

General FAQ's

Who maintains the facilities at Adams Park? The City of Kennesaw Parks and Recreations maintains the park and its facilities. All park improvements and general maintenance are the burden of the association. The association bears the burden and expense related to the upkeep, maintenance and improvement of Kennesaw Baseball.

How many fields are at Adams Park? Adams Park has 6 fields baseball fields and 4 softball fields.

My son has no baseball experience, but wants to play baseball. Can he play at KBA? Yes, KBA is open to players of all skill level and ability. In every age group there are players at all levels of play. The team selection process is setup to distribute the talent pool across all teams.

How does KBA treat personal information regarding players or parents? This information is considered "privileged" and may not be disclosed to outside parties. Any individual found releasing "privileged" information may be banned from KBA and/or face legal action.

Are animals allowed at the park? Unfortunately, domestic animals are not allowed inside of the park. At the Baseball fields, all NON SERVICE animals are not allowed past the parking lot. At the Softball fields, they are not allowed past the walking track. All other park regulations are found at this link. Please see Park Rules and Information.

Registration

Why is registration so expensive? Registration fees cover expenses incurred for items such as lights, water, fertilizer, field maintenance, fencing, uniforms, umpires and general up keep and repair. The Baseball program is funded and run by Kennesaw Baseball Association. Registration fees cover the vast majority of the expenses associated with running the park. The city does not provide us with any financial assistance for day to day expenses. The city may from time to time assist with special projects.

How old does my son have to be to play baseball with KBA? Our youngest age group is 3YO Little Sluggers. Players who are 3 on or before April 30th of the coming year play in this league.

How do I determine which league my son will play? When players register they are placed in a league based on birth date as of April 30 of the coming year. Answering the question, how old will my son/daughter be on April 30th of the coming year, gives the league he plays in. So for example if Sam turns 10 on February the 4th, he will be 10 on April 30 and play in the 10 year old (YO) league. Another example, if the registering player is 7 at time of registration and will turn 8 on May the 5th, he will play in the 7 YO league, as he will be 7 on April 30 of the coming year.

Can I register my daughter to play baseball at KBA? Yes, generally, there are very few who play and the majority of the girls that play do so at an early age (4-6). Of the girls that play, most all will transition into softball at 6 or 7 years of age.

I would like my son to play-up, is this possible?

We automatically assign a player to a league based on his/her age group according to the Dizzy Dean requirements. The current year's fall season and the upcoming year's spring and summer (All-Star) season will be based on the player's age on or before April 30th of the upcoming year. (i.e., a player playing fall 2013, spring 2014, and summer 2014 (All-Stars) would be placed in a league based on their age on April 30, 2014). A family may request to have a player assigned to the next age group.

If I register by the registration date, can my son play? Yes, as long as payment has been secured before the Skills Assessment date.

The registration date has passed, can I still register? It may be possible for a player to register after the registration deadline. We will continue to register players provided we have open slots. There is an additional \$35 per player charged for all late registrants.

I have two sons, can they play on the same team? Provided the players are playing in age appropriate divisions, they will be placed or drafted on the same team. Here are a couple of examples:

- We will allow a 9YO to play up in the 10YO league so that he can play up with his with his 10YO brother.
- Brothers, who based on birth date, are in the same league will be drafted together.
- We do not would allow a 7YO to play up with his 10YO brother for the purposes of being on the same team.
- We do not allow players to play down for any reason including the desire for siblings to be on the same team.

Season / Team

When do the seasons start and end? For specific dates see the web-site.

- Spring registration starts in early December and ends in mid-January. Teams are selected towards the end of January and play begins the first weekend in March. The final games will be played just before school is out for the summer.
- All-Stars begin play immediately after the rec season. Dates vary based on age, and generally go to the middle or end of July.
- Fall registration begins in July. Games begin in September and are completed around the first week in November.

What programs are offered at the park? We offer two programs, recreational baseball (which includes All-Star baseball) and travel baseball.

