

# **Knothole West Baseball**

**10-24-2017 ---- Springdale Recreation Center ---- 7pm**

## **Meeting Agenda**

Officers – Glenn Schaaf - Executive Supervisor -- Bill O'Brien – Secretary -- Gene Drozd – Treasurer

- Review of 2017
  - Number of Western Region Teams in 2017
    - AA – 1 teams
    - A- 13 teams
    - B-2 – 7 teams.
    - B-1 – 9 teams.
    - C-2 – 13 teams
    - C-1 – 18 teams
    - D-2 – 18 teams
    - D-1 – 21 teams
    - Coach Pitch (not directly supervised by Western region) – approximately 42 teams
    - T-Ball (not directly supervised by Western Region) – approximately 49 teams
- League Play Beginning in early April to Mid-June followed by World Series invitees and Regional Tournaments – Tournaments begin Mid-June and End by June 30<sup>th</sup> – Other Tournaments available through Mid-July
- 2017 Financial Review
  
- Plan for 2018 - Time line handout and Post on Website
  - Scheduling info and League Fees to Drozd for League Scheduling by March 1<sup>st</sup>
  - Game Schedules Published by April 1<sup>st</sup>
  - League Games April 14<sup>th</sup> Through June 10<sup>th</sup> (A Class May 12<sup>th</sup> to June 17<sup>th</sup>)
  - World Series – 4 Teams Invited D2 to A – June 16<sup>th</sup> to June 30<sup>th</sup> A Class begins June 23<sup>rd</sup>
  - Regional World Series for Regional tournament Winners Begins July 7<sup>th</sup>
- Knothole House to host inter Regional Knothole Elite League –(Athletic League)
  - Travel to other Region's venues and Higher Levels of competition
  - D2 teams with WS Eligibility will play in this league
- West Region Umpire Coordinator - Paul Richey
  - Help with Umpire Training
- Website
  - Each team will have their own website
  - West Region League info to be posted on West Website
- Awards
  - Top two Team Players' will receive League Awards
  - Regional Tournament Champions and Runner Up to receive Player Awards

- League Rules to be posted on Knothole and Knothole West Website
  - Bat Rules will remain the same
- State of Ohio Team Requirements
  - Coaches, Parents and Players must follow mandated action for Concussion and Sudden Cardiac Arrest
  - Coaches must complete on-line N/C training <http://nfhslearn.com/courses>
- Kid Glove
  - Great program to supplement the Organization's or Team Budget
  - Sell Vouchers for \$12 keep \$10 to run programs -- Paul Kramer – [paulwink@fuse.net](mailto:paulwink@fuse.net)
- Knothole On-line Store
  - Will be operational soon
  - Great way to purchase needed equipment uniforms not available through Kid Glove
  - Compatible With the Kid Glove program
- Knothole Baseballs
  - Diamond Brand
  - Will feature the Knothole Logo's
  - Need your order and Check ASAP
- Reds Youth Academy
  - Register to participate -See handout
- Knothole CPS and CRC
  - Knothole in process of organizing the CPS Jr. High Baseball Program - More to follow
  - CRC Ongoing discussions to improve communications and Services
- 2018 Time Line Handout - Review
  - Registration -- Start with the TB age level as it feeds your program each year
- Greater Cincinnati Baseball League Direction
  - Moving toward finish the season on a tournament high note
  - Knothole to Follow
- 2018 Team League Fees - \$125 will pay for:
  - League and Team Website
  - Admin copy/Meeting fees
  - League Trophies for Champs and Runner-Ups
- 2018 Post Season Tournament Fees \$125 will pay for:
  - A World Series or A Regional Tournament
  - Tournament Baseballs
  - Tournament Field Rentals
  - Tournament Umpires
  - Tournament Trophies for Champs and Runner-Ups
- NOTE: The group represented at the 10/24/17 Meeting preferred a split fee structure vs paying 100% of the Team League Fees / Tournament Fees upfront

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**From:** Gene Drozd <Notification@LeagueAthletics.com>  
**Sent:** Monday, October 02, 2017 2:41 PM  
**To:** pyo@pyobaseball.org  
**Subject:** 2018 Knothole West League Meeting and Baseball Pricing

### To: All West Region Knothole Community Leaders

It has been some time since we communicated so we thought an update would be in order.

