



2024 SPRING

COMPETITIVE COACHES MEETING



MARCH 20, 2024 @ 7:00PM

SPOKANE
INDIANS
YOUTH BASEBALL & SOFTBALL™





INTRODUCTIONS

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BAMBINO BUDDY BALL

Bambino Buddy-Ball allows our special needs athletes to develop confidence and positive self-esteem. It allows them to be part of organized sports and assists with physical fitness as well as social skills.

- Teams are needed to assist with each game
- All games take place on Sundays at Shadle Park HS
- Season runs from May 11th - June 16th

For Questions and Coordinating Games, please contact:

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GU BASEBALL

ANTHEM BUDDIES

- GU Baseball has invited SIYB Baseball to be anthem buddies for their game on Sat. May 18th
- They are allowing 30 SIYB players to walk out on the field with their palyers before the game
- Chosen players will be given a code for discounted tickets for them and their families
- To enter your players, fill out the Google Form [HERE](#) before April 15th
- Players will be selected by random and emailed out to families





GAME SCHEDULE

9U/10U

Mondays/Wednesdays
(possible Fridays)

11U/12U

Tuesdays/Thursdays
(possible Saturdays)

- 16 Regular Season games
 - Games start week of April 8th
- Games start around 6:00pm
 - Games in April may start closer to 6:30pm to allow for more ump's
- Weekend Double Header & Picture Day - April 13th
- City Championship - June 4th - 9th
 - Two game guarantee - consolation game for teams that lose first game



PRACTICE FIELDS

FIELD CONFIRMATION

- Fields are not available until SIYB gets authorization - do not go on fields until you receive confirmation from SIYB (if you are using an SIYB field)
- Practice fields may be canceled if needed for a game



LIABILTIY INSURANCE

- If you would like to reserve your own field, you are welcome to do so
- SIYB can provide you with a certificate of insurance if needed for the reservation
- This insurance is ONLY valid for the spring season



CLEAN UP & SHARING FACILITIES

- Please take time to clean up the dugout and seating area after each practice and game
- Please be respectful of other groups using the same facilities for both practices and games



QUESTIONS ABOUT FIELDS

- To schedule a practice field or if you have any questions/issues come up, please email taylor@siyb.org





MAKEUP GAMES

MAKEUP GAME DEFINITION

-Any game that is not able to be started or completed due to weather or the league sending a cancellation



RESECHEDULE FORM

-It is the responsibility of the coaches to agree to a make update & time - plus a back up

-Once agreed upon, one coach must submit a reschedule request

-Click [HERE](#) for form (also on our website on spring competitive page)



RESCHEDULE CONFIRMATION

-Once the baseball coordinator has secured a field and submitted request to umpire association, the game will be updated on Sports Connect and teams will be emailed via Sports Connect

-The game is NOT confirmed unless you receive a schedule update from Sports Connect



REMINDER

-Fridays and weekends are the best days for makeups due to field and umpire availability



REPORTING SCORES IN SPORTS CONNECT

- Login to your Sports Connect Account
- Once logged in, click volunteer on the left side of the screen
- Find your name
- Under your name, click Visit Team Page
- Once on team page, click Calendar
- Once on calendar, click RESULTS
- Once Results load, select the game and edit the score
- **ONLY THE HOME TEAM CAN ENTER SCORES**
- If the home coach does not report the score within 48 hours of the game, the away coach can email their scores to taylor@siyb.org and the baseball coordinator will update





ALL-STARS

SIYBS is excited to bring back All-Stars for the 2024 season!

Based on talks with coaches who attended the Coach Town Hall Meetings, we have looked into sending the champion of the league's end-of-season tournament to their choice of the Pony All-Star track or the Cal Ripken All-Star track.

We will be sending teams who wish to compete at the 9u-12U age ranges.

DATES FOR ALL-STARS PONY

STATE: JUNE 27-30. @ OLYMPIA, WA
REGIONALS: JULY 11-21. @ GREAT L.A. AREA OF CA
WORLD SERIES: JULY 19-26
9U IN CA, 10U IN LA, 11U IN VA, 12U IN TX

CAL RIPKEN

STATE TOURNEY: JULY 11-14. @ WENATCHEE, WA
REGIONALS: JULY 24-28. 9/12U @ MERIDIAN, ID. 10/11U @ EUGENE, OR.
NATIONALS: AUGUST 8-17. 10U @ CROWN POINT, IN. 12U @ BRANSON, MO

9/11U NO WORLD SERIES, WINNING REGIONALS GETS THE TEAM AN AUTOMATIC BID TO WORLD SERIES THE FOLLOWING YEAR



GEAR PICKUP

*THURSDAY AND FRIDAY
MARCH 28TH AND 29TH
3:00PM - 6:00PM*

Pick up at SIYBS Storage
123 E Mission Ave. Spokane. WA 99202
(Next to Black Goat Fitness)

Each Team Receives:

- 2 boxes of game baseballs
- Lineup cards
- Scorebook
- Sportsmanship pins



CODE OF CONDUCT

ZERO TOLERANCE

SIYBS has a “Zero Tolerance” policy regarding inappropriate behavior. This policy will encompass all interactions during the course of the season.