- **Recreational Baseball**, rec baseball, is open to anyone who registers to play and is offered to players of all skill level and ability. With the exception being our 13/14 and 15/16/17 YO leagues, all games are played at Adams Park. During our Spring season, 3's-12's will play 12 games and end the season with a double-elimination tournament. Our 13/14s and 15/16/17s will play games against other KBA teams as well as play teams from other local parks. The 13-17YO leagues play 16-20 games during their season. **All-Stars**, players participating in the spring rec ball season are eligible for all-stars. We field All-Star teams from all leagues starting in our 5's. Depending on the

league there may be multiple teams. All-Stars is a more competitive environment and the purpose is to put together the best team(s) possible from the pool of players in the rec league. More details regarding the All-Star selection process can be found on the web-site.

- **Travel Baseball**, starting at 8 YO we have travel teams within KBA. Travel teams play the majority of their baseball games outside of Adams Park. These teams play tournament baseball and/or in a travel league. Players are selected in the fall for the spring season and are invited to play for these teams. Tryouts are held in August prior to the spring season.

How are coaches selected? Our League Directors select coaches from the pool of parents who volunteer to coach. League Directors use several factors including: coaching experience, number of years coaching at KBA and prior experience in the league.

How are teams selected? For ages 3-4, players are assigned onto teams by their League Director. The League Director makes every attempt possible to place players with requested coaches or on the same team as another requested player.

For ages 5 and above - Coaches have the option of freezing up to two players; their own and one assistant coach. All remaining players are put into a draft pool and selected using the rules of the draft. All players are selected from the pool until all coaches have their max number of players or the player pool is exhausted.

How are All-Star players selected? For information on All-Stars please see the All-Star Policy under Documents.

How many players are on a team?

- For ages 3, 4, and 5 our target number is 8-9 players with a max of 10 players per team.
- For ages 6-8 our target number is 11 and max at 12 per team.
- For ages 9-12 our target and max is 11 players per team.
- For ages 13-16 counts will vary depending on the number of registered players and number of teams. We make every attempt to limit the number of players 12 players or less per team.

We registered for t-ball, why are the coaches pitching to the players? For a player, one of the most exciting aspects of the game is hitting the baseball. At the age of 4 we encourage hitting the baseball off of a tee. If coaches and players have worked on hitting a coach pitched baseball, we make provisions for this to happen during their games. Emphasis at this age is placed on introducing each player to the sport, learning very basic skills and having fun. We feel this can be accomplished hitting the ball off of a tee or the ball being thrown by a coach.

I want my son to play with my neighbor's son so we can carpool, does KBA accommodate?

For 4's and 5's, you will need to make a request to the League Director and/or note on your registration your request. The League Directors e-mail is listed on the web-site on the League home page.

- For all other ages the best course of action is to identify a coach and request that he try and draft both of the players. We do not make special accommodations and with the draft there are not guarantees that players will be able to play or be selected by a particular coach.

How are the games structured at the different ages?

- 3s and 4s – Players are given 3 pitches to hit from a coach. If after three pitches a fair ball has not been hit, players will hit off of a hitting tee. Outs are awarded. Games are 2-3 innings in length.
- 5s – Players are given 3 pitches to hit from a coach. If after three pitches a fair ball has not been hit, players will hit off of a hitting tee. Players advance one base on each hit. Outs are awarded. Games are 6 innings in length or when allotted time runs out.
- 6s, 7s, 8s – Batters are given 5 coach pitches to hit. The third swinging strike is an out. Outs are awarded. Score is kept. 5 runs per inning max. Length of game is max 6 innings or time limit. Bases are at 60’.
- 9s, 10s - For the most part MLB rules with the exception of lead offs (none) and dropped third strike. Bases are at 50’.
- 11/12s – For the most part MLB rules. Bases are at 60’.
- 13/14s – MLB rules – 80’ bases
- 15/16s – MLB rules – 90’ bases

I have a problem with my child’s coach, what should I do? Please make every attempt to resolve the issue directly with the coach. Please address your concerns with him first prior to speaking with anyone else. If you are not able to resolve the issue with you coach, please contact your League Director.