We have been working behind the scenes with Knothole to secure direction regarding a couple of League items and expect to have that direction set within a couple of weeks. Soon after that, we intend to call a West Region League Meeting and review The Knothole Calendar, the 2018 Fee structure and other pertinent items. We intend to call for that meeting the week of October 23 as we expect to have the needed information from Knothole to share at that point. There will be a separate Communication announcing the Meeting Date, Time and Place soon so stay tuned.

Also, we just received the below information regard the purchase of Baseball sporting the Knothole Logos. Please let me know ASAP if your organization or Team has interest in purchasing these Baseballs. We will need your order with payment by our meeting the week of October 23rd. Kid Glove Funds may be used to fund these Baseball so bring the exceptional equipment order confirmation from Kid Glove with you to the meeting or a check payable to "Knothole Baseball, LLC".

### Diamond (line item) Pricing:

- D1-PRO (NFHS) 63.30 dozen (NFHS certified)
- DOL-A OL 43.80 dozen (a good tournament baseball), (compares to Rawlings' RLLB)
- DOL-1 OL 38.00 dozen (a good tournament and league baseball), (compares to Rawlings' ROLB)
- BB OL 33.60 dozen (an economy tournament and league baseball), (compares to Rawlings' ROLB1)
- DFX-LC1 OL 30.00 dozen (T-ball, low compression "level 1" game ball, synthetic cover)

Thanks

Glenn – Bill - Gene

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**From:** Gene Drozd <Notification@LeagueAthletics.com>  
**Sent:** Thursday, October 05, 2017 11:14 AM  
**To:** pyo@pyobaseball.org

**To: All Knothole West Region Community Leaders**

**Below is a communication regarding the opportunities available at the Reds Urban Youth Academy. The Member Application form is located on the West Region Website under the Documents link. --- knotholebaseballwest.com**

**Gene**

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**From:** Gabrielle Pape <GPape@reds.com>  
**Sent:** Monday, October 2, 2017 5:00 PM  
**Subject:** Reds Youth Academy Fall/ Winter Programming

I hope this email finds you well. I'm excited to announce the release the *2017-18 Member Application* for participation in the P&G Cincinnati MLB Youth Academy. You will find that application attached. Anyone who plans on using the Academy between September 1, 2017 to August 31, 2018 **MUST** complete the attached application. No child will be allowed to participate in any program at the Academy without this year's *Member Application* completed.

As a reminder, the Academy hosts **FREE** baseball and softball programming for children ages 5 to 18. These programs include speed and agility, baseball/softball fundamentals, strength and conditioning, advanced baseball/softball work, fun at bat ([www.funatbat.org](http://www.funatbat.org)), t-ball leagues, and MORE. Any child that uses an Academy program is also able to take part in our **FREE** homework help sessions Mondays through Thursdays from 4:00-6:00 run by the University of Cincinnati. Our programs, including homework help, will begin on October 2<sup>nd</sup>.

by USA Baseball | Fun at Bat

[www.funatbat.org](http://www.funatbat.org)

Fun At Bat is a bat and ball, entry level program for kids with an emphasis on character development, functional movement, active play and fun.

In addition to the *Member Application*, please take a look at the table below to see what other information children need before they participate in a program at the Academy.

**Academy Member Process**

|                           | <b>5-7 year olds</b> | <b>8 and older (Non-RBI Player)</b> | <b>8-18 (RBI Players)</b> | <b>Players u<br/>Academy fo<br/>Practice Q<br/>Mandat</b> |
|---------------------------|----------------------|-------------------------------------|---------------------------|---|
| <b>Member Application</b> | Mandatory            | Mandatory                           | Mandatory                 |   |

(attached application)

**Member Picture (email to [RRSLCincinnati@reds.com](mailto:RRSLCincinnati@reds.com))**

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**Evaluation Date (information reminder below. MUST schedule ahead)**

NOT needed

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NOT needed

(Yearly Basis)

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RBI players  
only

NOT needed

A **specific PROGRAM sign-up sheet** that includes all dates and times will be given out and will be mandatory for children to fill out. Non-RBI players that are 8 and older will receive their specific program sign-up sheet at their evaluation. 5-7 year olds will be given a Fun at Bat specific sign-up sheet. RBI players will be emailed a sign-up sheet with all offerings based on age.

