

# 2010 PARENT & PLAYER GUIDE



## KISKI VALLEY BASEBALL & SOFTBALL ASSOCIATION

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## **Kiski Valley Baseball & Softball Association - KVBSA**

Allegheny Township, Vandergrift, and Washington Township completed their merger prior to the 2009 season at the recommendation of committees formed from each of the local leagues. The inaugural 2009 season was a great success in the merger of Kiski Valley Little League. We had over 500 players participate in the initial season of the merger. Our ten year old All-Star team won the District 26 Tournament and captured the Regional Tournament as well, falling one step short of the state championship in Philadelphia.

After the season at the request of Little League officials, we conducted an extensive survey to search for ways to make our offering even better in the 2010 season. The results of the survey were generally favorable to the merger. We do realize that with anything new there are bound to be some bumps in the road and we as an organization are always diligently working to improve our process and procedures. The largest request that came from the survey was that parents would like the season to last longer and to have more regular season games. We addressed this request within our organization and sought guidance from the District Little League Board. We outlined our objectives and asked for their support & a District plan to accomplish these objectives. Unfortunately, to date we have not been presented with any plan or even a commitment to supporting our objectives. After a great deal of time, effort, and exploration the KVBSA board ultimately decided to develop a menu of programs to coincide with our objectives. This year we will provide expanded opportunities for the youth in our respective communities by offering programs from ASA Softball, Little League Baseball and PONY League Baseball. The program will provide the traditional Little League Tee-Ball and Coach Pitch baseball programs, PONY baseball programs for ages 9 through 18 and ASA Softball programs for ages 7 through 18. These programs will ensure more games and a longer season, a graduated advancement in field sizes for all levels of baseball, will provide more teams to play in softball, and will allow more flexibility for the organization to continue to adapt to the needs of our local area to further the success of our youth.

We have a lot of work ahead in 2010 and will continue to need volunteers for committees, field work, concessions, and many other projects. Please consider donating time to the organization that strives to support and provide opportunities for our local youth. You may sign up at registration or contact any of your board members for volunteer information.

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### **2010 HIGHLIGHTS:**

**What's going on?** The merger was a success! Starting with this season, players will play T-Ball and Coach Pitch Baseball under the Little League format. Baseball player's ages 9 through 18 will participate in PONY programs. Softball players from 7 through 18 will play ASA Softball.

**What is the difference between the two baseball organizations?** Playing under the Pony programs beginning at age 9 will permit our players to play further into the summer allowing for more training and games. It will also allow our players to gradually transition in field sizes from 60' (9/10) to 70' (11/12) to 80' (13/14) and then eventually 90' (15 & over), instead of making the 60' to 90' jump at age 13.

**What about Tee-Ball and Coach Pitch?** The changes only effect ages 9 and above. Tee-Ball and Coach Pitch teams will still be formed under the Little League program. For most of us, Little League is how we started playing organized baseball. We want to continue that tradition and provide these solid Little League programs for our youth.

**What about All-Stars?** All-Stars start at age 9 and above. The Pony Organization has All-Star tournaments available. Any and all All-Star Teams will also be formed through a tryout process.

## **KISKI VALLEY BASEBALL & SOFTBALL ASSOCIATION** **IMPORTANT 2010 PRE-SEASON DATES & INFORMATION**

### **REGISTRATION:**

There will be no registration on-line this year. You may visit the web-site ([www.kvbsa.net](http://www.kvbsa.net)), print your form and fill it out prior to coming to registration to speed up the process. You must register in person at any of the following locations:

Sunday, January 17th	Washington Twp. Municipal Bldg.	2 - 4 PM
Wednesday, January 20 <sup>th</sup>	Vandergrift (#1 Fire Hall - Franklin Ave)	6 - 8 PM
Thursday, January 21 <sup>st</sup>	Allegheny Twp. Municipal Bldg.	6 - 8 PM
Sunday, January 24 <sup>th</sup>	Washington Twp. Municipal Bldg.	2 - 4 PM
Wednesday, January 27 <sup>th</sup>	Vandergrift (#1 Fire Hall – Franklin Ave)	6 - 8 PM
Thursday, January 28 <sup>th</sup>	Allegheny Twp. Municipal Bldg	6 – 8 PM

