



Manchester Baseball Association Baseball 2012 Registration

Manchester Baseball will be holding walk-in registrations on Saturday January 7th, 14th, 21st and February 4th from 9:00 AM -12:00 PM in the front lobby at the North Carroll Middle School.

Online Registration!! You can register online for an additional \$6.00 per child by going to our website www.manchesterbaseball.org.

If you would like to register by mail, please read **ALL** 11 pages of the registration form. Please **ONLY RETURN** the following pages; the “2012 Season Baseball Registration” form, the second page of the “Carroll County Recreation and Parks Code of Conduct” form, the “Manchester Baseball Association Youth Sports Standards for Coaches, Players & Spectators” form, the “Manchester Baseball Association Fundraiser Disclosure” form, the first page of the “Concussion Information Sheet” and the second page of the “Grievance Procedure” form, along with your check made out to “Manchester Baseball Association or MBA” and mail to: Manchester Baseball Association, P.O. Box 122, Manchester, MD 21102.

We will once again be offering the opportunity for players age 4 - 14 (playing age determined by player's age on May 1, 2012) to play in one of our 6 Divisions.

Registration fees will be as follows: (shirt, pants, socks & hat included, except for the 4 year olds when only shirt & hat are included):

\$60.00 for age 4 – Rookies (T-Ball)

\$80.00 for ages 7/8 – Double A (Kid Pitch)

\$100.00 for ages 11/12 – Majors

\$75.00 for ages 5/6 – Single A (Coach Pitch)

\$95.00 for ages 9/10 – Triple A

\$100.00 for ages 13/14 – Seniors

*Mandatory fundraising will be provided by your coach OR the fundraiser “buyout” at \$30 per child. Our main league fundraiser will begin in April. It is important to have a fundraiser to help cover the leagues various expenses. Prizes will be awarded!

In house evaluations will take place in early March for ages 7 and up. Times and places will be distributed to all registrants by the respective Age Group Coordinators. **** **ANY PLAYER REQUESTING TO PLAY OUTSIDE OF THEIR AGE GROUP WILL ONLY BE DETERMINED AT PLAYER EVALUATIONS** **** All registrants must attend one of the evaluations to be placed on a team.

Volunteers are needed throughout the season, from field maintenance, team parents and fundraising committee members. Please comment on your registration form if you have an interest in joining the team.

We look forward to spring baseball and keep an eye on the MBA website (www.manchesterbaseball.org) for upcoming information.

**** THERE WILL NOT BE ANY 3 YR OLDS ON THE 4 YEAR OLD TEAMS ****
**** THERE WILL NOT BE ANY 15 YR OLDS ON THE 13/14 IN HOUSE TEAMS ****

**** **INFORMATION for Players 15 year olds and older** ****

If you are a player 15 years old and older, you will have the option to play for the 15-17 Stallions (an in-house team but does do some local travel) or a travel team if the Association has enough interest to field a team.

In- House QUESTIONS Contact
Tyler Elliott
443-277-3905
tyler.elliott5@gmail.com

Travel QUESTIONS Contact
Jackie Barlow
443-375-2627
jbarlowiiusmc@gmail.com



2012 Dates to Remember

Date	Time	Event	Place
Saturday January 7 th	9 AM – 12 Noon	2012 Registration	North Carroll Middle School
Saturday January 14 th	9 AM – 12 Noon	2012 Registration	North Carroll Middle School
Saturday January 21 st	9 AM – 12 Noon	2012 Registration	North Carroll Middle School
Saturday February 4 th	9 AM – 12 Noon	2012 Registration	North Carroll Middle School
Saturday February 25 th	7 PM – 11 PM	1 st Annual Blue Sox Bull Roast	Manchester Activities Building
Friday April 20 th	12 PM	15 th Annual MBA Golf Tournament	Oakmont Golf Course
Saturday April 28 th	9 AM – 10:30 AM	Opening Day	Christmas Tree Park
Sunday April 29 th		Orioles Little League Day	Oriole Park at Camden Yards
Last Week Of Season		All Star Games for 7/8, 9/10, 11/12 & 13/14	Christmas Tree Park

