Agenda Parent Meeting March 2nd 2021

Introduce and set up ground rules

* Questions in the chat, will address as we go or at the end. Please write down your questions and see if we answer them in the course of the conversation.
* Board Members attending the meeting

Philosophy of LL.

* Kids play with their friends
* Represent their community
* Develop lots of pitchers, catcher and shortstops
  + All-star teams at the end of the season
  + Build athletes and kids with skill sets not a 3rd basemen

Making this season happen:

* We are still looking for more coaches. We have lots of people signed up to assist. We need 4-5 people to take on the head job. Later we will be looking for team parents and help on field maint day once we can get on fields, fundraising.
* Please see the Covid Safety Protocols. A couple Covid specific items:
  + Please respect our coaches and volunteers. Unique to this season with Covid and masks.

*PLAYERS AND COACHES*: Wear masks in the dugout and on the playing field.

*EVERYONE*: Wear masks at spectator checkpoints, check-in, , and sidelines.

For the benefit of all involved, we would like our coaches, team parents and board members focused on player instruction and promoting fun and skills and we’d prefer not to be the “mask police” for obvious reasons. Your assistance with all of the above will make everything run much more smoothly, and we thank you in advance for your cooperation. We will have people checking on us.

* + Coaches will have a clipboard with a roster for each game and practice. It will have all volunteers that have been approved to help on the list too. We will check everyone in for each game and practice. This is the simplest contact tracing tool we will have.
  + Bring your own equipment. If you do not have it, that is fine, only one player per day can use it. Batting Helmets and Bats in particular.
  + Dugouts: this is particularly difficult for younger parents. Once you drop your player off, if you are not helping/coaching you need to stay out of the dugouts and away from the players.
* Fields and the limits-difference between school district fields and MP. Likelihood of having multiple teams on one field.
* Need to get background checks done. Anyone that plans to be on a field as a coach or team parent. Tball parents. We want to have 4-6 volunteers/coaches minimum per team. We are trying to strike a balance between limiting number of contacts and also providing fun and instruction for our youngest players that need more direction.

“Background checks will be sent out beginning of next week to All Volunteers currently in our system (HC's, AC's, Team Managers, field volunteers, board members, etc.)  If you hope to help in any way, please sign up in the next few days. You will receive an email that will request all pertinent information.  Much of this info was asked for when you registered to volunteer however if you are receiving that email, next week, we DO NOT have their background check completed yet, we need them to complete the form and we'll continue to follow up if we don't receive a response.”

* Need more umpires. If you have older children or neighbors with older children that are interested we have a training program for kids. Looking for 13+
* We will use Horizon High School field to the maximum. All levels will get to play on this field.
* We will schedule games over Memorial Day Weekend.
* Shortage of fields and some limited flexibility may limit the number of rained out games we re-schedule.

Registration and division level commitments:

* Tball, Coast and Farm
  + Season starts on Saturday, April 3rd at Horizon. Once we know how many kids on each team we will send out times. “Spring Training” for these age groups will be about an hour between noon-6pm
  + Rosters released by march 29th.
  + If you have a friend or coach request, go back into the signup and add that in.
  + Teams made by request and kids in the same schools.
  + Regular team practices begin week of April 5th.
  + First games on Saturday, April 24th and last games on Saturday, June 12th.
* Minors, Majors and Intermediate
  + Spring training begins on Monday, March 15th. Majors will go on Monday and Wednesday and Minors on Tuesday and Thursday. Times and groups TBA. Dependent on number of sign ups.
  + Rosters released by march 22nd.
  + Teams made by draft. Spring training is our tryout this year. No coach and friend requests will be honored. We are looking for balanced teams and time to branch out to new coaches and teammates.
* Specific Divisions: will make an even number of teams if possible. Exception is Majors.
  + Tball-teams of 10-12. Likely six teams. One practice a week and one game on Saturdays. Practice times will be the same each week. Tball will get eight games.
  + Coast- teams of 9-10. Likely four teams. 1-2 practices a week and 1-2 games a week. Usually 2-3 days a week of baseball. Games on Mondays and Saturdays. Coast will get 14 games.
  + Farm-teams of 10-11. Likely four teams 1-2 practices a week and 1-2 games a week. Usually 3-4 days a week of baseball. Games on Wednesdays and Saturdays. Farm will get 15 games.
  + Minors- teams of 11-12. Likely six teams. 2-3 practices and 1-2 games a week. Usually four days a week of baseball. Games on Tuesdays, Fridays and Saturdays. Minors will get 12-15 games. First game Saturday, April 17th. There will be a season ending “town tourney” the week of May 31st-June 6th.
  + Majors- teams of 11-12. Likely three teams. 2-3 practices and two game a week. Usually 4-5 days a week of baseball. Games are TBD, we will aim to get everyone games on Saturdays. Will play teams outside of Wilsonville. Majors will get 14-16 games. There will be a “town tourney” round robin the week of May 31st-June 6th.
  + Intermediate- one team made up of some 13’s, mostly 12’s and a few 11’s. 1-2 practices a week and doubleheader games on Sundays. Will play teams outside of Wilsonville. Team will get 16 games.
  + Kids that are playing both Majors and Intermediate can expect five days a week of baseball.

Additional information coming out in the next couple weeks: Many of these decisions are delayed until we know how many kids in each division, on each team, who is coaching, and what fields we will have.

* Color of pants by division.
* An orientation for tball families to provide specific team and league info. Likely to be on Saturday, April 3rd.

Important Dates:

* Coaches interviews-Sunday, March 7th and Monday, March 8th. SUG to sign up.
* Dick’s Sporting Goods Day-20% off Friday, March 12-Monday, March 15th.
* Spring Training Week for Minors and Majors-March 15-18th.
* Drafts for Minors and Majors March 19th and 20th.
* Roster Release for Minors and Majors March 22nd.
* Roster release for Tball, Coast, and Farm March 29th.
* One day Spring Training for tbll, Coast and Farm

All-Stars and Honors:

* We will ask for a commitment by 3rd of May. Dates of tourneys will be released in advance. Tentative dates-Majors thru 2nd week of July, 11 year olds first week of July, Honors done by end of June.
* We will likely have one Majors team made up mostly of 12 year olds. A 9-11 year old AS team made up mostly of 11’s. A 8-10 year old team made up mostly of 10’s. Kids playing Minors and Majors eligible. An 11-12 Honors team (probably one) and 8-10 Honors team (maybe 2?)

Intermediates: once we have closed sign ups and know who is participating, we will have a meeting for that group of parents.

Questions?