

# KNOTHOLE BASEBALL, INC.

## “AA” Baseball 2019

**MANAGERS’ MEETING: M a y 4 t h , 1 0 : 0 0 A M Blue Ash Sports Complex(Crosley Field)**

### \*\*\* T E A M R E G I S T R A T I O N \*\*\*

**The Team Registration and roster forms along with contracts and the \$250.00 fee are due by May 4th. Make check payable to: KB (Knothole Baseball, Inc.). Turn in check and team forms at the May 4th meeting or Mail To: Dennis Becker, 526 Wards Corner Rd., Ste A., Loveland, OH 45140**

#### EXECUTIVE SUPERVISOR:

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#### 1. League Fees

- a) **\$250.00** Checks made payable to **KB** (see above)

#### 2. Team Eligibility

- a) The Team Roster Form, the Team Registration Form, both signed by your Region/District Supervisor, along with the Team Fee and copies of each completed Player Contract and the completed Coach’s Agreement for the team must be returned to Dennis Becker on or before the May 4th Managers’ Meeting. PENALTY: THE TEAM WILL NOT BE ALLOWED TO PARTICIPATE IN THE AA LEAGUE FOR THE 2019 SEASON. NO TEAMS WILL BE ADDED AFTER MAY 4TH UNLESS PRIOR APPROVAL IS OBTAINED FROM DENNIS BECKER.
- d) Teams should not carry less than 14 or more than 22 players. All teams must have their roster with them at all games. PENALTY: Forfeiture of Game.
- e) Teams are not allowed to roster and/or play more than four (4) players from the same High School if those players played High School baseball for the same High School on any of that High School’s bona fide sanctioned baseball teams until June 1<sup>st</sup>; at which time any number of baseball players from the same High School can play together on the same AA team. High School age players who did not play High School baseball during the most recent season, can play in any number on the same AA team prior to June 1<sup>st</sup>. Further, no High School baseball player can play on a AA team until his High School team has been eliminated from any High School sanctioned post season play.

#### 3. Player Eligibility

- a) You must have copies of each of the completed Player Contract in the hands of Dennis Becker on or before May 4th for all players on your roster to start the season. For players added after the season starts, copies of the completed Player Contract must be in Dennis Becker’s hand before said player can play in a game. Emails are acceptable. PENALTY: Team will forfeit each game in which said player participates.
- b) Teams are not required to turn in a birth certificate or a picture of each player. However, in case of protest on player’s eligibility, the manager must produce both items within 24 hours or face possible forfeit.
- c) Players may not play on any other team Knothole team.
- d) Teams and players may not play in more than one Knothole league. Teams and players may play in a non-Knothole league in addition to their Knothole league.
- e) Players **cannot** be **19** before **May 1, 2019**.
- f) No players may be added after June 21st.

#### 4. Season Dates

- a) The season will begin Sunday May 26th. Early season games may be rescheduled by the teams where conflicts exist due to high school rules.
- b) The last scheduled game date will be Sunday June 30th.
- c) Last date for make- up games from regular season will be Wednesday July 3rd.
- d) Any required tiebreaker games will be played on Friday July 5th.

#### 5. Schedules

- a) Schedules shall be released no later than Saturday May 18th.
- b) Schedule styles shall be discussed and decided upon at the May 4th Managers’ Meeting.

#### 6. District/Region Boundaries

- a) Teams are to be made up of players from their Knothole Region/District.
- b) If a player wishes to play in another Region/District, the coach must obtain approval from their Region/District Supervisor and the AA Executive Supervisor.

## 7. Number of Games

- a) The number of games to be played shall be voted on at the Managers' Meeting.
- b) Scheduling of doubleheaders shall be discussed at the Managers' Meeting.
- c) A legal season for a team to qualify for the AA Knothole World Series Tournament shall be determined at the Managers' meeting.
- d) **FORFEITS DO NOT COUNT WHEN DETERMINING NUMBER OF GAMES PLAYED FOR TOURNAMENT ELIGIBILITY PURPOSES.**

## 8. Uniforms

- a) This is a uniform league.

