

Norwood Park Youth Association League Descriptions

Your players age/grade on May 1st, is the age/grade they are/in for that baseball/softball season.

Instructional Tball Baseball: Beginner league for boys and girls, 4 and 5 yr olds. Each player receives a cap, pants and jersey/shirt. Teams will meet once a week for 60-75 minutes learning the basics of Tball, there are no games scheduled at this level, players work on their skills to prepare for the next level. Season begins in early May and ends in mid/late July. All sessions are held at Norwood Park.

Tball Baseball: Games are played at this level. Girls and boys who are 5 or 6 play at this level. Each player receives a cap, pants and jersey. Season begins in mid/late April with weekly practices, Games begin in early May. Teams will play 10-12 games with additional practices sprinkled in throughout the season which runs through mid/late July. We don't keep score or standings at this level. All games and practices are held at Norwood Park.

7/8 Baseball: Since we added softball in 2001, this has become mostly a boy's league, however girls are welcome to participate at this level if they prefer to play baseball. Players are 7 and 8 years old, generally in 1st and 2nd grade. Pitching is introduced at this level. Both the players and coaches will do the pitching at this level. There are no walks, no stealing at this level. Season begins in mid/late April with practices each week. Games begin in early May, with additional practices being sprinkled in throughout the season. We have an evaluation prior to the start of the practice session at this level to try and distribute the skill evenly. We keep score and standings at this level. Games will be mostly played at Norwood with a few games played against other local communities at their parks. Playoffs at the end of the season will be wrapped up by mid/late July each season. Each player will receive a cap, pants and a jersey.

9/10 Baseball: Players are 9 and 10, 3rd and 4th grade at this level. Walks, stealing, infield fly introduced at this level, all kids pitching. Season begins in mid/late April with practices each week. Games begin in early May, with additional practices being sprinkled in throughout the season. At this level all the teams participate in the community league, CSYBA. Each team will play approximately 75% of their games at Norwood with the remaining being played at other local communities' parks. There will be a league community playoff as well as an in-house playoff each season. Each player will receive a cap, pants and jersey. All games and playoffs will be completed by mid/late July. The Robert Roggatz award is awarded at this level, there is a display in our fieldhouse for reference. Anyone looking for more information about this honor is encouraged to contact us at Norwoodparkyouth@gmail.com

11/12 Baseball: Players are 11 and 12, 5th and 6th grade at this level. Lead-offs, drop third strike are introduced at this level. . Season begins in mid/late April with practices each week. Games begin in early May, with additional practices being sprinkled in throughout the season. At this level all the teams participate in the community league, CSYBA. Approximately 60% of your games are played at Norwood with the remaining games being played at other local community parks. All games with playoffs are completed by mid/late July. Each player receives a cap, pants and jersey.

13/14 Baseball: Players are 13 and 14, 7th and 8th grade. 9th graders who are not playing HS baseball are allowed to participate as well. Full baseball at this level played on an 80 ft diamond. Starting in 2025 the home games will be played on our newly renovated diamond 1. Away games will be played at that community field. There are approximately 12-14 games each season with a full playoff to complete the season. Practices will begin in mid-April; the season is generally completed prior to the July 4th holiday. Each player receives a cap, pants and jersey.

KNIGHTS Baseball: Travel baseball teams. Each August we hold open tryouts for the following calendar year. Generally, we have 4 teams each season that compete in the LSFBL travel league as well as tournaments both locally and in surrounding states, the out of state tournaments are determined by each team individually. For more information, please contact us via email:

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K-2 Softball: Our softball leagues are for girls only. This league is for all girls in kindergarten through 2nd grade. This division is designed to introduce the players to the game of softball. Each player receives a visor, pants and jersey. The season begins in mid/late April with practices each week, games will begin in early May. There are no playoffs at this level, the season is generally completed prior to July 4th each season. Coaches will do the pitching, with the girls being worked in as the season goes, this is handled each season on a skill based leveled. Home games are at Norwood, away games are played at local community parks. We participate in the Crosstown league at this level.

3.4 & 5.6 Softball: Two different levels, one for the girls in 3rd and 4th grade and one for those in 5th and 6th grade. Each player will receive a visor, pants and jersey. Pitchers and infielders must wear a face guard when in the field. Home games are at Norwood Park, away games are played at community parks. We participate in the Crosstown league. The season will begin with practices in mid-April, games will begin in early May. The playoffs at each level will be concluded prior to the July 4th holiday, weather permitting.

COACHES: All our coaches at all levels, including the Travel teams, are volunteers. Most are parent volunteers, each season we do have a few HS and college players that will also volunteer for teams. We always need more volunteers and coaches for each team. If you are interested in coaching, please contact us via email or mention that in the comment section when registering your player.