Please contact Stephanie Elliott at 410-984-3333 or steph.elliott5@gmail.com for tickets or information on the Blue Sox Bull Roast or Orioles Little League Day.

check # _____

Manchester Baseball – 2012 Season Baseball Registration

Today's Date _____

Init: _____

<http://www.manchesterbaseball.org>

Mail to: Manchester Baseball Association, P.O. Box 122 Manchester, MD 21102

Parents:	Father			
	Mother			
Mailing Address				
City, State, Zip				
Home Phone #		e-mail address:		
Alternate Phone #		e-mail address:		

Fees are: \$60.00 for age 4 (T-Ball) \$75.00 for ages 5/6 (Coach Pitch) \$80.00 for ages 7/8 (Kid Pitch)
 \$95.00 for 9/10 \$100.00 for 11/12 \$100.00 for 13/14

Our main league fund-raiser will begin in April. It is important to have a fund-raiser to help fund the leagues various expenses. This year, the league will be taking orders through a fundraising program! Instead of participating in the fundraiser, you have an option to pay a "buy-out" of \$30.00 per child. If you choose to participate in the fundraiser, you will be required to sell the minimum number of items for each child registered. Prizes will be awarded to our top sellers, as well as prizes just for participating.

Child's Name	Birth Date	Age on 5/1/2012	Grade 2011 / 12	League (i.e 7 / 8)	Due
1.					\$
2.					\$
3.					\$
4.					\$
NCRC Members Discount subtract \$5.00		#			- \$
2 or more players subtract \$10.00					- \$
Registration SUBTOTAL (minus Fundraiser "opt out" / Maximum Fee For a Family is \$200.00					\$
I will "opt out" of the fundraiser		YES / NO	\$30.00 per child		\$
Total Dues (including fees):		MAKE Checks Payable to: MBA (Manchester Baseball Association)			\$
Special Notes / Requests: (i.e., Health concerns; siblings to play on same team; comments on coaches; etc)					

VOLUNTEERS ARE ALWAYS NEEDED! PLEASE SUPPORT YOUR LOCAL TEAMS!!

		CONTACT INFORMATION
Yes / No	I Am Interested In Sponsoring A Team This Year?	
Yes / No	I Am Interested In Coaching/Assistant Coaching This Year?	
Yes / No	I Am Interested In Being A "Team Parent" This Year?	
Yes / No	I Am Interested In Joining A Committee This Year?	

Note: I/We the parents and/or guardians of the above named candidate for a position on a league team, hereby give approval to participate in any and all league activities. I/We assume all risk and hazards incidental to such participation, including transportation to and from the activities; and I/We do hereby waive, release, absolve, indemnify, and agree to hold harmless the County Commissioners of Carroll County, its officers and employees, the local league, Manchester Baseball Association, Inc., North Carroll Recreation Council, Inc, the chartering organization, the organizers, sponsors, participants, and persons transporting any/our child to and from activities; for any claim arising out of an injury to my/our child, whether the result of negligence or for any other cause. I/We agree to return upon request; the uniform and other equipment issued to my/our child will be returned in as good a condition as when issued except for normal wear. Any activity involving motion or physical orientation involves a personal risk of injury, overexertion or stress. The undersigned acknowledges that the County Commissioners of Carroll County, the North Carroll Recreation Council, Inc., and Manchester Baseball Association, Inc. do not provide any registrant medical or hospitalization insurance whatsoever, and hereby waives any and all claims against the County Commissioners of Carroll county, North Carroll Recreation Council, Inc., the Manchester Baseball Association, Inc, and the Bureau of Recreation and Parks, or any other person affiliated with the North Carroll Recreation Council program, for injuries sustained while watching, playing games, traveling to/from games, or participating in any leisure activity **NO REFUNDS AFTER MARCH 1st.**

Parent or Guardian Signature

Carroll County Recreation and Parks Code of Conduct (Page 1)

Recreational programs and sports are supposed to be fun. Unfortunately, many parents, fans and coaches don't realize that their actions, whether verbal or nonverbal, can have lasting emotional effects on everyone. Too many children are leaving sports activities because the fun is unfairly taken away by adults.