## 9. Umpires

- a) Each game should have two umpires. Umpires must be trained in Class AA rules to umpire Class AA games.
- b) The **Host** team is responsible for providing both umpires for all games.
- c) Umpire pay is **\$120.00** per game with each team paying one umpire **\$60.00**. If only one umpire does a game, that umpire will be paid **\$90.00**, with the home team paying **\$45.00** and the visiting team paying **\$45.00**
- d) Teams that forfeit a game will be charged a \$50.00 penalty, to be paid immediately or they will not be able to finish their season, (payable to KB through the Executive Supervisor).
- e) Each umpire who shows up at a game that is forfeited will be paid \$50.00.
- f) No "AA" manager, coach, or player may umpire in "AA" baseball.
- g) No person may umpire a game when an immediate family member is playing or coaching.
- h) Umpires must be paid on the field before the game starts unless prior arrangements have been made by the host team with their umpires.

## 10. Class AA World Series Tournament

- a) The "AA" Knothole Baseball World Series Tournament will tentatively begin Monday July 8<sup>th</sup>.
- b) The tournament structure and style shall be voted on at the Managers' Meeting. There will be a best of three Championship Series no matter what tournament style is chosen to determine the overall Class AA champion.
- c) Tournament eligibility – see 7 (c) plus any other criteria decided by the Managers at the Managers' Meeting.

## 11. Re-Entry Rule

See KB Rule #18.

## 12. Batting Order Options

- a) The continuous batting (CB) rule: If a player cannot bat, (unable to bat because of illness, injury, had to leave, etc.), such position is not an out in the batting order. Any nine players may play on the defense.
- b) The additional hitter (AH) rule: If using the AH, a 10<sup>th</sup> batter may be added to the batting order at the start of the game. Any nine of the ten batters may play on defense. If a team using the AH drops from ten to nine players available, the spot in the lineup is left open and is NOT an out. The re-entry rule applies as well.
- c) The designated hitter (DH) rule: If a designated hitter is used, he may not play on defense. The DH may be used with the AH and the re-entry rule.
- d) Managers must choose one of these options before the game begins:
  - CB, Continuous batting rule
  - AH, Additional Hitter
  - DH, Designated Hitter
  - AH and DH
  - Regular nine-man batting order.

## 13. Courtesy Runner

- a) **THIS OPTION IS FOR CATCHERS ONLY.** This rule applies only to the player who finished the previous inning as the catcher, not the player who will be the catcher the next inning.
- b) If the team is using the continuous batting order, the player who made the last out will be used. For the other batting options, any player who is not in the batting lineup may be used as the courtesy runner.
- c) In any circumstance, the courtesy runner does not enter the score book.

## 14. Pitcher

- a) Pitching limitations in AA shall adhere to the following pitch/rest limitations:

Level	Daily Pitch	Days Rest Based on Pitches Thrown			
	Limit	0 Days	1 Day	2 Days	3 Days
AA	110	1-30	31-50	51-80	81-110

Notes: A day is defined as starting at Midnight following a pitching appearance and running through the following Midnight  
Pitch 30 or less pitches on Monday – can pitch again on Tuesday  
Pitch 50 or less but more than 30 pitches on Monday – can pitch again on Wednesday  
Pitch 80 or less but more than 50 pitches on Monday – can pitch again on Thursday  
Pitch 110 or less but more than 80 pitches on Monday – can pitch again on Friday

- b) Clarifying pitching rules:
- A pitcher may finish the current batter if the daily pitch count limit is reached during that at bat.
  - A pitcher may pitch in multiple games during the same day up to the daily pitch count limit.
  - All pitches thrown in a suspended game or a “no contest” game **SHALL COUNT** toward the daily pitch count limit and the total number of pitches thrown for days’ rest purposes.
  - All pitches thrown in a scrimmage game or a preview game **SHALL COUNT** toward the daily pitch count limit and the total number of pitches thrown for days’ rest purposes.
  - Each team **MUST** keep a record of all pitches thrown by each of their pitchers in each game (including those in 14 b iii and iv) and make this available to the AA Supervisor upon request.
  - Any player pitching during a period of required rest is considered to be pitching as an ineligible player.
  - No pitch intentional walks are allowed using the following procedure:  
No pitches count toward the pitcher’s pitch count when a no pitch intentional walk is declared by the manager of the defensive team in the field. The manager wishing to declare the use of a no pitch intentional walk shall direct such declaration to the home plate umpire who shall in turn direct the batter to take first base. The ball remains in play and is live. The “no pitch intentional walk” does count as a pitch/play for purposes of appeals and protests.

