

**GREATER CINCINNATI KNOTHOLE
"AA" Baseball 2009**

MANAGER'S MEETING: April 18th 10:00 AM Blue Ash Sports Complex, (Crosley Field)

***** TEAM REGISTRATION *****

The Team Registration form and the \$ 160.00 fee are due by Sunday, April 26th

Make check payable to: GCKA

Send To: Robert Reckers 8435 Eagleridge Drive West Chester OH 45069

SUPERVISORS:

Robert Reckers 513-860-5371

Dennis Becker 513-677-1311

REGIONAL DIRECTORS:

East

North Dennis Becker 513-677-1311 6929 Glenellyn Rd Loveland OH 45140

South Dave Epplen 859-331-1177 5 Anthony Lane Ft Mitchell KY 41017

West Jess McWhorter 513-451-4311 6606 Woodcrest Dr. Cincinnati OH 45233

1. League Fees

- a) \$ 160.00 Checks made payable to GCKA

2. Team Eligibility

- a) The Team Registration form and fees must be returned to Robert Reckers.
- b) The Team Registration Form must be signed by the District Supervisor
- c) The Team Roster form along with both completed copies of each Player Contract must be returned to the Regional Director before the team can participate in a game. PENALTY: Forfeiture of Game.
- d) Teams may not carry less than 14 or more than 22 players.

3. Player Eligibility

- a) You must have both completed copies of the Player Contract in the hands of the Regional Director. PENALTY: Team will forfeit each game in which said player participates.
- b) Teams are not required to turn in a birth certificate or a picture of each player. However, in case of protest on players' eligibility, the manager must produce both items within 24 hours or face possible forfeit.
- c) Players may not play on any other team.
- d) Teams may not play in any other league.
- e) Players cannot be 19 before May 1, 2009.
- f) No players may be added after June 15th.

4. Season Dates

- a) The season starts Sunday, May 24th.
- b) The last scheduled date will be Sunday, July 5th
- c) The last day for season make-up games will be Tuesday, July 7th No game is to be rescheduled after July 5th except for games cancelled the week of June 28th
- d) Region Tiebreaker playoff games will be conducted on July 8th and 9th.

5. Schedules

- a) Your Regional Director will complete schedules by May 23rd

6. District Boundaries

- a) Teams are to be made up of players from their Knothole district.
- b) If a player wishes to play in another district, the coach must obtain approval from their District Supervisor and the AA Regional Director.

7. Number of Games

- a) Teams will play 18-22 games depending on the number of teams in each region.
- b) Teams should expect to play doubleheaders.

8. Uniforms

- a) This is an uniform league.

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9. Umpires

- a) Each game should have two umpires.
- b) The **Host** team is responsible for providing both umpires for all games.
- c) Each team will pay one umpire \$ 50.00. If only one umpire does a game, that umpire will be paid \$ 60.00, with the home team paying \$ 30.00 and the visiting team paying \$ 30.00.
- d) Teams that forfeit a game will be charged a \$50.00 penalty, to be paid immediately or they will not be able to finish their season, (payable to the Regional Director).
- e) Each umpire who shows up at a game that is forfeited will be paid \$30.00.
- f) No "AA" manager, coach, or player may umpire in "AA" baseball.
- g) No person may umpire a game when an immediate family member is playing or coaching.
- h) Umpires must be paid on the field before the game starts.

10. City Tournament

- a) The "AA" City Waite Hoyt Knothole Tournament will begin Friday, July 10th.
- b) This is a Two & Out Tournament.

11. Re-Entry Rule

See City Rule #18

12. Batting Order Options

- a) The continuous batting (CB) rule: If a player cannot bat, (unable to bat because of illness, injury, had to leave, etc.), such position is not an out in the batting order. Any nine players may play on the defense.
- b) The additional hitter (AH) rule: If using the AH, a 10th batter may be added to the batting order at the start of the game. Any nine of the ten batters may play on defense. If a team using the AH drops from ten to nine players available, the spot in the lineup is left open and is NOT an out. The re-entry rule applies as well.
- c) The designated hitter (DH) rule: If a designated hitter is used, he may not play on defense. The DH may be used with the AH and the re-entry rule.
- d) Managers must choose one of these options before the game begins:
 - CB, Continuous batting rule
 - AH, Additional Hitter
 - DH, Designated Hitter
 - AH and DH
 - Regular nine-man batting order.

