

# Youth Baseball & Softball

## Ages 7-8

### Informational Handout

The Knightdale Parks and Recreation baseball and softball athletic program is designed to provide every child with the opportunity to participate in a fun, organized program that teaches them the fundamentals of the sport in a positive atmosphere. We strongly suggest that all parents support our efforts to ensure a positive experience for all participants.

#### **I have registered my child for baseball or softball. What happens next?**

Once registration has been completed, Knightdale Parks and Recreation staff will organize teams based on ages and gender to ensure all participants will have a positive experience. Requests to be with a certain coach or another child may be made for these age groups. We want this experience to be a fun and happy time for your child. We try to fill all requests if possible.

#### **What equipment do I need to provide for my child in order for them to play baseball/softball?**

Please make sure that your child has his/her own glove and batting helmet. All girls' helmets must have the face mask attached securely on front. Face mask are optional for the boys. Coaches from each team will be provided a set of catchers gear and one dozen baseballs/softballs along with a few bats. If your child has their own catchers gear and or bat, they may use it provided it meets all safety standards set forth by the league. All catchers' masks must have a throat protector attached to their mask.

#### **What does my child get for signing up to play baseball/softball?**

The Knightdale Parks and Recreation Department will supply each participant with a hat and shirt.

#### **How many practices will my child get?**

Weather permitting; every team will be given 4 to 6 one hour practices in the pre season. Once the season starts the team should get a practice every other week. Practices nights and times will vary throughout the week. Our goal is to schedule each team at least one practice a week during the pre-season. Practices start the last week of March and run through April. Practices may be scheduled on week days or weekends depending on the number of teams in the league.

#### **How many games will my child get?**

Each team will be scheduled 8 to 10 games.

7-8 Boys will play at East Wake Middle School.

8U Girls play at East Wake Middle School for their home games.

#### **If my child is on a team that travels, where would they travel to?**

Boys- Wendell, Zebulon, Rolesville, Wilders Grove, and possibly Rocky Mount

Girls- Wendell, Zebulon, Rolesville, Wilders Grove, Louisburg, Nash Co.

#### **What do we do in the event of inclement weather?**

Our inclement weather policy is that once it is determined by staff that there are safety issues that would require cancelling a program we will do the following to inform participants: 1) Update the Rained Out System. 2) Update the game line (217-2238) 3) Call or email all the head coaches so that they may contact each member of their team. If a game is cancelled, we will make every effort to reschedule and make up the game. The weather line is updated on days of inclement weather. If the line is not updated then the practice or game will take place. The line is updated usually around 3:00 pm. After 5 pm the decision will be made on the field.

#### **Does Knightdale Parks and Recreation provide trophies at the end of the season?**

Individual trophies are provided for each registered participant. Toward the end of the season the coaches are notified to pick up their team trophies. Trophies will be distributed by the coach in the manner they choose (Last game, team get together, etc.)