on/or before August 31, 2022. The deposit will secure spot in the fall league.**
- Deposit can be in the form of a check, debit/credit card or by Zelle (5207302506)
- Check is payable and mailed to:
 - Kino Baseball League - PO Box 89304, Tucson, Arizona 85752
- Debit/credit cards are accepted over the phone by calling 520-730-2506 between the hours of 10:00 AM to 5:00 PM seven days a week. Credit card payments subject to 5% fee added to payment.
- Entry fee balance due to be paid in full on September 13, 2022 (See meeting schedule at the end of this information form)

ENTRY FEE

- 10U Division: \$ 1,450.00
- 11U Division: \$ 1,450.00
- 12U Wood Bat Division: \$ 1,450.00
- 13U/80 Division \$ 1,450.00
- Futures Division \$ 1,550.00
- **CREDIT CARD PAYMENTS ADD 5%**

The entry fee covers the cost of:

- Umpires, Fields, Field Equipment (bases, chalk), 2 dozen game baseballs, post-season baseballs, awards, and medical/accident secondary coverage for roster players.
- Entry Fee can be paid in full by cashier check, money order, one personal check, debit/credit or Zelle (5207302506)

PAYMENT:

- One check payable to Kino Baseball League (mailing address: PO Box 89304, Tucson, AZ 85752) OR
- Zelle 5207302506 OR
- Credit Card Payment Process
 - Call 520-730-2506 Monday through Saturday
 - Closed Sunday



REFUND POLICY:

- 100% refund (less cost of baseballs and insurance) if team requests on/or before September 6, 2022
- Zero refund after September 13, 2022
- **All refunds credited back to a credit card are subject to 5% fee that is charged by credit card companies as part of the transaction.**

DIVISIONS

FIELD DIMENSIONS

- 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
- Futures Division 90-foot bases/60-foot 6-inch pitching distance

PLAYER ELIGIBILITY

• **AGE CUTOFF: MAY 1, 2023**

The league cutoff is in alignment with NCS and Arizona USSSA player age eligibility

Example: Player prior to May 1, 2023, turns age 11, the player is can player either the 11U or 12U Wood Bat Division—player not eligible to play in the 10U Division.

FUTURES DIVISION: Player Eligibility is by graduating high school grade. Class 2025 (9th grade); Class 2026 (8th grade); Class 2027 (7th grade)

• **PLAYER PROOF OF BIRTH:**

- Coaches are required to maintain copies of each roster player on them at the park for every game to present if requested by the league.

• **WAIVER:**

- Players that play in the league, parent/legal guardian is to complete Waiver form that is identified APPENDIX B at the end of the information document.
- **The waiver of each player is to be emailed to the league on or before the following date:**
 - September 15, 2022
 - No waiver submitted the player is not eligible to play until one is received by the league.
 - Waiver to be emailed (kinobbl@comcast.net).
 - **DO NOT TEXT WAIVERS**

DIVISION AGE LIMITATIONS

• **10U DIVISION**

- Minimum age is 8 years old.
- Player is required to turn age 8 prior to May 1, 2023.
- 7 years of age and younger are not eligible for the 10U division.
- Player that turns age 11 prior to May 1, 2023 is not eligible for the 10U Division

• **11U DIVISION:**

- Minimum age is 9 years old.
- Player is required to turn age 9 prior to May 1, 2023.
- 8 years of age and younger are not eligible for the 11U Division.
- Player that turns age 12 prior to May 1, 2023 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 May 1, 2023.
- 9 years of age and younger are not eligible for the 12U Division.
- Player that turns age 13 prior to May 1, 2023 is not eligible for the 12U Division.

• **13U/80 DIVISION:**

- Minimum age is 11 years old.
- Player is required to turn age 11 prior to May 1, 2023.
- 10 years of age and younger are not eligible for the 13U Division
- Player that turns age 14 prior to May 1, 2023 is not eligible for the 13U Division.