Carroll County Recreation and Parks has adopted the following Code of Conduct as a result of its concern for good sportsmanship. All coaches, players and parents must abide by our Code of Conduct. Violations of this code must be reported to the appropriate Recreation Council. The Council will notify the Office of Recreation and Parks of all reported violations of the Code of Conduct. Each violation will be fully investigated and enforced according to the Carroll County Recreation and Parks Good Sportsmanship Policy.

<u>Parents/Guardians Code of Conduct</u>	<u>Coaches Code of Conduct</u>	<u>Players Code of Conduct</u>
<p>I will as a parent acknowledge the importance of being involved in my child's recreational activities.</p> <p>I will introduce myself to my child's volunteer coach/leader and will exchange pertinent contact information.</p> <p>I will know who is transporting my child to and from any recreational activity.</p> <p>I will know my child's schedule- practice days, date and schedules.</p> <p>I will place the emotional and physical well-being of my child ahead of any personal desire to succeed.</p> <p>I will provide support for coaches and leaders working with my child to provide a positive, enjoyable experience for all participants.</p> <p>I will treat other participants, spectators and officials with respect regardless of race, sex, creed or ability.</p> <p>I will respect the decisions of officials and encourage players to do so as well.</p> <p>I will applaud good performance and efforts from all individuals, regardless of which team they represent.</p> <p>I will never ridicule players for making mistakes. I will recognize the benefit of positive comments as a motivational tool.</p> <p>I will condemn the use of violence in any form, whether it is by other spectators, coaches, officials or players.</p> <p>I will not use foul language or harass players, coaches or officials.</p> <p>I will demand an environment for my child that is free from drugs, tobacco and alcohol and I will refrain from their use at all events.</p>	<p>I will place the emotional and physical well-being of my players ahead of a personal desire to win.</p> <p>I will attend all meetings and rules clinics set up by the Department or program prior to the beginning of each sport season.</p> <p>I will treat each player as an individual, remembering the large range of emotional and physical development for the same age group.</p> <p>I will do my best to provide a safe playing situation for my players.</p> <p>I will promise to review and practice the basic first aid principles needed to treat player injuries properly.</p> <p>I will do my best to organize practices that are fun and challenging for all my players.</p> <p>I will lead by example in demonstrating fair play and sportsmanship to all my players.</p> <p>I will provide an environment for my team that is free of drugs, tobacco and alcohol, and I will refrain from their use at all sports events.</p> <p>I will be knowledgeable in the rules of each sport that I coach and I will teach these rules to my players.</p> <p>I will use those coaching techniques appropriate for each of the skills that I teach.</p> <p>I will remember that I am a youth sports coach, and that the game is for the children and not for me or other adults.</p>	<p>I will encourage good sportsmanship from fellow players, coaches, officials and parents at every game and practice by demonstrating good sportsmanship.</p> <p>I will attend every practice and game that I can, and will notify my coach if I cannot attend.</p> <p>I will expect to receive a fair and equal amount of playing time.</p> <p>I will do my very best to listen and learn from my coaches.</p> <p>I will treat my coaches, other players, officials and fans with respect regardless of race, sex, creed, or abilities and I will expect to be treated accordingly.</p> <p>I will have fun during my sports experience and will alert parents or coaches if it stops being fun.</p> <p>I will expect to play in an environment that is free of drugs, tobacco, and alcohol and expect adults to refrain from their use at all youth sports events.</p> <p>I will encourage my parents to be involved with my team in some capacity because it's important to me.</p> <p>I will remember that a sport is an opportunity to learn and have fun.</p>



Carroll County Recreation and Parks Code of Conduct (Page 2)

Procedure for Administration of the Good Sportsmanship Policy

Carroll County Recreation and Parks has adopted a policy for unsportsmanlike conduct in its recreational programs. The Bureau of Recreation along with all Recreation Council programs and their associated volunteers has the responsibility to regulate and enforce this policy.

It is the responsibility of the Recreation Council to administer the rules and regulations of this policy in accordance with the procedures outlined below:

Recreation Council will: Review all reports, interview necessary parties, schedule necessary meetings, assess penalties and refer to the Department when appropriate. It is the responsibility of the Council to immediately implement the penalties set forth in the Code of Conduct up to and including suspensions.

