

TEAM PARENT ORIENTATION

April 6, 2021 | 7 p.m. | Jenn Park
2021 Spring Season

WITH MUCH APPRECIATION…

THANK YOU!

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AGENDA | PURPOSE

AGENDA

7-7:45 p.m.	Team Parent Overview
7:45-8 p.m.	Q&A Session

PURPOSE

- Explain expectations, outline specific responsibilities for Team Parents
- Answer your questions

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OVERVIEW

ABOUT OYO

- Veterans Memorial Park
- Park Rules

TEAM PARENT DUTIES

- Making a Difference
- Setting Team Fees
- Team Banner
- Uniform Distribution
- Opening Day
- Picture Day
- Team Treat Tickets
- Dugout Management
- Field Prep Recruitment
- Coaches' Gifts
- End-of-Season Party

COMMUNICATION

- Weatherline
- Website
- Additional Resources
- Rainout Policy
- Tournament

UPCOMING ACTIVITIES

- Key Dates Summary

ONSITE ASSISTANCE

- Support for our visitors

EVALUATIONS

- Head Coach
- League

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ABOUT OYO

VETERANS MEMORIAL PARK



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PARK RULES

- Smoke-free
- No pets
- No alcoholic beverages
- No weapons or firearms
- No roller blades, bikes or skateboards
- No swinging of bats outside the fields or batting cage areas
- No throwing of balls outside the fields or warm-up areas

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TEAM PARENT DUTIES

WAYS YOU CAN MAKE A DIFFERENCE

- **Administrative Activities**
  - Defining/collecting team fees
  - Uniform distribution, personalization
  - Team banner development (optional)
  - Ensure team follows Code of Conduct
- **Organizational Activities**
  - Opening Day & Picture Day activities
  - Dugout management
  - Team treat tickets
  - End-of-season party, gathering
  - Delegation of pre-/post-game field prep work
  - Coach recognition
- **Communication Activities**
  - Assist with notifying parents of all of the above

The Head Coach will…

- Own the team's equipment
- Develop practice plans
- Develop game line-ups and fielding assignments
- Participate in pre-game meeting with umpire
- Manage the crowd, as needed
- Complete umpire evaluation after each game
- Complete player evaluation card

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TEAM FEES

- **MOST IMPORTANT – COMMUNICATE TO YOUR PARENTS THAT ALL OF THE 'EXTRA' FEE ACTIVITIES ARE *OPTIONAL***

- EXAMPLES OF ACTITIVIES THAT INCUR ADDITIONAL COSTS:
  - Team treat tickets
  - Personalization to the uniform shirts and/or hats
  - Team banner
  - Coach's recognition/gift
  - Team Party

- Again, *none of these additional activities are required,* but in the past it has been shown to make for a very special season for the kids.
- Poll your parents as to which, if any, items they would like to participate in being clear as to the cost for each item.
- Don't bank roll the season yourself! Once the items are determined and a fee is set, send out a date to have your fee collection completed.

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UNIFORM MATTERS | NAMES ON JERSEYS

- **Delivery of Uniforms**
  - Official Date unknown but week of April 12
  - Communication will be sent re: pick-up plans, process

- **Uniform Personalization**
  - Player names on back or front of their jerseys
  - Player names on their hats
  - Approximate cost for shirt names is $5. Approximate cost for hat embroidery is $5-7

- **Sources**

Lids & Lids Locker Room
Castleton Square Mall
317.849.5059 – Lids
317.915.1425 – Lids Locker Room
www.lids.com

Giraffe-X Graphics
5746 Wheeler Rd
Indianapolis, IN 46216
317.546.4944

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TEAM BANNER (OPTIONAL)

- A team banner can be used to identify the team during the Opening Day Parade, hung on their dugout, and as a prop on Picture Day.

- Banners typically list the team name, players, and coaches. Please remember to include your sponsor as well!

- Banners can be purchased or handmade – be creative.
  - Use team photos to identify your players.
  - Opt to have a ‘banner’ party to kick off the season and let your team make the banner.