DIVISION AGE/GRADE LIMITATIONS

• FUTURES DIVISION

- Player eligibility is determined by the players high school graduating year.
- Class 2026 (9th grade)
- Class 2027 (8th grade)
- Class 2028 (7th grade)
- Younger than the class of 2027 not eligible for the Futures League.
- Eligibility verification is player school progress or report card from the 2022-23 school year.

TEAM COMPOSITION

- MINIMUM number of registered players on a team roster is 10.
- MAXIMUM number of registered players on a team roster is 20.
- The team roster form (APPENDIX B”) is at the end of this document.
- Team Affidavit Certification form (APPENDIX “C”)
- Coach is required to **submit the team affidavit and roster at team certification night:**
 - 10U-11U-12U Divisions: On/or before **SEPTEMBER 12, 2022**
 - 13U and Future Divisions: On or before **SEPTEMBER 13, 2022**
 - **Last day to add player(s) is SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 25.** No further players may be added to the roster after this date.
- Coaches are responsible for either email or text notification to the league when adding a player.
- When entry fee deposit is received by the league, a team roster form will be emailed to the coach that is required to be completed and signed by each parent verifying the player date of birth.
- **Player is NOT PERMITTED to play on another team within the same age division.**
- Player that meets the age eligibility requirements IS permitted to play on a team in a separate age division.
- Player that leaves the team for any reason at any time after the season has started 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.

PARENT/COACH/PLAYING TIME

- There is no mandatory play in Kino Baseball League
- The league does not get involved with team business such as player selection, player removal, discipline, finances, playing time, etc. These issues are between the parents and the coaches.
- The league Child Abuse/Molestation Management Policy and Plan is monitored by the league in the event of a complaint received by the league. The policy is posted on the league web site www.kinobaseball.com browse “Policies.”

9 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
 - National Championship Sports (www.playncs.com)
 - 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
 - Sadler Sports and Recreation (www.sadlersports.com) 800-622-7370
- Liability Insurance with limits of not less than:
 - Each Occurrence \$2,000,000
 - General Aggregate \$2,000,000
- **Team is to email to the league the certificate of insurance on/or before SEPTEMBER 12-13, 2022.** 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.
- The league provides a secondary medical/accident insurance that covers medical claims by players listed on the team roster. The parent/guardian insurance is first used for medical treatment. The League policy is an excess benefit with a maximum of \$25,000 of coverage.
- Player gets injured and requires medical treatment, the team manager is to contact the league requesting a claim form that is completed by the parent/guardian and submitted to the carrier.

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.
- Duplicate numbers permitted, but the coach on the line-up card must list letter "A" and "B" next to the corresponding duplicated numbers.
- Player must have a number on the back of the jersey. Player that has no uniform number, they are not eligible to play in the game.
- Coaches are to dress professionally and must wear a baseball cap, visor, or sun hat when in the coach box.

LEAGUE RULES

- The fall league rules will be emailed to all team managers to review with coaching staff, players and parents.
- The rules will be posted on the league website www.kinobaseball.com

BAT SPECIFICATION

(Effective 2022 Fall Season)

- **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, maple, birch) OR
- Composite wood is permitted

- **13U DIVISION:**

- No longer than 34 inches
- Wood or metal is permitted
- Barrel diameter permitted 2 1/4", 2 5/8" or 2 3/4"
- **Metal bats must be BBCOR, USABat OR USSSA 1.15 BPF stamped.**
- **Minimum Bat drop -8 or heavier REQUIRED.**



- **FUTURES DIVISION:**

- Maximum length is 34 inches
- Bat must be stamped either USABat, USSSA or BBCOR .5
- **Bat drop -8 or heavier is required.**
- Any bat that does not have any of these stamps is considered illegal for use.

FORFEIT POLICY

- Teams may start with eight (8) players.
- Team that does not have minimum eight (8) 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 request to re-schedule a game, they will be required to pay the league \$50.00 fee (credit card). 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 that game.

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 attend 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 oversee 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 within the rules of sportsmanship and behavior in front of young athletes, 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 terminated from the league for the remainder of the season
- 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.

Spectator(s) can be banned from a public park if their conduct becomes a detriment to the safety and security of the players, coaches, umpires, and those spectators around them.