It is also the responsibility of the Council to inform the involved party and all of the coaches of the infraction of the penalty that is being instituted.

Coach will: Notify the League Director, program President, in writing, of all infractions of the Code of Conduct within 24 hours of the infraction in question. This includes, but is not limited to, infractions brought to the attention of the coaches by the game official. Insist that any participant suspended from a game by the official immediately leave the field of play or any area where the participant's presence might in any way disrupt the remainder of the activity.

Officials will: Report any incident to the Recreation Council. It is expected that the Official will submit these reports of violations of the Code of Conduct within 24 hours of the incident.

Recreation Councils/Presidents: The Council is required to submit all reports of any incident involving the violation of the Code of Conduct, along with their own report to the Bureau of Recreation within 48 hours of the incident. This is not limited to violation reported by officials.

Carroll County Recreation and Parks will: Investigate all reported violations of the Code of Conduct. Review all Council implemented disciplinary action. Administer the Appeal Process.

Disciplinary Action and Appeals: The participant involved will remain suspended from activities until the incident has been reviewed and a decision has been rendered by the Recreation Council. The Recreation Council will not review any incident until it has received reports from officials, coaches and/or Associations Directors. Any disciplinary action implemented by the Recreation Council will go into effect immediately. If the disciplinary action involves suspension, that suspension may carry on to the following season or to the next activity. The notice of disciplinary action will be made in writing to the violator and will be forwarded to him/her via registered mail. Violations involving physical violence, refusal to obey the lawful orders of officials, and any requiring Police assistance will be grounds for permanent expulsion for the violator. Any criminal act will be reported immediately to law enforcement agencies for possible prosecution. Any person receiving disciplinary action from the Recreation Council may appeal that ruling to the Carroll County Recreation and Parks within two (2) weeks of the date the violator received notice of the disciplinary action from the Council. Any person may request a copy of the Code of Conduct appeals process for further information.

My signature indicates that I fully understand the Carroll County Recreation and Parks Code of Conduct Policy.

Printed Name _____

Signature _____ Date: _____

Manchester Baseball Association

Youth Sports Standards for Coaches, Players & Spectators

As we attempt to promote the most positive experience for the youth of Manchester Baseball, we are committed to following the standards set forth by Carroll County Recreation and Parks. All coaches, players and spectators should have read and understood the “**Carroll County Recreation and Parks Code of Conduct**”. As parent/guardian of a player, you are responsible for yourself, as well as, all guests and family members who attend the games. In addition, the team’s coach will be held accountable for the behavior of the team’s spectators and will be disciplined accordingly if spectators do not uphold these standards.

ALL COACHES, PLAYERS AND SPECTATORS WILL:

1. Comply with the policies and procedures of Carroll County Recreation and Parks & schools as communicated by recreation council volunteers or County staff.
2. Accept the decision of the officials as being fair and performed to the best of their ability. Spectators shall never go onto the court or playing field, or approach the official scorekeeper, while the game is in progress or immediately after the event. Allow the coach to take all questions, rule interpretations or concerns to the appropriate league official.
3. Refrain from giving the children instructions during the game – allow the coach(s) to guide them.
4. Help ensure the safety of the playing area by reporting any unsafe hazards, removing trash, leaving food and beverages outside the gym or playing area when requested, refraining from the use of tobacco within 50 yards of the playing field or program site and refraining from the use of alcohol or other drugs at or immediately prior to all youth sports events.
5. Encourage and compliment players when they show improvement, play with extra effort, or simply need kind words.
6. Abide by doctor’s decisions in all matters of health, injuries and ability to play.
7. Remember that the game is for youth – not adults.
8. Will **NEVER** use profanity at a youth event.
9. Will **NOT** criticize the coaches, players, or officials.
10. Will **NOT** touch an opposing player, coach, or game official in a threatening manner.

