

Baseball Meeting (2025) 2-5-2025 Brighton High School

# 1. Welcome!!

## 2. Guest Speakers

- -- Karl Kling representing Detroit Tigers Youth Camps -- Ryan LaPensee Backyard Bats
- -- Andrew Meier USSSA Michigan & Bill Hardin SE Michigan USSSA
- -- Quicksilver <u>https://mlrbaseball.itemorder.com/</u> <u>https://kvbsaequip25.itemorder.com/</u>

# 3. 2024 Recap

- A) 83 First place 76 Second place 13 Third place finishes in tournaments
- B) 172 Total Champions or Runners-Up By 68 Different Teams Every level and every age.

# 4. USSSA Happenings

A) Changes & Updates B) USSSA Points C) KVBSA Tournaments D) Classifications E) Bill Hardin Discounts

# 5. 2025 Is Here

- A) 2025 Fees are: \$625
- B) Forfeit / Post Season Appearance/ Next Season Deposit: \$200 separate check DATED APRIL 1st, 2025
- C) Registration Submit Team Registration, Contact Pages and Insurance Enrollment forms to Jeff
- D) Electronic Roster- Excel Version Submitted ASAP but no later than April 1<sup>st</sup>, 2025 to Jeff & Steve with all players and coaches listed (All requested information Required). You can make adds and deletes once the season begins
- E) Completed Packet Must Include (DO NOT E-MAIL) Printed Copy of 2025 Roster (same as excel version e-mailed) Player Paperwork –Player Participation, & Player Waiver Forms & Birth Certificates (New KVBSA Participants) Coach Paperwork –Coach Registration & Coach Waiver Forms & Concussion Certificate dated after 9-1-2022
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- F) Concussion Awareness: <u>http://www.cdc.gov/concussion/headsup/online\_training.html?mobile=nocontent</u>

# 6. Registration & Insurance & Background Checks (JPD)

- A. Define the Process (Safesport Act)
- B. Allow More time from start to finish
- C. USSSA Credentials (Username & Password)
- D. Coverage from 8/13/2024 through 8/12/2025. Additional coverage policy with a \$500 deductible.
- E. Payment must be received prior to insurance being issued
- F. Will Receive URL with Link to primary contact and primary e-mail
- G. Verify all Coverage for accuracy. Identify any venues that requests to be named as additional insureds

H. You can Make additions or corrections at <u>usssa@epicbrokers.com</u> Provide Team Name & USSSA Registration & Insurance Numbers for Specific Additions like Cooperstown, Ripken, Nations Baseball, Sports Force Park etc.

# 7. 2025 Scheduling Process & Expectations

- A. Season Start & End Dates:
  - 1) U8 U14 early: Mid-April (April 12th) Mid-July (July 14th) Weather Permitting
  - 2) U14 late U18 run from High School season end till late July
  - 3) Keep last week of July open for Rain-outs & Re-Scheduling Games and any necessary adjustments
  - 4) KVBSA Post-season Tournaments
- B. Registration fees must be received prior to participating in scheduling
- C. Scheduling 101

D. Since our inception the league rules and guidelines have been established by the coaches. Any recommendations are evaluated, discussed and implemented/changed where viable. The proper mix of travel and competition has always been a major topic and the format established and tweaked by the coaches throughout the years, has allowed us to determine the best structure for the teams in each age group by following the guidelines below

League Structure Guideline Multi-tiered Divisions of Competition (Community, Advanced, Open & Tournament) A) Strength then Geography & Similarity (Divisions within divisions based on number of teams)

- B) Geography
- C) Number of games that similar minded teams want to play
- D) Scheduling to accommodate tournament & practice schedule along with the team's non-baseball activities
- E) Competition vs Geography b) Scrimmage vs Games c) Drive vs Backyard d) Tournament Heavy



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## 8. Code of Conduct

A. Applies to coaches, players, and parents

B. Penalties and suspensions

# 9. Rules (Have a copy with you at all of your games)

- A. All Bat All Play NO EXCEPTIONS
- B. Age Eligibility May 1st cut-off NO EXCEPTIONS 1) Can Play-up 2) Can only be on 1 roster per age bracket
- C. Bats (See explanation on website) U8-U12 No Limits U13= (-8 Drop) U14= (-5 Drop) U15-U18 (-3 Drop)
- D. All Ages Rules are posted on KVBSA website (Please have a copy with you)

#### 10. Umpires (Fees & KVBSA UIC) & Diamonds

- a. Always 2 per Game (Except U8) Each Team Pays for one at the plate
- b. KVBSA UIC
- c. Send us any names that we can put on the website
- d. Remember that we are competing for them with everyone else
- e Please send any rates that are being paid by your organization or tournaments that you play
- e. 2024 UMPIRE FEES: 2025 T.B.D at February Meeting? U08 = \$50 U09-U12 = \$55 U13-U14 = \$60 U15-U18 = \$70 NEW 2025 FEES VOTED U08= \$50 U09-U12= \$60 U13-U14=\$65 U15-U18=\$75

#### 11. Affiliations:

# KVBSA Tournament Series (Participating Organizations local tournaments)

USSSA (Bill Hardin Tournaments) FAAST (Ron Reed Tournaments)

#### 12. Continued Covid & Health Awareness and Compliance

- A. Safety for everybody involved is the #1 Priority
- B. All government, state, local and league mandates and guidelines must be followed

#### 13. KVBSA.com <u>www.kvbsa.com</u>

- a. Communication and Information Improvements | Maps to Diamonds | Resources
- b. Schedules and Score Reporting c. Team Web pages
- d. We will post your info please put our logo on your webpage

# 14. Open Forum (Q & A)

As Michigan's largest, most competitive and flexible travel league, we are always trying to add or tweak things. Please feel free to send us any topics to discuss to make us more appealing to teams, coaches and parents. Please share your thoughts regarding how to assist us in making your league the place to play travel baseball.

# 15. Meeting Schedule

U08-U13 Individual Age Scheduling Meetings (Weeks of Feb 26 & Mar 3) DATES TBD

# PLAY BALL!!



"The Kensington Valley Baseball Softball Association is a service organization dedicated to the youth of our area. Our program provides healthy activity and training guided by excellent leadership in an atmosphere with ample community participation. We strive to enrich their lives by inspiring them with goals, teamwork, and fair play"