

# Knothole West Baseball

**1-10-2018 ---- 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
- Financial Review
  
- Plan for 2018 - Time line handout and Post on Website
  - Pre Scheduling Info (Team Counts) by February 1st
  - 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 – 3 to 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 Tournaments – June 15<sup>th</sup> to June 30<sup>th</sup>
  - Regional World Series for Regional Tournament Winners Begins July 7<sup>th</sup>
- Knothole House to host inter Regional Knothole League – (Athletic League)
  - Travel to other Region's venues and Higher Levels of competition
  - D2 teams with WS Eligibility will play in this league
- Regional All-Star Teams
  - Each Region will provide an ALL-Star team at Each Age level for July Tournament Play
- Website
  - Each team will have their own website
  - West Region League info to be posted on West Website [knotholebaseballwest.com](http://knotholebaseballwest.com)
- Awards
  - Top two Team Players' will receive League Awards
  - Regional Tournament Champions and Runner Up to receive Player Awards

- Knothole Official Rules Posted on the Knothole West Website
  - #15 - Bat Rules will remain the same for 2018 Anticipate going to the USA Bats in the 2019 Season
  - #21 - Conduct
  - #22 – Manager’s Agreement
  - #29 – Hurdling or Plowing Over
- Regional Rules – To be very Similar to the 2017 version – Posted on Knothole West Website
- Ejections and Issues on Field – Contact West Region Board Member ASAP after the event
- State of Ohio Team Requirements
  - Coaches, Parents and Players must follow mandated action for Concussion and Sudden Cardiac Arrest
  - Coaches must complete on-line free training <http://nfhslearn.com/courses>
- Background Screening – Highly Recommended as a requirement by each Organization
  - All Coaches & Umpires
- Kid Glove
  - Great program to supplement the Organization’s or Team Budget
  - Game Dates -- May 22nd and 23rd vs Pirates -- June 5th & 6th vs Rockies -- June 19th vs Tigers
  - Sell Vouchers for \$12 keep \$10 to run your program -- Paul Kramer – [paulwink@fuse.net](mailto:paulwink@fuse.net)
- Knothole On-line Store
  - Go to -- <https://shopknothole.com>
  - 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
  - Order On-Line on the Shop Knothole Website
- Knothole CPS and CRC
  - Knothole in process of organizing the CPS Jr. High Baseball Program - More to follow
  - CPS Teams will be placed in the New Central Region
  - 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: Long Discussion and 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