1,2,3 POLICY

-This season, umpires will be enforcing a new 1,2,3 policy.

-During a game, any haggling, arguing, or other inappropriate behavior by a coach, fan, or player will result in a warning.

-The next time it happens, a final warning will begin

-If it happens a third time, the game will be called



COACHES RESPONSIBILITY

-Coaches are responsible for all their coaches, players, parents, and fans.

-If anyone on your bench or sideline is being inappropriate, it is your responsibility to remind them of the zero tolerance policy and shut it down



INCIDENT REPORTS

-If any incident does occur that is in need of the league investigating, please complete an incident report

-Click [HERE](#) to access the incident report or find it on the SIYB Competitive website page



BOB ROBERTSON SPORTSMANSHIP AWARD

To be awarded by the *opposing team* to the player that most exemplifies the following characteristics:

- Abides by the rules of the game
- Plays fair & hard
- Follow the directions of the coach
- Shows respect for the other team & their effort
- Offers encouragement to teammates & is a leader
- Shows respect for the umpires judgment calls
- Ends the game smoothly - shows class in victory or defeat





BOB ROBERTSON SPORTSMANSHIP AWARD

- This award will be given out at home plate at the end of every game. The goal is to end every game in a positive fashion & to give a player an opportunity to be recognized for outstanding behavior
- We recommend that your team appoint a group of 2-3 parents to look for the 7 sportsmanship qualities
- At the end of the season ONE (coach will need to decide in case of a tie) player from each team that receives the most pins will be invited to a special Sportsmanship Recognition Night at a Spokane Indians game on **August 16th**
 - Players will receive two tickets to the game

This is *NOT* a Player of the Game or MVP Award

RULES



Special Rules	Competitive			
	9U	10U	11U	12U
Innings (time limit)	6 (1:50)	6 (1:50)	7 (1:50)	7 (1:50)
Lead-off	no	no	yes	yes
Uncaught 3rd Strike	no	no	yes	yes
Balks (NFHS Rule)	no	no	yes	yes
Stealing Allowed	no	no	yes	yes
Stealing once ball crosses	yes	yes	no	no
Can advance on passed ball by catcher/ pitcher	yes	yes	yes	yes
Can score on passed ball by catcher/ pitcher	no	yes	yes	yes

FULL RULEBOOK CAN BE FOUND [HERE](#)

RULES CONT.



- Mercy Rules: 10 runs after 3 ½ or 4 innings
- Courtesy Runners & Mound Visits: NFHS rule
- Bats
 - 8U-13U: USA, USSSA, Wood, or BBCOR
 - Illegal USSSA bats
 - Discovered in the batter's box (bat not used) – Remove bat and inform Head Coach & No penalty. Pitch struck fair– if an illegal bat is discovered after the ball is struck fair AND BEFORE the next pitch the batter is out, and runner(s) return to base occupied at time of the pitch and any out(s) recorded stand.
 - Subsequent use of an illegal bat = same penalty, along with a coach ejection
 - *Note* Runner(s) advancement not caused by use of an illegal bat such as stolen base, balk, passed ball, wild pitch) shall stand.
- Warmup Pitches
 - A new pitcher gets 8 warm-up pitches the first appearance in a game
 - A pitcher gets 5 warm-up pitches for every subsequent inning
- 9U-13U: May bat 9, 9 with an extra hitter, or the entire lineup. In the case of batting 10 players or the entire roster, all players not currently playing in the field would be considered Extra Hitters. EHs can be subbed defensively freely
- DH:
 - SIYBS uses the High School (NFHS) DH rules
- Headfirst slides are permitted at all age levels except at home plate!
 - Penalty for headfirst slide at home= Runner out

REMINDERS



DICK'S SPORTING GOODS SHOPPING EVENT

- March 29th – April 1st (closed on Easter)
- 20% entire purchase with coupon at both Spokane Locations



SIYBS GROUP NIGHTS AT SPOKANE INDIANS

- Discount tickets nights at the Spokane Indians (links to be sent out at a later date)
- April 20th, May 17th, and June 2nd





THANK YOU FOR COACHING!!!

“ONE COACH WILL IMPACT MORE
YOUNG LIVES IN A SEASON, THAN AN
AVERAGE PERSON IN A LIFETIME”
-BILLY GRAHAM

Social Media

Facebook: **SpokaneIndiansYouthBaseball**

Instagram: **@SIYouthBaseball** and **@SIYouthSoftball**