- Approximate costs for a banner are $50-75 ($6-7 per player)

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TEAM BANNER (OPTIONAL)

- **Local suppliers to purchase printed banners:**

Fast Signs
9433 E Washington Street
Indianapolis, IN 46229
317.898.6118
www.fastsigns.com

Fast Signs
9668 Allisonville Road
Indianapolis, IN 46250
317.845.5051
www.fastsigns.com

Sign Factory
5381 E 82nd Street
Indianapolis, IN 46250
317.845.1932
www.signfctoryco.com

Impression Sign Design
5839 W Hwy 40, Suite A
Greenfield, IN 46140
317.797.1372
https://signs46140.com/

Allegra Marketing Print
8025 Castleway Drive, #103
Indianapolis, IN 46250
317.643.6248
www.allegramarketingprint.com

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TEAM BANNER (OPTIONAL)

- **Online suppliers for printed or blank banners:**
  - VistaPrint: www.vistaprint.com
  - Sugar House Banners: www.sugarhousebanners.com
  - Oriental Trading Company: www.orientaltrading.com
  - Lowe's Pro Signs & Apparel www.lowesprosigns.com

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TEAM TREAT TICKETS

- Team “treat tickets” are a fun reward for a great effort on the field.
- Tickets are distributed to each player after the game and can be redeemed at the concession stand for the player to purchase a treat/snack of their choice.
- If you choose to do this with your team, collect $1 per player per game for the tickets.

LEAGUE	GAMES (games are based on schedule; rainouts expected)
Challenger, Tee Ball	14 games
Junior Rookie	14 games - 12 regular season, 2 tournament (min.)
Rookie, Minor, Super Major Baseball 8U, 10U, 12U Softball	17 games - 15 regular season, 2 tournament (min.)

- **Options:**
  - Purchase all the tickets at the beginning of the year.
  - Purchase on game days
  - Assign a game to each parent to purchase and distribute.

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TEAM TREATS

- Concessions is looking at getting rid of the treat tickets system
- Due to COVID, concessions had offered certain treats for the team parents to pick
- This Spring, concessions would like for the Team Parent to choose the treats

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OPENING DAY

Opening Day Parade – 9 a.m. on April 17, 2021

- The parade is a tradition that kicks off the season. Teams follow a parade route from Oaklandon Elementary along Oaklandon road, crossing over Pendleton Pike and enter the park from the 62nd Street entrance (‘back” entrance).

- The Lawrence Police Department closes Oaklandon Road and 62nd Street for the parade and also positions officers at the Pendleton Pike intersection to stop traffic for a safe crossing.

- Teams will line up in position for the parade beginning at 8:15 a.m. at the side and back parking lot of Oaklandon Elementary and are arranged from youngest – oldest teams. (Map with team numbers will be distributed.)

- There is no parking at the school – plan to have parents park across the street and escort their children to the designated place in line. You may also want to coordinate a ‘drop-off’ with several parents in the front of the school.

- DO NOT PARK ON THE STREETS OF NEARBY NEIGHBORHOODS – YOU WILL BE TOWED!

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OPENING DAY

- **Opening Day Festivities**
  - As the teams enter the park they will be directed to the outfields of the front four fields
  - The teams remain assembled for the National Anthem, opening day remarks from OYO Board Members and ceremonial first pitch
- **Collecting your players after the opening ceremonies**
  - Stay with your team until all your players are connected with their parents. Many parents of younger players will most likely walk with their children, but some will not
    - ✓ You could plan to have a general meeting place after the ceremonies break so everyone knows where the team will be
  - Advise parents that a good strategy is to have someone who can drive them back to their cars from the park after the opening day ceremonies

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PHOTO NIGHT

- **Schedule**
  - Photo Night is now on Friday, May 7, 2021
  - Back-up day in case of weather issues is Friday, May 14, 2021

- **Team Parent Responsibilities**
  - Plan a meeting location and gather the team 15 minutes prior to your assigned picture time
  - You will be notified of Photo Night time assignments and the location closer to picture day – they will precede your team's game
  - Once your team is assembled, collect the completed order forms and help guide your team to the photographers
  - Pictures will be returned within three weeks of Photo Night

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DUGOUT MANAGEMENT

- Assist the coaches with keeping an orderly dugout – this varies by league and by coach.
    - Players in younger leagues will need help knowing their place in the line-up, their fielding position, and changing in and out of their equipment
    - Help the players keep their gear organized
    - Keep the players focused on the game – minimize dugout horseplay
    - After games and practices, help ensure the dugout is cleaned out. Players should pickup all their trash and have all their gear.

