



2024 SPRING

# RECREATIONAL COACHES MEETING



MARCH 20, 2024 @ 6:00PM

**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

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# GU BASEBALL

## ANTHEM BUDDIES

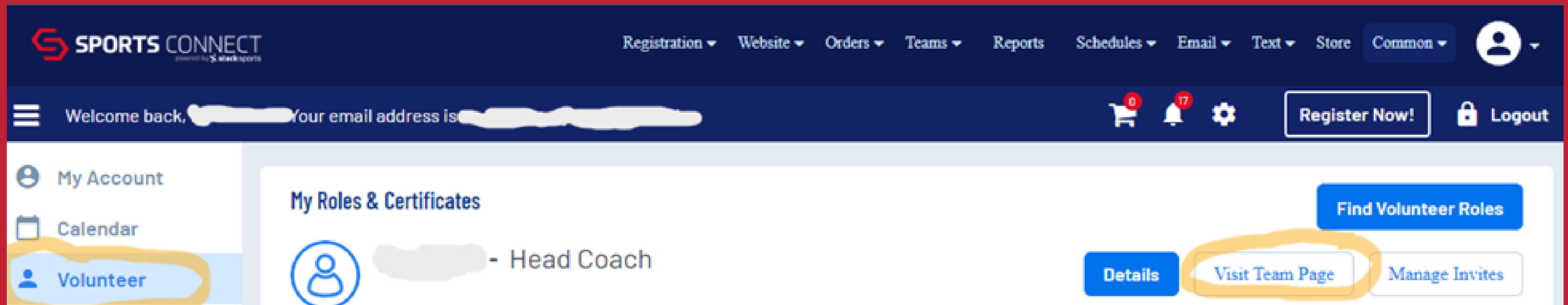
- GU Baseball has invited SIYB Baseball to be anthem buddies for their game on Sat. May 18th
- They are allowing 30 SIYB players to walk out on the field with their players before the game
- Chosen players will be given a code for discounted tickets for them and their families
- To enter your players,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





# REACHING OUT TO YOUR TEAM

- Once rosters are released, everyone on the team will be emailed
- It will also open up access to your team page on Sports Connect
  - Log into your account, click on “Volunteer” and click on “View Team Page”



The screenshot shows the Sports Connect website interface. The top navigation bar includes the Sports Connect logo, a user profile icon, and various menu items: Registration, Website, Orders, Teams, Reports, Schedules, Email, Text, Store, and Common. Below the navigation bar, a welcome message is displayed: "Welcome back, [redacted] Your email address is [redacted]". To the right of the welcome message are icons for a shopping cart, a notification bell, and a gear icon, along with a "Register Now!" button and a "Logout" button. The main content area is divided into a left sidebar and a main panel. The sidebar contains "My Account", "Calendar", and "Volunteer" (highlighted with a yellow circle). The main panel is titled "My Roles & Certificates" and shows a user profile icon, a redacted name, and the role "Head Coach". To the right of the profile information are three buttons: "Find Volunteer Roles", "Details", and "Visit Team Page" (highlighted with a yellow circle). A "Manage Invites" button is also visible to the right of the "Visit Team Page" button.

- You will be able to access contact information and email your team directly from your team page



# GAME SCHEDULE

*12U*

Mondays/Wednesdays  
(possible Fridays)

*10U*

Tuesdays/Thursdays  
(possible Saturdays)

- 12 Regular Season games
  - Games start week of April 22nd
- 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
  - 12U - April 20th
  - 10U - April 21st



# FLEX SCHEDULES

- SIYB will be piloting a new scheduling method this year to promote the best playing environment possible
- SIYB will have coaches report their scores to Sports Connect, to produce standings
- Based on standings after the first 6 games, final 4 games will be against similarly ranked teams
- The goal is to ensure that teams are playing against teams that both challenge them, and allow teams to play at a level that develops them best



# 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



## PRACTICES ONCE GAMES BEGIN

-Practices are only confirmed for the first 2 weeks of season

-If you would like to continue to practice once games begin,, SIYB has limited fields on Friday/Saturday/Sunday

-Email [taylor@siyb.org](mailto:taylor@siyb.org) to confirm



## CLEAN UP & SHARING FACILITIES

-Please take time to clean up the dugout and seating are 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](mailto: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 up 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 recreational 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](mailto:taylor@siyb.org) and the baseball coordinator will update





# 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:

- Gear Bag (Catcher's Gear, 5 Batting Helmets)
- Uniforms (Jersey, Hat, Pants, Belt)
- 1 Box of Game Baseballs
- Sportsmanship Pins
- Lineup Cards
- Scorebook



# 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 Recreational 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 AWARDS

- 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 player (coach will need to decide in case of a tie) 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	Rec.	
	10U	12U
Innings	6	7
Lead-off	no	no
Uncaught 3rd Strike	no	yes
Stealing Allowed	no	no
Stealing once ball crosses home plate	no	yes
Can advance on passed ball by catcher/ pitcher	no	yes
Can score on passed ball by catcher/ pitcher	no	yes
Inning Run Limits (must switch)	5	7

\*Mercy Rules: 10 runs after 3 ½ or 4 innings

\*Must bat entire lineup- Every player must play at least 3 innings in the field

\*Headfirst slides are permitted at all age levels except at home plate! - Penalty for headfirst slide at home= Runner out

FULL RULEBOOK CAN BE FOUND [HERE](#)

# 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**