

## **Metuchen Baseball and Softball Division Information**

- The main objective of this league is to show our youth how to have fun playing baseball.
- Season Opens around March 29 and runs through June 12.
  - Start and end date might be adjusted. Some divisions might end later.
  - If there is interest, we have summer sandlot that runs in June/July.
  - Travel baseball and softball play around the recreational season from April - July.
    - These teams can play in league like USABL, Parkway, or Green and Tourneys throughout the area.
- Our Fields are located in local Metuchen parks and some local schools
  - Youngest Divisions: Moss School, Campbell School, Presbyterian Church, and Charles and Myrtle Fields
  - Older Divisions: Barr Field, Johnson Field, Hoyer Field, Fater Field, and Charles and Myrtle Fields
  - Fater is only field with a snackbar.
  - All fields have restroom facilities. Keys are located in lock boxes.
  - Batting cages are available for use at Myrtle, Hoyer, Johnson, and Fater field

### **T-Ball (Cal Ripken “T-Ball”)**

- COED The T-Ball League is designed to provide the basics of baseball and softball.
- All 5-year-olds, and 6-year-olds who have not played T-ball before or who did not request to play in the Farm division, and 4-year-olds (boys and girls) who are entering Kindergarten in year of play.
- Birthdates May 2014 - April 2017
- The fundamentals of the game (hitting, rules, fielding, etc.) are taught.
- Games are instructional in nature.
- No score will be kept and no league standings maintained.
- By the end of the season, a player will be familiar with hitting, play rules and all defensive positions, except pitcher and catcher.
- Will attempt to have no more than 10 players per team,
- Number of teams based on registration totals.
- Moss School is primary playing location. Teams will have a Fater Field Sunday game during the season.
- The Tball division has games every Saturday and one weekday game per week after Daylight Savings occurs.
- Games are approximately 60-90 minutes.
- Each team has a manager, up to 3 assistant coaches, and a team parent.
- Teams are assigned by commissioner. The commissioner can try to accommodate special requests.

### **Farm Division (Cal Ripken “Rookie”)**

- The Farm Division is an instruction league that utilizes soft Tball baseballs.
- Generally, 6-year-olds who have played at least one year of T-ball.
- Birthdates April 2015 - May 2014
- The Manager/Coach will pitch at knee level or can utilize a mechanical pitching machine.

- Catchers can be introduced later in the season preferably keeping balls at backstop area to maintain speed of play.
- Players are rotated throughout the various positions during the game.
- Game scores and league standings are not kept.
- Will attempt to have no more than 10 players per team.
- Number of teams based on registration totals.
- Presbyterian Field is primary playing location. Barr Field is secondary playing location.
- Teams will have a Fater Field Sunday game during the season.
- The Farm division has games every Saturday and one weekday game per week after Daylight Savings occurs.
- Games are approximately 60-90 minutes.
- Each team has a manager, up to 3 assistant coaches, and a team parent.
- Teams are assigned by commissioner. The commissioner can try to accommodate special requests.

### **Minors Division (Cal Ripken “Minor”)**

- Minors is an instruction division. Baseballs are utilized in this division.
- 8 year old players and 7 year old players that played 1 year of Farm Baseball.
- The Manager/Coach will pitch the 1st, 2nd, 3th, and 6th innings and the player will pitch the 4th and 5th innings.
- Players are rotated throughout the various positions during the game.
- 40 & 46 feet Pitching with 60 feet base paths.
- Games are scored yet league standings are not kept.
- Approximately 10-12 players per team.
- Players will be drafted for fairness and player participate in a showcase in February or March.
- Number of teams based on registration totals.
- The minors division has games every Saturday and one weekday game per week.
- Games are approximately 90 minutes.
- There are practices planned by commissioner and managers.
- Each team has a manager, up to 3 assistant coaches, and hopefully a team parent.
- Barr Field is primary playing location.

### **Majors Division (Cal Ripken “Major 60”)**

- The Majors Division is a competitive league.
- 46 feet Pitching with 60 feet base paths.
- Generally, 9 and 10-year-old players.
- Players will be drafted for fairness and player participate in a showcase in February or March.
- Rotation of positions occurs. Players must play both infield and outfield.
- Records are maintained, and playoffs are scheduled at the end of the regular season.
- Approximately 10-12 players per team.
- Number of teams based on registration totals.
- The Majors division has games every Saturday and one weekday game per week.
- Games are approximately 90 minutes.
- There are practices planned by commissioner and managers.
- Each team has a manager, up to 3 assistant coaches, and hopefully a team parent.
- Johnson Field is primary playing location with some games at Fater Field.

### **Intermediate 50/70 Division (Cal Ripken “Major 70”)**

- The Intermediate Division is a competitive league.
- 50 feet Pitching with 70 feet base paths.
- Generally, 11 and 12-year-old Players.
- Players will be drafted for fairness and player participate in a showcase in February or March.
- Some rotation of positions occurs. Each player should expect to play infield and outfield.
- Records are maintained, and playoffs are scheduled at the end of the regular season.
- Approximately 10-12 players per team.
- Number of teams based on registration totals.
- The Intermediates division has games every Saturday and one/two weekday game per week.
- Games are approximately 90 minutes.
- There are practices planned by commissioner and managers.
- Each team has a manager, up to 3 assistant coaches, and hopefully a team parent.
- Fater Field is primary playing location.

