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**Information for Parents**

**Registration:**

* The registration period for baseball and softball will run from 1/1/24 - 4/1/24.
* Registrations will be allowed after the deadline on a limited basis until teams are full.
* Friend and coach requests are allowed but are not guaranteed.
* This program is offered for children that are incoming K-6th graders (softball) and K-7th graders (baseball).
* Fees vary by division and also by in-district or out of district classifications.
* Registration includes a team shirt, hat, picture, and medal.

**Recommended equipment:**

* Rubber molded cleats (no spikes)
* Bat with certification stamp (BBCOR .50, USSSA, USA Baseball/Softball, etc.)
* Glove
* Batting helmet (MRC can rent out a helmet to child who cannot afford or find one)
* Baseball/softball – socks & pants

**Team Forming:**

* Teams are formed after the registration deadline has passed.
* Teams are generated by the Sports Director at random with the exception of friend and coach requests. Again, not all requests are guaranteed.
* Teams generally consist of 10-12 players.

**Coaches:**

* All MRC coaches are volunteers.
* If teams do not have coaches after the registration deadline, parents will be contacted until a volunteer is found.
* A coaches meeting will take place on the week of 4/15/24 to discuss important information for the season, hand out rosters, request practice times/locations and check out equipment.
* Team uniforms will be distributed to coaches after they are delivered to the MRC office (hats and shirts).

**Practice:**

* Practice times and locations will be discussed at the coaches meeting.
* Practice requests are only guaranteed to our volunteer coaches.
* Practices will begin the week of 4/22/24.
* Practice site maps are posted on our website.
* Teams may practice once or twice a week prior to the season based on field availability.

**Picture day:**

* May 13th and 16th 6pm-8pm, location for team pictures is still TBD at this time.
* Pictures will be taken by Rustic Creek Photography.
* Each player will receive one free memory mate. All other items are a la carte.
* Picture order forms can be found on our website.

**Games:**

* Games will be played at the Maize South High School Baseball/Softball Complex.
* Games will begin on 5/20/24 and will run through the last week of June (pending rainouts).
* Each team will play 8 games.
* Scores will be kept by a volunteer bookkeeper for each team (typically a team parent).
* No official standings or statistics will be kept.
* Teams may play up to twice a week.
* Teams may have to play double headers based on division size or rescheduled games.
* Concessions will be available during games.
* Games will be played Mon-Fri evenings. First games start at 6pm.
* Game schedules will be sent out and posted 2 weeks prior to 5/20/24.

**Weather:**

* Weather delays/cancellations will be under the discretion of MRC staff based on local weather forecasts.
* Mass messaging/notification systems will be used to communicate the delay or cancellation of games to parents and coaches. This info will also be posted on our Facebook page.

**Parking:**

* Parents will be able to park in the lot behind Maize South Intermediate or the lot behind Maize South High School.
* Parking in unmarked parking zones or grass areas will **NOT** be permitted at any time.

**Spectator behavior:**

* All MRC sports spectators are expected to behave in an appropriate manner.
* Harassment of MRC Umpires will not be tolerated.
* Spectators displaying inappropriate behavior will be subject to removal from the complex.

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