Penalty for non-compliance:

If a coach or spectator is ejected for these or any reason, they may not attend the next two (2) games played. When such action is taken, the individual must meet with the League Commissioner and Recreation Council President prior to returning to any event. In addition, if the coach in attendance has been warned by the official(s) about behavior of a spectator at the game, that coach will also be suspended for one (1) game. When such action is taken, the coach must meet with the League Commissioner and Recreation Council President prior to returning to any event. If a coach or spectator is ejected a second time or acts out physically towards another individual, they will not be allowed to attend any Carroll County Recreation Council sports activity for at least one (1) year from the date of the incident. When such action is taken, the individual must meet with the League Commissioner, Recreation Council President and Bureau of Recreation staff prior to returning to any event.

I/We agree to help make youth sports fun and help teach our players good sportsmanship. I/We understand and will abide by the above standards: (please sign and return this form with your registration)

Father / Guardian: _____ Date: _____
Printed: _____
Mother / Guardian: _____ Date: _____
Printed: _____
Player: _____ Date: _____
Printed: _____
Player: _____ Date: _____
Printed: _____

MANCHESTER BASEBALL ASSOCIATION FUNDRAISER DISCLOSURE

Our main league fundraiser will begin in April. It is important to have a fundraiser to help cover the leagues various expenses.

Instead of participating in the fundraiser, you have an option to pay a “buy-out” of \$30.00 per child.

If you choose to participate in the fundraiser, you will be required to sell the required minimum number of items for each child registered in the program. Prizes will be awarded to our top sellers, as well as prizes just for participating.

_____ I am choosing the “buy-out” of \$30.00 per child instead of participating in the league fundraiser. (This is due at time of registration).

_____ I am planning to participate in the fundraiser and I understand that I must sell the **minimum number of items for each child I register.**

Signature of parent or guardian

Date

Player’s name and age group

Player’s name and age group

Player’s name and age group



CARROLL COUNTY RECREATION & PARKS
Concussion Information Sheet

If you think your child has suffered a concussion

Any athlete who has suffered any injury to or around the head should be removed from the game/practice and evaluated by a licensed medical provider. Upon examination if a head/neck injury or concussion is suspected, regardless of how mild, or how quickly symptoms clear the child may not return to practice/game without medical clearance. Close observation of the athlete should continue for several hours.

“a youth athlete who is suspected of sustaining a concussion or head injury in a practice or game shall be removed from competition at that time”

and

“...may not return to play until the child is evaluated by a licensed health care provider trained in the evaluation and management of concussions and receives written clearance to return to play from that health care provider”.

You should also inform your child’s coach if you think that your child may have a concussion. Remember it’s better to miss one game than miss the whole season. And when in doubt, the athlete sits out.

What can happen if my child keeps on playing with a concussion or returns to soon?

Children with the signs and symptoms of concussion should be removed from play immediately. Continuing to play with signs and symptoms of a concussion leaves the young athlete especially vulnerable to greater injury. There is an increased risk of significant damage from a concussion for a period of time after that concussion occurs, particularly if the athlete suffers another concussion before completely recovering from the first one. This can lead to prolonged recovery, or even to severe brain swelling (second impact syndrome) with devastating and even fatal consequences. It is well known that adolescent or teenage athletes will often under report symptoms of injuries, and concussions are no different. As a result, education of administrators, coaches, parents and young athletes is the key to safety.

For current and up-to-date information on concussions you can go to:

<http://www.cdc.gov/Concussion>

Participant Name: _____ Rec Council: _____

Program Name: _____ Sport: _____

Parent or Legal Guardian Printed

Parent or Legal Guardian Signature

Date

Adapted from the CDC and the 3rd International Conference on Concussion in Sport
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CARROLL COUNTY RECREATION & PARKS

Concussion Information Sheet

A concussion is a brain injury and all brain injuries are serious. They are caused by a bump, blow, or jolt to the head, or by a blow to another part of the body with the force transmitted to the head. They can range from mild to severe and can disrupt the way the brain normally works. Even though most concussions are mild, **all concussions are potentially serious and may result in complications including prolonged brain damage and death if not recognized and managed properly.** In other words, even a “ding” or a bump on the head can be serious. You can’t see a concussion and most sports concussions occur without loss of consciousness. Signs and symptoms of concussion may show up right after the injury or can take hours or days to fully appear. If your child reports any symptoms of concussion, or if you notice the symptoms or signs of concussion yourself, seek medical attention right away.