TIMELINE SUMMARY

- **AUGUST 31, 2022:**
 - Deposit \$250.00 due or full fee can be paid.
 - Black- out dates due.
- **IN-PERSON MEETING:**
 - **Orientation All Age Divisions**
 - **Wednesday, August 31 – 6:00 PM**
 - **Doubletree Hilton/Reid Park 445 S. Alvernon**
 - **Deposit to be paid by this date.**
 - **Team Certification Nights**
 - **10U-11U Monday, September 12 -6:00 PM**
 - **12U-13U-Futures Tuesday, September 13 – 6:00 PM**
 - **Doubletree Hilton/Reid Park 445 S. Alvernon**
 - **Final fee payment due, team roster, certified affidavit, player/parent signed waivers, certificate of insurance.**
 - **Pick- up game baseballs (2 dozen)**
- **SEPTEMBER 6: Game Scheduled Announced**

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION OR QUESTIONS CONTACT:

- **E-mail:** kinobbl@comcast.net
- **Phone:** 520-730-2506

APPENDIX A

KINO BASEBALL LEAGUE

PARTICIPATION WAIVER

1. As participant in the Kino Baseball League I acknowledge, agree and represent that I voluntarily choose to participate in the league, baseball related activities, and other activities incidental to the league organized by the Kino Baseball League.
2. I understand that there are risks and hazards involved in participating in the league and related activities that may result in injury and/or death to me or to other participants.
3. I understand that these risks and hazards include, but are not limited to, risks and hazards associated with playing conditions, equipment, other participants, and officials and risks and hazards caused by the negligence of the participants and others, including the organizers, persons assisting them, and the facilities owner.
4. I understand that the very nature of the game of baseball is hazardous and risky, including, but not limited to, the acts of throwing, hitting, and catching the ball, running, jumping, stretching, sliding and collisions with other players and with stationary objects all of which acts can cause serious injury to me and to other players and officials.
5. I understand that there may be risks and dangers that are not known to me or that are not reasonably foreseeable at this time.
6. I accept and acknowledge the increased risk of contracting COVID19 while participating around the league and it facilities which the league rents for sports events.
7. I assume all risks and liability and HEREBY RELEASE, INDEMNIFY, AND HOLD HARMLESS the Kino Baseball League, OTHER PARTICIPANTS, and any FACILITIES where the game are played.
8. I understand and will comply with any and all of the rules/guidelines set forth by the league(refer to www.kinobaseball.com/policies) and the facility owner in order to participate such as but not limited to self -assessment and agree to remain home if I have any of the CDC identifiable symptoms, physical distancing, wearing face covering, sanitization practices, game rules and field use changes/limitations.
9. I voluntarily accept and assume all risks or injury incurred or suffered by my player while participating in the league while attending and observing league activities or others, and while on or upon any and all facilities in which the league activities are conducted.
10. In consideration of accepting to participate in the Kino Baseball League, I hereby for myself, my heirs, executors, and administrators agree to waive, release and absolve, indemnify, and hold harmless the Kino Baseball League and associated sponsors, their executive boards and officers and directors, and teams, the organizer, supervisors, participants and person(s) transporting me to and from this activity from any and all claims arising out of an injury to me except to the extent and in the amount covered of liability held by the Kino Baseball League.

PLAYER NAME (Print): _____ TEAM: _____

PARENT/GUARDIAN NAME (Print): _____

SIGNATURE PARENT/GUARDIAN: _____

DATE: _____

TEAM CERTIFICATION BY TEAM MANAGER

By my signature below, I certify that information on the team roster to participate in the Kino Baseball League is true and correct to the best of my knowledge.

I understand and acknowledge:

1. All rules and regulations pertaining to player eligibility.
2. I am responsible for maintaining in my possession copies of player proof of birth documents.
3. If any ineligible participant plays in a game for any reason it will result in forfeiture and/or the removal of the participants, including players, manager, and coaches.

Print Name of Manager: _____

Manager Signature: _____

Date: _____

Team Name: _____

Division: _____