Frequently Asked Questions

SPRING SEASON (2027)

Who needs to attend tryouts?

Baseball ~ 10, 11, and 12 year old boys who wish to be drafted into the Majors *(February 21st - 6-9PM)*

Softball ~ All Divisions *(March 8th - 1-4PM)*

When will I hear what team my child is on?

You will hear what team you are on by March 15th

Baseball: TJ Warner at baseball@kimbertonyouth.com

Softball: Caitlin MacLelland at softball@kimbertonyouth.com

What level is each division?

Quickball - (4-5 year olds)

6U Softball - Quickball for Softball (5-6 year olds)

A Baseball - Coaches Pitch (6-7 year olds)

8U Softball - Machine Pitch (7-8 year olds)

AA Baseball - Entry Kids Pitch (8-9 year olds)

10U Softball - Entry Kids Pitch (9-10 year olds)

AAA Baseball - Advanced Kids Pitch (10-12 year olds)

Majors Baseball - Competitive Kids Pitch (10-12 year olds)

12U Softball - Advanced/Competitive Kids Pitch (11-12 year olds)

Ages for Baseball/Quickball and Softball are determined by Babe Ruth and can be found at the following links:

Baseball/Tball - Baseball Age Chart (baberuthleague.org)

Softball - Softball Age Chart (baberuthleague.org)

How often do teams typically practice?

Quickball and 6U Softball ~ 1 gamer per week which is the practice as well

Single A ~ 1 time per week

AA and AAA ~ 1-2 times per week

Major Boys ~ 3-5 times per week

8U Girls ~ 1 time per week

10U Girls ~ 1-2 times per week

12U Girls ~ 1-2 times per week

How many games will be played?

Quickball and 6U Softball plays at least 8 games

Major Divisions play at least 10 regular season games and playoffs

All other divisions boys and girls schedule at least 8-10 games

When are games typically played?

Quickball – the majority of games are Saturday mornings

6U Softball - day of the week is TBD

A boys and AA boys Divisions – the majority of games are weeknights at 5:30 with some Saturdays

AAA boys– the majority of games are weeknights at 5:30 or 7:45

Major Boys – the majority of games are weeknights at 7:45 PM with an occasional weekend game

8U Softball: Most games are either Saturday morning, or weeknights at 5:30

10U Softball: Most games are weeknights at 5:30; Interleague play is most likely on Saturdays

12U Softball: Games rotate between 5:30 and 7:30 on weeknights; Interleague play is most likely on Saturdays

*Rain outs are scheduled whenever there is field avail

ability.

How long is the season?

Practices will start during the last two weeks of March.

Games will start the week of April 6th with Opening Day on April 11th.

Games will end by June 6th, but may be extended due to rainouts.

How do teams determine their practice times?

Coaches gain access to a signup sheet on Saturdays. Each team is allowed to sign up for 2 hours of time in the outfield areas behind field one, another 2 hours in a batting cage, and 2 more hours on a field. Coaches can not schedule back to back times on a field, in a cage, or in the outfield area. However, a team can schedule an hour on a field, followed by an hour in a cage. The amount of practice and the times are up to the individual team's coach.

Why the Saturday before? Field availability changes each week with games, rescheduled games, and events that limit the space. This prevents setting set times for each team.

Do coaches complete a background check process?

Yes, all board members, managers, and adult coaches go through a comprehensive background check process.

How can I fulfill my required 5 hours of service per child?

Parents are required to give 5 hours of service per child according to the league's constitution which can be found on the website.

- Attend a Saturday work party leading up to the season to get the fields ready
- Volunteer to be an opener or closer in the snackbar for one night a week for the season
- Complete your assigned snackbar duties
- Volunteer to coach!

How can I get updates about KYAL events?

- Visit our website: www.kimbertonyouth.com
- Follow us on Facebook: https://www.facebook.com/profile.php?id=61580708061541
- Follow us on Instagram: https://www.instagram.com/kyal1955/

What else should I know?

- Parents are encouraged to attend the general membership monthly meeting typically held on the 3rd Monday of each month. The meetings are held over ZOOM or at KYAL – All meetings are typically at 8:00 PM.
- Tournament Team showcase – TBD
- Tournament Selection – TBD

What gear do I need?

- Quickball
    - Required - Glove, Bat, Batting Helmet

        - Recommendation - The T-Ball gloves are tiny, get a little bigger glove if you can as they can catch the baseball better
    - Optional - Cleats, Baseball Pants
- Softball
    - Required - Glove, Bat, Batting Helmet, Cleats (not metal spikes)
    - Fielding Mask - https://www.dickssportinggoods.com/p/rip-it-girls-play-ball-softball-fielders-mask-20rpigplybllmskxxfcs/20rpigplybllmskxxfcs
    - Batting Helmet Cage - https://www.dickssportinggoods.com/p/under-armour-baseball-softball-helmet-facemask-16uarubbsbfcmskxxbth/16uarubbsbfcmskxxbth
    - One Note - 12U uses a bigger ball so look at getting a bigger glove
- Baseball
    - Required - Glove, USA Bat, Batting Helmet, Cleats (not metal spikes), Baseball Pants
- Bat Rules - Bat Rules (baberuthleague.org)

FALL SEASON (2027)

What is Fall Baseball/Softball?

Fall Ball is a relaxing opportunity for players to get extra playing time. Open to all players, this is a learning experience to further develop playing skills.

For Baseball, there is no Majors division as all players of that age will play in the AAA division. We may welcome back players that aged out this past year, but pitching will be limited.

For Softball, we maintain the 8U, 10U, and 12U categories. Keeping in mind that the category your daughter fits into will be the one she is eligible to play in during the NEXT calendar year. For example, even though a 2012 birthday means your daughter turns 13 in 2025, she will still be considered "12U" for the Spring/Summer season. All details are still to be worked out, but please reach out to our Softball Commissioner for further details.

What Division is my child in?

Players will play according to their age for the 2027 Spring season.

Not all divisions may have a season. This will be dependent on the number of registrations.

How long is the season?

Teams will form in August with games starting after. The season could last up until the end of October. This is all due to weather affecting games and the need to move games around.

How often do teams typically practice?

T-Ball and A ~ 1 time per week

AA and AAA ~ 1-2 times per week

8U Girls ~ 1 time per week

10U Girls ~ 1-2 times per week

12U Girls ~ 1-2 times per week

How many games will be played?

TBD, but we try to play 8 games for each team.

When are games typically played?

We understand some players are in other sports, but we can't schedule around everyone. We will have a mix of Weeknight and Saturdays. Keep in mind as the weather gets colder, Saturday in the sun is more appealing and the previous season was preferred with most families.

T-Ball and A boys: TBD

AA boys: TBD

AAA boys: TBD

8U Softball: TBD

10U Softball: TBD

12U Softball: TBD

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What is the cost?

The cost for 2027 is TBD.