## 15. Official Game

- “AA” games will be 7 innings.
- Any game stopped because of rain, lightening or darkness shall be considered a complete game after a minimum 4 1/2 innings provided the home team is leading. See KB Rule #11 for further definition.
- A game stopped because of rain, lightening or darkness, and not an official game, will be resumed at the point of suspension.

## 16. Run Rule

- A game will be called if one team is ahead by 8 or more runs after the losing team has had 5 complete times at bat.
- No game can end by the run rule if the run limit is reached while the visiting team is at bat.
- See KB Rule #8 for full definition of an “Official Game”.

## 17. Rain Condition Rule

- The **Host** team manager will check the field 3 hours before game time and notify the visiting team and umpires if the field is not playable. The **Host** team manager decides if the field is playable before the game starts.
- Once the game starts and the first pitch is thrown, the game is up to the umpires.

## 18. Cancelled Games

- Scheduled games may only be cancelled because of rainouts or school events, (teams face possible forfeits for other reasons).
- All games are to be rescheduled and played within two weeks after the cancellation. Any games cancelled after June 20<sup>th</sup> must be played on both teams’ next “mutually open date”.
- No game is to be rescheduled after July 3rd.
- The Executive Supervisor is to be notified about rescheduled games. If there is any problem in rescheduling a game, the Executive Supervisor should be contacted and he can schedule the game and require the teams to show up or forfeit.

## 19. Discipline

- Any player, coach or spectator ejected from a game for disciplinary reasons will be suspended for 1 game on the first offense.
- On the second ejection, player or coach will be suspended for 2 games and the team could forfeit the game in which the second ejection occurred. A second ejection for the same spectator will have their discipline decided by the Executive Supervisor and enforced by the spectator’s team manager. Both managers must report all ejections for disciplinary reasons to the Executive Supervisor.
- For serious discipline cases, the Executive Supervisor can impose a more severe punishment, with final appeal to an Appeals Board appointed by the Executive Supervisor to hear the appeal. The appellant must actually attend the appeal of the appeal won’t be heard and the discipline automatically upheld.

## **20. Forfeits**

- a) **ONLY THE EXECUTIVE SUPERVICOR CAN DECLARE FORFEITS. CONTACT THE EXECUTIVE SUPERVISOR IMMEDIATELY IF YOU THINK YOU ARE DUE A FORFEIT; DELAYS OF LONGR THAN ONE CALENDAR WEEK AFTER THE SCHEDULE DATE OF THE GAME IN QUESTION WILL NOT BE CONSIDERED.**
- b) If a team does not field a team within 30 minutes of the scheduled starting game time, the game could be forfeited. Unusual circumstances and emergencies will be considered before a forfeit is final.

## **21. Protests**

- a) Protests must be made in accordance with KB Rule #14.
- b) The protest, along with \$100.00 CASH, must be filed in writing with the Executive Supervisor within 24 hours.
- c) The Executive Supervisor will be responsible for setting up a Protest Committee and he will head said committee.
- d) No person involved in the protest will be on the Protest Committee.

## **22. Official Scoring**

- a) If there is an independent “official scorer” assigned to the game, that individual shall be responsible for keeping the official scorebook for the game including the recording of pitch counts for each and every pitcher used in the game by both teams in accordance with Rule #14 above. The “official scorer” shall sign the scorebook after the completion of the game. The home team shall take possession of the game’s official scorebook after the completion of the game.
- b) If there is no independent “official scorer” assigned to the game, the home team is responsible for assigning someone to be the official scorer for the game. That individual shall follow all instructions in #22 (a) and shall give the scorebook to the home team manager after the completion of the game.
- c) After the game has ended, if there are any questions about pitch counts and/or any other recordable activity during the game, the scorebook signed by the “official scorer” shall be the only scorebook consulted by the Executive Supervisor.

## **23. Scores**

- a) Winning team is expected to report scores to the Executive Supervisor, (or his designee), within 24 hours of the completion of the game.
- b) Failure to comply with this rule could lead to a disciplinary situation or even forfeit.

## **24. Final Standings**

- a) The number of wins will determine final regional standings.
- b) In the case of a tie for position and/or qualifying for the tournament the following tie-breaker will be used;
  - Head to Head Record, (total runs are not considered)
  - Team record within the division, if divisions are used within the league (most wins).  
games played
  - Total games played
  - Playoffs will be held if necessary.