### **REGISTRATION FEES: (Please Make Checks Payable To KVBSA)**

Tee Ball	\$40.00/player*
Coach Pitch Baseball/Softball	\$50.00/player*
U10 Baseball & ASA Softball	\$75.00/player*
U12 Baseball & ASA Softball	\$75.00/player*
13 & Over Baseball & ASA Softball	\$100.00/player*

### **FUNDRAISER INFORMATION:**

All players will be given one book of fund raising tickets to sell, however families with more than one player are only required to sell one book. A total of \$50.00 is due by the tryout date. You may pre-pay at registration but ticket stubs must be turned in by the tryout date. Make checks payable to KVBSA. Only cash, checks or money orders accepted. **The fund raising proceeds of \$50.00 must be turned in to receive uniforms. No exceptions.** If you have any questions regarding fundraising or need more tickets please contact Shawn Kuhn at 724.845.6770.

<p><b>Option:</b> If you are registering more than one child, you may deduct \$20 from the full cost for each additional child, and add another \$50 fundraiser for each additional child.</p>
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### **TEAM PICTURES:**

To be determined at a later date.

### **BASEBALL & SOFTBALL INSTRUCTIONAL CLINICS:**

There will be **free** baseball and softball instructional clinics available for all children registering to play KVBSA baseball and softball. Depending on your child's age the clinics will take place at Washington Elementary, Allegheny Elementary, and Tiger Gym in Apollo. Please follow the specific gym assignment and alphabet order as these arrangements were made to keep the instruction fair for all. Please see the attached schedule for locations, dates and times. No child can participate in the clinic sessions until they have registered. If you have question or concerns about the clinic opportunity, please contact Terry B. Moorhead at 724.568.5215.

### **TEAM ASSIGNMENTS / MANAGERS / & DRAFT:**

#### **T-Ball & Coach Pitch Level Team Assignments**

Parents will be notified of their children's respective teams by the team's manager prior to practices beginning in late March or early April.

#### **Selection of Players @ 9-10 / 11-12 / 13-14 / 15-16 Level**

We will use the same draft plan as in 2009 for all in-house teams. The plan is as follows;

All players playing at the 9-10, 11-12 or 13 & above levels in Baseball and Softball will attend a tryout. Teams will be formed based on performance and ability shown there, not by where they live. We will field as many teams as needed.

Managers will draw numbers to determine the draft order for round one. Round two will be reverse order. Round 3 will follow same order as round one, round four same as round two, and so on. (Example - In a four team league, the manager who draws number one makes the following player selection: 1<sup>st</sup> choice, 8<sup>th</sup>, 9<sup>th</sup>, 16<sup>th</sup>, 17<sup>th</sup>, etc; The manager who draws number two makes the 2<sup>nd</sup> choice, 7<sup>th</sup>, 10<sup>th</sup>, 18<sup>th</sup>, etc; The manager who draws number three makes 3<sup>rd</sup> choice, 6<sup>th</sup>, 11<sup>th</sup>, 14<sup>th</sup>, etc; The manager who draws number four makes 4<sup>th</sup>, 5<sup>th</sup>, 12<sup>th</sup>, 13<sup>th</sup>, etc., until selections are completed).

We will also provide an expanded opportunity this year at the 13 and 14 year old level for teams to compete in a travel league during the regular season. These teams will incur the costs associated with the travel league as well as a much expanded travel schedule. These teams will be selected by managers through playing ability and history as well as a tryout process. If you have an interest in the travel league please contact a board member for more information.

### **Selection of Managers @ 9-10 / 11-12 / 13-14 / 15-16 Level**

Any person wanting to be a regular season manager will be required to fill out a manager application to be presented to the KVBSA Voting Board.

The number of managers at the 9-10-11-12 & 13 & up levels will be determined by the KVBSA Voting Board based on number of eligible 9-12 year old players upon completion of Tryout and Skill Assessments.

KVBSA Executive Board will nominate managers based on the submitted applications.

The KVBSA Voting Board will then vote for managers based on a 2/3 quorum.