## Evaluations

For our Academy programs we hold participant evaluations to ensure each child is placed into the proper programming for their skill set and age. **All children 8 and over, who are not placed on a RBI team this year and who want to participate in programming at the Academy MUST go through an evaluation before beginning programming this year.** As a reminder, every child must also have a completed application every year for the September 1, 2017-August 31, 2018 timeframe. Evaluations are mandatory and must be done on a **yearly basis**. Children who are placed on a 2017-18 RBI team do NOT have to participate in these evaluations. They may sign up for programming based on their age once the application is emailed out.

**Evaluations will be held on the following dates and times at the Academy:**

### October Dates:

Saturday, Oct. 7<sup>th</sup>, 9:00am-11:00am

Saturday, Oct. 21<sup>st</sup>, 9:00am-11:00am

### November Dates:

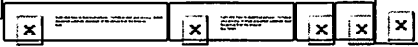
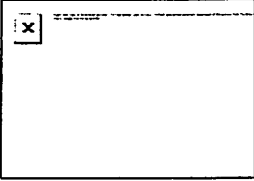
Saturday, Nov. 4<sup>th</sup>, 9:00am-11:00am

Saturday, Nov. 18<sup>th</sup>, 9:00am-11:00am

You must contact the Academy to schedule your evaluation. **SPACE IS LIMITED.** We will only schedule a limited number of children to each 15 minute time slot. Children ages 8-13 can schedule a 15 minute time slot in the first 90 minutes. Children ages 14 and above can schedule a 15 minute time slot in the last 30 minutes. This time slot is when the evaluation *begins*. Please make sure to show up early to warm up and be ready for your evaluation timeframe. To schedule the evaluation, you can call the Academy at 513.765.5000 or email at [redsyouthacademy@reds.com](mailto:redsyouthacademy@reds.com).

If you can't make one of the dates listed below and you are still interested in participating, please contact Colleen Cheek at [ccheek@reds.com](mailto:ccheek@reds.com).

**GABRIELLE PAPE**  
**OUTREACH COORDINATOR, COMMUNITY FUND**  
**T 513-765-5001**  
**REDS URBAN YOUTH ACADEMY**  
**2026 EAST SEYMOUR AVE, CINCINNATI, OH 45237**



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**Welcome to Knothole Baseball Since 1932**

**Knothole Baseball – Important Dates for the 2018 Season**

**All WR Coordinators Meeting**

- October 24, 2017 @ Springdale Rec. Center - 7pm

**Registration Opens**

- December 1, 2017

**All WR Coordinators Meeting**

- January 10, 2018

**Initial Team Commitment**

- February 1, 2018

**Final Team Commitment**

- March 1, 2018

**All WR Coordinators Meeting**

- March 1, 2018

**Team League Fees Due**

- March 1, 2018

**WR Knothole Baseball Opening Day**

- April 14, 2018 - D-Jr (8U) – B-Sr (13U)
- May 12, 2018 - A Class

**Knothole Baseball Season Ending**

- June 10, 2018 - D-Jr (8U) – B-Sr (13U)
- June 17, 2018 - A Class

**KB Regional Tournaments Begins**

- June 14, 2018 - D-Jr (8U) – B-Sr (13U)
- June 21, 2018 - A Class

**KB World Series Begins**

- June 16, 2018 - D-Sr (9U) – B-Sr (13U)
- June 23, 2018 - A Class

**KB Recreation World Series Begins**

- July 7, 2018 - D-Sr (9U) – B-Sr (13U)

**KB All-Star Summer Classic**

- July 12 – 15, 2018

**All WR Coordinators Meeting**

- September 19, 2018

**Geography**

The West Region consists of:

- All non-CPS Hamilton County school districts that contain or are west of U.S. Route 42.
- All City of Cincinnati Neighborhoods that contain or are west of Interstate 75.
- All of Butler County, Ohio and the Lakota School District.
- All of Indiana.

**New Communities or Teams**

New communities interested in joining the West Region should inquire with Gene Drozd at [pyo@pyobaseball.org](mailto:pyo@pyobaseball.org) by February 15, 2018.

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COUNTING DOWN TO  
OPENING DAY 04/14/2018

**171** DAYS

13h : 12m : 12s