## **25. Pre-Game Batting Practice**

- a) There shall be no batting practice 60 minutes (1 hour) preceding the scheduled start time of any game on or in the vicinity of the scheduled field for said game. This includes active batting practice with a pitcher, the use of hitting sticks, soft toss or any other means of simulating batting practice with a batter swinging an actual bat or substitute for same.
- b) Many parks have rules preventing batting practice of any type within an entire park; local parks rules shall apply if they are more restrictive than this rule.
- c) If a park has a batting cage which is able to be used by both the home and visiting teams; then, as long as both teams have an equal amount of time to use the batting cage, batting practice would be allowed during the 60 minutes preceding the scheduled start time of the game. Once the game has started, no team/player is allowed any batting practice during the playing of the game.

## **26. Other Rules**

- a) Major League or Knothole Baseball rules will apply to any situation not previously covered.
- b) District/Region Rules, High School Rules and College Rules do not apply to “AA” Baseball.
- c) All Ohio managers, coaches and umpires must obtain the State of Ohio required “concussion certification.”
- d) Ohio’s Lindsay’s Law must be followed by all coaches who play games in the State of Ohio.
- e) Knothole Baseball (KB) rules which apply to AA Baseball are numbers: 1, 2, 5, 6, 8, 9, 10, 11, 12, 13, 14, 15, 16, 17 E, F, G & H, 18, 20, 21, 22, 23, 26, 27, 28 and 29.

Team Roster

Team Name \_\_\_\_\_

District #/Region \_\_\_\_\_

Manager \_\_\_\_\_

Telephone \_(\_\_\_\_)\_\_\_\_\_

Coach \_\_\_\_\_

Must have a coach

Telephone \_(\_)\_\_\_\_\_

Please Print All Information

PLAYER	Date of Birth	PHONE #
1.	_____	_____
2.	_____	_____
3.	_____	_____
4.	_____	_____
5.	_____	_____
6.	_____	_____
7.	_____	_____
8.	_____	_____
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12.	_____	_____
13.	_____	_____
14.	_____	_____
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16.	_____	_____
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18.	_____	_____
19.	_____	_____
20.	_____	_____
21.	_____	_____
22.	_____	_____

Manager's Signature: \_\_\_\_\_

District/Region Supervisor's Signature: \_\_\_\_\_

Team Registration

This Team registration form and the \$250.00 Fee must be received by May 4th.

Make check payable to: KB (Knothole Baseball, Inc.)

Mail to: Dennis Becker, 526 Wards Corner Road, Suite A., Loveland, OH 45140 or turn in at May 4th meeting

Please Print all Information

Community/Area: \_\_\_\_\_ Team Name: \_\_\_\_\_

District Number: \_\_\_\_\_ District Supervisors Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Manager's Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Home Phone #: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_ Cell Phone #: \_\_\_\_\_

City/State/Zip: \_\_\_\_\_ Work Phone #: \_\_\_\_\_

Fax Phone #: \_\_\_\_\_

Email Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Coach's Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Home Phone #: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_ Cell Phone #: \_\_\_\_\_

City/State/Zip: \_\_\_\_\_ Work Phone #: \_\_\_\_\_

Fax Phone #: \_\_\_\_\_

Email Address: \_\_\_\_\_

TEAM MAKE-UP: Number of Players: \_\_\_\_\_ # of 15 (or less) Year Olds: \_\_\_\_\_

# of 16 Year Olds: \_\_\_\_\_

# of 17 Year Olds: \_\_\_\_\_

# of 18 Year Olds: \_\_\_\_\_

HOME FIELD NAME: \_\_\_\_\_

Address/Directions: \_\_\_\_\_

FIELD AVAILABILITY:

Day of Week

Time of Day

Sunday \_\_\_\_\_

Monday \_\_\_\_\_

Tuesday \_\_\_\_\_

Wednesday \_\_\_\_\_

Thursday \_\_\_\_\_

Friday \_\_\_\_\_

Saturday \_\_\_\_\_

MANAGER'S SIGNATURE: \_\_\_\_\_ DISTRICT/REGION SUPERVISOR'S SIGNATURE: \_\_\_\_\_