Symptoms may include one or more of the following:

- Headaches
- “Pressure in head”
- Nausea or vomiting
- Neck pain
- Balance problems or dizziness
- Blurred, double, or fuzzy vision
- Sensitivity to light or noise
- Feeling sluggish or slowed down
- Feeling foggy or groggy
- Drowsiness
- Change in sleep patterns
- Amnesia
- “Don’t feel right”
- Fatigue or low energy
- Sadness
- Nervousness or anxiety
- Irritability
- More Emotional
- Confusion
- Concentration or memory problems (forgetting game plays)
- Repeating the same question/comment

Signs observed by teammates, parents and coaches include:

- Appears dazed
- Vacant facial expression
- Confused about assignment
- Forgets plays
- Is unsure of game, score, or opponent
- Moves clumsily or displays incoordination
- Answers questions slowly
- Slurred Speech
- Shows behavior or personality changes
- Can’t recall events prior to hit
- Can’t recall events after hit
- Seizures or convulsions
- Any change in typical behavior or personality
- Loses consciousness

Adapted from the CDC and the 3rd International Conference on Concussion in Sport
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ARTICLE XII – GRIEVANCE PROCEDURE (Page 1)

- A. Any person can file a grievance against an Officer, a Board member, a volunteer, or a member of the Association provided the complaint is submitted in accordance with the following procedure.

The general procedure for when there is a concern with an Association Division or participant (player, coach, umpire or parent/guardian) is as follows:

1. The coach should be first point of contact.
2. If the issue is not resolved, then the coordinator of the division (if applicable) should be contacted. If no coordinator, then the Vice President).
3. If the problem is not resolved at this level (or if there is no coordinator for division) the Vice President should be contacted.
4. A verbal grievance will not be acceptable.
5. All grievances must be in writing and include the following:
 - a. The date the grievance is being written.
 - b. The date the incident for which the grievance is being written occurred.
 - c. The names of the people directly involved.
 - d. Any witnesses which may have been present at the time the incident occurred.
 - e. A brief description of the incident.
 - f. A suggestion on resolving the incident.
 - g. The phone number and signature of the person registering the grievance.
6. The written complaint should be delivered directly to the Vice President of the Association or mailed to Manchester Baseball Association, P.O. Box 122, Manchester, MD 21102. It should be noted that the P.O. Box is checked weekly, not daily, by the Association.
7. Once the Vice President receives written notification of the grievance, the Vice President will contact, via phone or in-person, (within 7 days) the originator of the grievance. However, the Vice President will report complaints alleging physical abuse immediately to law enforcement and to the Manchester Baseball Association Board. The Vice President will gather information as necessary and try to resolve the problem. If a satisfactory solution can not be reached between the involved parties, via the Vice Presidents intervention, the grievance will be presented to the Board by the Vice President at the next scheduled monthly meeting. All involved parties must be present at the Board meeting to present their description or interpretation of the incident. The Board will decide what action to be taken by the Association. The Association will notify (in writing) the originator within 2 weeks after the Board meeting, at which the grievance was presented, of the Association's decision on resolving the issue(s).

If a satisfactory solution as agreed upon, via the Vice Presidents involvement, the Board must be notified of the incident at the next schedule monthly meeting. The Association will notify (in writing) the originator, within 2 weeks after the Board meeting at which the Board was notified, of the Association's, as per the Vice Presidents recommendation, response.

8. If the originator is not satisfied, once the Board has intervened, the originator can then submitted the grievance to the North Carroll Recreation Council. The North Carroll Recreation Council will notify the Manchester Baseball Association. The North Carroll Recreation Council and Manchester Baseball Association will attempt to resolve the problem within the realm of the By-Laws between the two organizations.

ARTICLE XII – GRIEVANCE PROCEDURE (Page 2)

Player's and Parent's understand the Manchester Baseball Grievance policy and agree to adhere by its guidelines and policies.

Print Player's Name

Print Parent/Guardian's Name

Player's Signature

Parent/Guardian's Signature

Date

Date