### **Junior Division (Babe Ruth Baseball League)**

- The Junior Division is played on a regulation size field.
- Official Baseball Rules are observed.
- Players broaden their skills and prepare to play at a scholastic team level.
- This Division does not conflict with school teams, allowing players to participate on both teams and maximize reps and playing time.
- Players should be developing skills in a few selected positions.
- Teams participate in local county or Babe Ruth District leagues.
- Generally, 13-15-year-old players.
- Approximately 11-15 players per team.
- Number of teams based on registration totals.
- 60 feet Pitching with 90 feet base paths.
- Uses Myrtle Field and Edgar Field and plays away games with interleague play.
- MBS occasionally does not field a Junior Division League team due to Middle School play.

### **U6 Softball (Rookie Division)**

Players to have equal opportunity at all positions. Minimum of 2 innings for each game. Time slots for games are limited to 1 hour and 30 minutes. Players will play entire game. All players at the game will bat in every inning. Add a double 1st base for safety. Coach pitch, with Tee option. Batters will have three swinging strikes after which a Tee will be brought out for the batter. Coaches will pitch and catch for games. Pitching distance will be based on batter's ability and 11 skill. The game can be started with a minimum of four players. Players cannot steal bases. Runners cannot advance on an overthrow. This division will use an 11-inch “incrediball” softball. No jewelry of any kind may be worn on the field. Composite barrel bats may not be used on Metuchen fields.

- 8-10 players per team.
- Five and 6-year old's, (as of December 31). Four-year-old's entering Kindergarten will be placed in T-ball.

- No showcase or draft. The Commissioner and managers will make team assignments, with focus on balancing talent, ages, and schools within each team. Some requests will be honored.
- Games will consist of a 30-minute practice followed by a 2-3 inning game. Game scores and standings will not be kept. This division will not use Umpires. Standardized drills to be emphasized along with game play.
- Each team has a manager, up to 3 assistant coaches, and a team parent.
- Games are held at Campbell School and Moss School

### **U8 Softball (Minors Divison)**

Standings will not be kept. Standardized drills to be emphasized along with game play.

- 9-11 Players Per Team
- 8 and 9-year old's (as of December 31)
- Manager drafts teams based upon showcase results. Final discretion on manager selection based on commissioner recommendation with board approval. Players should pitch at showcase and care should be taken to have pitchers on all teams.
- Play 1 weekday game and 1 Saturday game per week. Additional practices per manager's discretion. Teams will also play inter-league games with other Girls U8 Softball leagues.
- Each team has a manager, up to 3 assistant coaches, and a team parent.
- Games are held at Campbell School and Hoyer Field.

### **U10 Softball (Majors Divison)**

Standard Babe Ruth League rules except as noted below. Game scores and standings will be maintained. This division will use Umpires. Year-end single elimination tournament will determine division champion. Teams will be seeded based on standings from only games played against other Metuchen teams, interleague games are not used in determining playoff seeds. The VP Softball, Division Commissioner, along with each division Manager, and the league Player Agent will have the ability to establish local game rules in order to ensure fair competition and proper player development throughout the season. These rules must be agreed upon by all division managers and used throughout both the regular and playoff games.

- 10-13 Players Per Team
- 10 and 11-year old's (as of December 31)
- Manager drafts teams based upon showcase results. Final discretion on manager selection based on commissioner recommendation with board approval.
- Play 1 weekday game and 1 Saturday game per week. Additional practices per manager's discretion. Teams will also play inter-league games with other Girls U10 Softball leagues.
- Each team has a manager, up to 3 assistant coaches, and a team parent.
- Games are held at Hoyer Field and Charles Field.

### **U12 Softball (Seniors Divison)**

Standard Babe Ruth League rules except as noted below. Game scores and standings will be maintained. This division will use Umpires. Year-end single elimination tournament will determine division champion. Teams will be seeded based on standings from only games played against other Metuchen teams, interleague games are not used in determining playoff seeds. The VP Softball, Division Commissioner, along with each division Manager, and the league Player Agent will have the ability to establish local game rules in order to ensure fair competition

and proper player development throughout the season. These rules must be agreed upon by all division managers and used throughout both the regular and playoff games.

- 10-13 Players Per Team
- 11 and 12-year old's (as of December 31)
- Manager drafts teams based upon showcase results. Final discretion on manager selection based on commissioner recommendation with board approval.
- Play 1 weekday game and 1 Saturday game per week. Additional practices per manager's discretion. Teams will also play inter-league games with other Girls U12 Softball leagues.
- Each team has a manager, up to 3 assistant coaches, and a team parent.
- Games are held at Hoyer Field and Charles Field.