**Managers** - If a manager has a son eligible to be drafted, that manager needs to state whether or not they want to draft their own child. If a manager intends to draft his/her child, the manager needs to exercise that option at or before the close of the specific draft round, depending on the league age of the child. (9-10 year olds by round 5, 11 year olds by round 4 and 12 year olds by round 3)

**Siblings in the Draft** - When there are 2 or more siblings in the draft, and the first brother or sister is drafted, that manager automatically has the option to draft the other brother or sister on the next turn. If the manager does not exercise the option, the second sibling is then available to be drafted by any manager.

**Special Requests** - Parents with multiple children being drafted need to state whether or not siblings need to be on the same team and present such request to the KVBSA Voting Board.

Parents that have special requests (cousins/neighbors/transportation) need to have the request in writing and present such requests to the KVBSA Voting Board prior to the

draft. Although the board will take these into consideration, the board cannot guarantee that special requests will be granted.

**Other Information** – The Mustang level will consist of 7-10 year olds eligible through the tryout process. 7-8 year olds not drafted to Mustang will play coach pitch. Bronco will consist of 9-12 year olds eligible through the tryout process. All 11 & 12 year olds will play Bronco, with the only exception for safety considerations.

### **KISKI VALLEY BASEBALL & SOFTBALL ASSOCIATION 2010 VOLUNTEER POSITIONS:**

**NOTE:** All Volunteers that will have continual inter-action with the children of KVBSA, will be required to fill out a league volunteer application. You will be required to provide your full Social Security # upon completion of application (SS# will remain confidential).

The ultimate success of any nonprofit youth sports organization depends not only upon development of programs for the underlying sport, but is directly proportional to the level of involvement with volunteers, particularly parents of the youth league players. Simply put, without parental involvement, the work falls on the shoulders of a few with the end result being a less efficient organization and a less than satisfactory experience for our youth.

We have been fortunate to have very dedicated volunteers. However, with some more help and input much more can be accomplished. There are other ways to help aside from managing, coaching or serving as a league official. We have many areas of responsibility required for our league to operate efficiently. Each area is headed by a board member who could use your help.

For example: This year we will utilize over 10 different fields at several locations. Each year, we need to dress those fields with new mix, mend fences, fix holes, fix bleachers and benches, etc. One person cannot maintain this by themselves. Our field representative, Jared Sofaly, welcomes any help, whether for an hour or a few minutes at any time during the season. Most people are also probably not aware that their manager and his coaches arrive well before the players to drag and prepare the fields for play. Even an offer to take that task occasionally from the manager would be appreciated. Opening Day is a much anticipated event that essentially is the only time during the playing season that all the teams and their families are together. Help is needed to pull off such an event both in planning and staffing. Ideas for program content are encouraged. The concession stand schedule needs developed for staffing throughout the day long event at several different locations. Baked goods are needed for the traditional bake sale held on opening day, and many more additional duties being required by our volunteers. Anyone wanting to help during our Opening Day festivities should contact our auxiliary officer Jackie Bott.

**KISKI VALLEY BASEBALL & SOFTBALL 2010 CONCESSION POLICIES:**

The league's auxiliary officer, Jackie Bott, oversees the concession function. Parents will be required to work one night per child in the concession stand unless they choose the buy-out option\*. Each parent will be invited to a sign up night where they will be able to select the nights they wish to work concession on a first come basis. The following policies have been adopted by the Board for the 2010 season.

**Guidelines - A parent of each child (at all levels of play) will choose or be assigned A Game Per Registered Child to work the concession stand. If you are unable to work the assigned game you choose or are assigned, it is your responsibility to coordinate with the team parent to switch with another parent.**

Prior to the beginning of the season, your team parent will hold an informational meeting to review the policies & procedures for the concession stands.

**\*OPT OUT FEE: In lieu of working your assigned game(s), you may elect to pay a \$ 25 fee (per child). The purpose of the fee is so that funds can be generated to pay outside help due to your non-participation.**

If you elect to OPT OUT, the fee is payable at registration. However, if you need time to decide on the OPT OUT remit this page, along with your \$ 25 check (per child) payable to KVBSA and send to the treasurer\*\* no later than February 15, 2010. If you do not remit this form and a check for the OPT OUT then you will need to attend the sign up day or you will be assigned a day.

\*\*Michelle Kuhn, Treasurer  
49 Allegheny Road  
Vandergrift, PA 15690

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