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PRE-/POST-GAME FIELD PREP ASSISTANCE

TEAM ASSIGNMENT	RESPONSIBILITY
HOME	Lines the field prior to each game
VISITORS	Rake and drag fields after each game

- You can determine which assignment you have based on your game schedule.
- Ask coach to help explain to parents at an upcoming practice OYO-recommended field prep procedures before/after game.
- This usually only takes 2-3 parents at each game. Ask for volunteers to either sign up per game or volunteer for the season.

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COACHES' GIFTS

- Coaches gifts are a nice way to recognize the coaches at the end of the season for all of their hard work with your players.

- Ideas for coaches gifts:
  - Baseball/softball signed by all of the players
  - Bat signed by all of the players
  - Gift certificate
  - Team picture that YOU or other parent has taken during the season, framed and signed by the team
  - Picture collage or scrapbook (need parents who snap a lot of pictures)

- Collect from your team to cover the cost of a coach's gift. You can estimate the cost and include at the beginning of the year, or take a second collection at the end of the season.
  - Typically $5 per player is enough to cover a nice gift for the coach

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END OF SEASON PARTY/GATHERING

- This is optional, but it is a popular way to bring the season to a close and have fun with the team outside of the ballpark

- Ideas for team parties:
  - Pool party / backyard party at someone's house
  - Pizza party
  - Gathering at a park
  - Ice-cream party

- Teams typically wait until the conclusion of the season for their party. Plan ahead! Everyone's season is ending at relatively the same time so places may book up, and families may start vacations. Or plan to have your party prior to the end of the season as a 'tournament kick-off'.

- Collect from your team to cover the cost of a team gathering or ask everyone to bring a 'pitch-in' item if having at a park or individual's house. Again, you can add in cost at the beginning with team fees or collect later.

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KEEP YOUR TEAM INFORMED

DETAILED WEBSITE | WEEKLY EMAILS

OYO WEBSITE

One-stop shop for team information, schedules, league updates and more



TWIO | THIS WEEK IN OYO

One weekly email message to your in-box summarizing the latest updates



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OYO WEATHERLINE | 317.767.5170

- **Practices**
  - Weatherline is NOT used for practices
  - Families will be notified by their coach if practice is canceled
- **Games**
  - OYO's Advisors on Duty (AODs) will determine if games are being played
  - Updates will be communicated via Weatherline no later than 45 minutes before game time, possibly earlier
- **Weatherline Protocol**
  - Listen to entire message – some games may get canceled while others will not
  - On Saturdays, check back regularly as updates are left all day long when weather is in doubt

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RAINOUT POLICY

- **Rainout games are not rescheduled**
  - *OYO's Goal:* Provide teams 12-13 games for older leagues, 10-11 for younger leagues (same number we've provided for more than a decade)
  - We schedule two additional games for each team
  - Goal not always possible due to weather
  - More responsibility placed on coaches and parents to make fields playable in 2018, but final decision on field use rests with AODs

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TOURNAMENT SCHEDULE

- **Double-elimination tournament**
  - Challengers and Tee Ball do not have tournament
  - Challengers and Tee Ball scheduled for two games between June 7-12
- **Begins Monday, June 7**
  - Tournament Schedule (dates/times) posted on May 21
- **Focused on having a single Championship Day for *all* leagues no later than Wednesday, June 16**
  - If needed games, would be played following night
- **Schedule still indicates tournament runs thru June 19 in the event rainouts force delays**

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ONSITE ASSISTANCE

WHERE TO TURN FOR HELP

- Advisors on Duty
  - 2/night on weeknights
  - 3/shift on weekends
- Concession Stand
  - Ice available for injured players
- Golf Cart rides for grandparents, disabled



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UPCOMING ACTIVITIES

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KEY DATES (FOR DIVISIONS WITH PLAYERS 12 AND UNDER)

DATE	ACTIVITY
Saturday, April 17	OYO Parade | Opening Day
Monday, May 3	Weeknight Games begin
Friday, May 7	Picture Day
Friday, May 14	Picture Day (Rain Date)
Friday, May 21	Tournament Brackets Released
Saturday, June 12	Challenger and Tee Ball Seasons End | Future of OYO Parade
June 7-17	Double Elimination Tournament (could extend longer with rainouts)
Friday, June 18	All-Star Games (for all divisions for players ages 6-12)

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QUESTION AND ANSWER



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AS ALWAYS…

LET'S PLAY BALL!

THANK YOU!

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PLAY BALL!

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