



Recreational Leagues



Summer Sandlot

Sandlot is for players ages 5-6 years old. The Summer Sandlot program is a non-competitive, highly instructional program geared toward our younger players, in the T-Ball to A Ball. This program focuses heavily on skills development and non-competitive scrimmaging.

REGISTRATION: Deadline to register is July 9, 2023

SEASON: Runs for 5 weeks beginning the week of July 17, 2023 and ending the week of August 14, 2023. Sessions are approximately 1 hour and held on Monday & Wednesday nights starting at 6 PM, subject to field/coach availability. There are no weekend sessions.



Ashland Summer Baseball League

Ashland Summer Baseball is for players who played A and AA baseball in the Spring. The Ashland Summer Baseball League is a recreational and instructional league with rules similar to AA.

REGISTRATION: Deadline to register is July 9, 2023

SEASON: Runs for 5 weeks beginning the week of July 17, 2023 and ending the week of August 14, 2023. Teams play 2 games per week Monday through Thursday and there are no weekend games, scheduled to be determined the week before the season begins. All games are approximately 1 hour and 15 minutes and are held at various fields throughout Ashland, subject to field/coach availability.

Competitive Tournaments

Ashland participates in several tournament programs for 8-12 year olds. During these tournaments, Ashland plays competitively against other area towns.

Tryouts are required for these tournament teams. Players who sign up for a tournament are added to a roster during the registration process, and asked to attend a tryout, which is typically held during the spring season.

These tournaments are as follows:

- Ashland Sparkler (One Team, Age 8)
- Hopkinton Sizzler (One team being selected for each of the 9-12 year-old Divisions, if we have enough registrations for each age group).
- Medway Tondorf (One team being selected for each of the 9-12 year-old Divisions)

Eligibility

In order to be eligible for our Summer baseball tournament teams (Tondorf, Sizzler, Sparkler), a player would need to be present for a minimum of 50% of the games which their Spring team has played, as measured at the time of the Summer team selection meeting (target for 2018 is May 20, 2018). Where extenuating circumstances arise (ie injury, illness, family emergencies), exceptions to this policy may be requested, and will be reviewed on a case by case basis by the AYBS Board.

Try Out Process

The tryout and selection process for tournament teams works as follows. During the tryouts, all players are given a score in different areas, such as hitting, infielding, outfielding, and pitching. Every attempt is made to be fair and objective during this process; evaluators may not evaluate their own players, and numbers (not players' names) are used while players are being evaluated. In addition, all players (whether they ultimately try out or not) are evaluated in a similar manner by their coaches during the spring season. Therefore, all players who try out are evaluated using both their tryout and spring baseball scores. Coaches' meet to pick teams several weeks prior to starting tournaments, and each player's scores, spring performance, and overall attitude are discussed. Both the tournament coaches and the spring baseball coaches decide on which players will make teams.

Tournament Commitment

All players who play on a tournament team are expected to commit to attend all practices and games. Consideration should be given to family vacations and other sports.

Players participating in the Sparkler Tournament have additional commitments. Since Ashland hosts this tournament, parents of all Sparkler players will be expected to help with field preparation and other duties related to hosting this tournament, such as running the Snack Shack. These commitments are in addition to those expected for the other tournaments described above.



Ashland Sparkler

Sparkler is for players' age 8 years old. Sparkler is a competitive tournament hosted by Ashland. Players pitch, outs are recorded, and umpires are provided. The tournament provides an introduction to tournament play and the rules are modified for this younger age group. It's a fun atmosphere that gives the players a chance to compete against players from surrounding towns. A regulation "hard" baseball is used and games are played on a standard Little League

diamond (60-foot base paths). During the five week period, teams will play 8 regular season games followed by single elimination playoffs. Games consist of 6 innings with a time limit of 1 hour and 45 minutes. All games are held in Ashland at Gryncel Park.

REGISTRATION: TBD

SEASON: TBD



Hopkinton Sizzler

Sizzler is typically for players' age 9-12 years old. Sizzler is a competitive "B" level baseball tournament hosted by Hopkinton. Players pitch, outs are recorded, and umpires are provided. A regulation "hard" baseball is used and games are played on a standard Little League diamond (60-foot base paths). During the five week period, teams will play 10 regular season games

followed by single elimination playoffs. Games consist of 6 innings with a time limit of 1 hour and 45 minutes. All games are held in Hopkinton at EMC, Carrigan Park and Pyne Field.

REGISTRATION: TBD

SEASON: TBD



Medway Tondorf

Tondorf is typically for players' age 9-12 years old. Tondorf is a competitive "A" level baseball tournament organized by Medway. Players pitch, outs are recorded, and umpires are provided. A regulation "hard" baseball is used and games are played on a standard Little League diamond (60-foot base paths). During the five week period, teams will play 10 regular season games followed by single elimination playoffs. Games consist of 6 innings and will be scheduled for

two hour completion. Games are held in Medway at the Cassidy Field Complex as well fields for the communities participating in the Tondorf Tournament.

REGISTRATION: TBD

SEASON: TBD