13. Courtesy Runner

- a) For the Catcher ONLY.

14. Pitcher

- a) A pitcher may only pitch a total of nine innings in any consecutive three-day period.
- b) One pitch in any inning is an inning pitched.

15 Official Game

- a) "AA" games will be 7 innings.
- b) Any game stopped because of rain or darkness shall be considered a complete game after 4 1/2 innings provided the home team is leading.
- c) A game stopped because of rain or darkness, which is not an official game, will be resumed at the point of suspension.

16. Run Rule

- a) A game will be called if one team is ahead by 10 or more runs after the losing team has had 5 complete times at bat.
- b) No game can end by the run rule if the run limit is reached while the visiting team is at bat.

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17. Rain Condition Rule

- a) The **Host** team manager will check the field 3 hours before game time and notify the visiting team and umpires if the field is not playable.
- b) The **Home** team manager decides if the field is playable before the game starts.
- c) Once the game starts and the first pitch is thrown, the umpires will decide if the field is playable.

18. Cancelled Games

- a) Scheduled games may only be cancelled because of rainouts or school events, (teams face possible forfeits for other reasons).
- b) All games are to be rescheduled and played within two weeks after the cancellation.
- c) No game is to be rescheduled after July 5th. except for games cancelled the week of June 28th.
- d) Regional Directors are to be notified about rescheduled games. If there is any problem in rescheduling a game the Regional Director should be contacted.

19. Discipline

- a) Any player or coach ejected from a game for disciplinary reasons will be suspended for 1 game on the first offense.
- b) On the second ejection, player or coach will be suspended for 2 games and the team could forfeit the game in which the second ejection occurred.
- c) Both managers must report all ejections for disciplinary reasons to the Regional Director.
- d) For serious discipline cases, the Regional Director can impose a more severe punishment, with final appeal to the Supervisor.

20. Forfeits

- a) Only the Regional Directors may declare forfeits.
- b) If a team does not field a team within 30 minutes of the scheduled starting game time, the game could be forfeited. Unusual circumstances and emergencies will be considered before a forfeit is final.

21. Protests

- a) Protests must be made in accordance with City Knothole Rule.
- b) The protest, along with \$100.00 **CASH**, must be filed in writing with the Regional Director within 24 hours.
- c) The Regional Director will be responsible for setting up a Protest Committee and he will head said committee.
- d) No person involved will be on the Protest Committee.

22. Scores

- a) Winning team is expected to report scores to the Regional Director, (or such person that the Regional Director might designate), within 24 hours of the completion of the game.
- b) Failure to comply with this rule could lead to a disciplinary situation or even forfeit.

23. Final Standings

- a) The number of wins will determine final regional standings.
- b) In the case of a tie for position and/or qualifying for the tournament the following tie-breaker will be used
 - Head to Head Record, (total runs will not be considered)
 - Team record within the division, (most wins)
 - Playoffs will be held if necessary.

24. Other Rules

- a) Major League or Greater Cincinnati Knothole Club rules will apply to any situation not previously covered.
- b) District Rules do not apply to "AA" Baseball.

Team Roster

Team Name _____

District # _____

Manager _____

Telephone () _____

Coach _____

Telephone () _____

Must have a coach

Please Print all Information

PLAYER	Date of Birth	PHONE #
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Manager's Signature: _____

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Please Print all Information

Community/Area: _____ Team Name: _____

District Number: _____ Supervisor's Name: _____

Manager's Name _____ Home Phone # _____

Address _____ Work Phone # _____

City/St/Zip _____ Cell Phone # _____

FAX Phone # _____

e-Mail address _____

Coach's Name _____ Home Phone # _____

Address _____ Work Phone # _____

City/St/Zip _____ Cell Phone # _____

FAX Phone # _____

e-mail address _____

TEAM MAKE-UP: Number of Players _____ # of 16 Year Olds: _____

of 17 Year Olds: _____

of 18 Year Olds: _____

HOME FIELD NAME: _____

Address/Directions: _____

FIELD AVAILABILITY:	Day of Week	Time of Day
<input type="checkbox"/>	Sunday	_____
<input type="checkbox"/>	Monday	_____
<input type="checkbox"/>	Tuesday	_____
<input type="checkbox"/>	Wednesday	_____
<input type="checkbox"/>	Thursday	_____
<input type="checkbox"/>	Friday	_____
<input type="checkbox"/>	Saturday	_____

District Supervisor's Approval _____

(signature required)