

# ACWORTH BASEBALL ASSOCIATION

## TEAM PARENT PACKET Spring 2012

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Colt, Shetland and Pinto Divisions

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*Hello Team Parent,*

*All of us here at Acworth Baseball Association would like to extend our appreciation for volunteering your time for our children. The main function of ABA is to provide our children and families an opportunity for fun and enjoyment through baseball. We strive each season to make it a very safe, rewarding and exciting one. Without our coaches, parents and fans that would not be possible.*

*Our program hopes to give the youth of the community the ideals of good sportsmanship, honesty, courage and self discipline. Hopefully our children become finer, stronger and healthier individuals. Please respect one another and know that we are all here to teach our children the game of baseball. We all need to be courteous to those around us. Our children are watching every move we make and we need to lead by example. This is a family oriented park, please watch your language and cheer on each and every player whether you win or lose. Also, remember to be kind and patient to all volunteers at ABA. Most go unnoticed, put in many hours while also trying to work and care for their own families.*

*I hope you find this 2012 Spring Season to be a very exciting one, both for the player and parent. I am very proud to serve you as the Team Parent Coordinator. Should you have any questions or concerns, please feel free to contact me.*

*PLAY BALL!!*

*Cathy Terrill*



## 2012 Acworth Baseball Spring Dates

Feb 6	Practices Begin
Feb 20	Colt Draft 6:30 pm Beach House Senior Draft TBA
Feb 22	Additional Uniforms Order Forms Due
Feb 25 - 26	USSSA Tournament
March 3	Team & Player Pictures @ Northstar Church
March 10	Opening Day & Raffle Tickets Due
March 31 – April 8	Spring Break – NO GAMES
April 15	Acworth Day at The Rome Braves
April 28 – 29	USSSA Tournament
May 11	Last Regular Season Games
May 12	Start of the End Of Season Tournament
May 23 – 27	Lake City Classic All Star Tournament
June 2 & 3	USSSA Tournament

## Acworth Baseball Association Additional Uniform (Team Spirit Wear) Order Sheet

Division: \_\_\_\_\_

Team Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Contact: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Additional uniforms (team spirit wear) may be ordered by filling out this form and returning it with payment to Vice President, Janet Paulsen on or before **Wednesday, February 22nd**. You can drop the form and payment off in an envelope at the Acworth Sports Complex main concession stand. Contact VP, Janet Paulsen at [vp@acworthbaseball.org](mailto:vp@acworthbaseball.org) or at 770-823-4956. You may also e-mail in your order and pay when you pick up. **NOTE: no orders will be given out without payment.** Checks should be made to Acworth Baseball Association.

Name	Item	Size	Payment
<b>Adult Sizes (AS, AM, AL, AXL, A2XL) Youth Sizes (YS, YM, YL)</b>			<b>Total Due:</b>
			<b>\$0</b>

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|-------------|------|-----------------------------|------------------------|
| Adult Shirt | \$20 | Acworth Baseball Magnets    | \$5                    |
| Youth Shirt | \$15 | Acworth Logo Game Balls     | \$35 (Box of 12 Balls) |
| Adult Hat   | \$10 | Acworth Logo Practice Balls | \$30 (Box of 12 Balls) |
| Youth Hat   | \$10 |                             |                        |
| Visors      | \$10 |                             |                        |

## **NO NO'S AT THE SPORTS COMPLEX**

NO SMOKING OR ANY TYPE OF TOBACCO USE INSIDE OR OUTSIDE THE COMPLEX OR ANY OTHER FIELDS AFFILIATED WITH ABA.

NO PETS ALLOWED IN OR OUTSIDE THE COMPLEX OR ANY OTHER FIELDS AFFILIATED WITH ABA.

NO SKATEBOARDS, ROLLER BLADES OR ATV'S ALLOWED INSIDE THE COMPLEX OR ANY OTHER FIELDS AFFILIATED WITH ABA.

## **EXPECTATIONS OF A TEAM PARENT**

1. You must make sure that every person on the field or in the dugout passes a background check. Background checks are to be done every season. The forms are available on line under handouts.
2. Colt and Shetland divisions have a team parent in the dugout to assist with games, practices or meetings. Make sure you have a back-up parent if you are unavailable.
3. You will need to provide parents with a schedule of games and practices once received. If your game has an umpire, they will not start the game until there is someone in the score box, keeping the score book and scoreboard. Home team keeps the scoreboard and visitor keeps the official score book. You may need to do a schedule for these duties.
4. It is up to you whether to provide a team roster with names, phone numbers and e-mails. Clear this with the parents first to make sure they want their information to be published to the entire team.
5. If your team is going to do snacks and drinks for games and practices, you need to make a snack schedule for everyone.  
  
\*\* The concession stand has snacks for \$1 per player which includes a drink, popcorn and candy.
6. Please make sure to clean up the dugouts and the bleachers after every practice and game. Trash cans are located at each field.
7. You will be responsible for collecting all monies from parents for t-shirt & hat printing, buttons, trophies, team party, etc.

**Don't forget that a team parent's responsibility is not to get left with having to pay out any more than anyone else.**

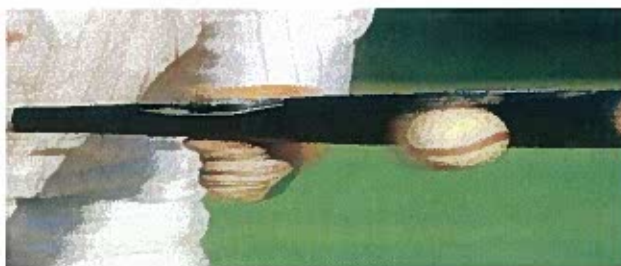
8. Normally the team parent notifies parents whenever there is a practice or game cancellation due to inclement weather. Check with your head coach first to see who will make these calls. We suggest using Callingpost.com; it is very easy and convenient and saves you a lot of time.

Please make sure to check our website and info line often for up to date info concerning games, practices, cancellations, etc. Acworth City Parks & Recreation Dept. normally determines if a field is closed or not, so be patient, sometimes it is decided at the last minute. There is also a Twitter account.

**NEW\*\*\*Website:** [www.acworthbaseball.org](http://www.acworthbaseball.org)  
**ABA info Line:** 770-974-6616  
**TWITTER address is Acworth Baseball**  
**NEW\*\*\*Field Closure "Real Time" Updates**

Please make sure that you "opt" in to our Field Closure alert system called "Rained Out". Go to [www.acworthbaseball.org](http://www.acworthbaseball.org) <<http://www.acworthbaseball.org/>> to sign up for text, e-mail & twitter alerts.

9. ABA holds a General Board Meeting on the 3<sup>rd</sup> Wednesday of each month at 6:30 p.m. at Roberts School. As a member, you have the right to be there.



## **UNIFORM DISTRIBUTION**

Uniforms will be handed out by our Vice-president Janet Paulsen-Bland. You will be notified when uniforms are ready by e-mail or the ABA website. If your coach is unavailable, please make arrangements to have the uniforms picked up. Get the uniforms out to parents AS SOON AS POSSIBLE; do not wait. You may need to set up a time and place to meet. If there are size problems with shirts or pants, please let Janet know as soon as possible. The sooner the information is relayed the better; it may take a while to receive the correct size and there will be a \$25.00 fee for any changes.

Every player receives a hat, jersey, pants, socks and belt. As the team parent you will be responsible for collecting all jerseys and hats after sizing is checked for printing of names and numbers. We suggest using tape to write the name and number on and placing it inside the hat and shirt over the label for the printing company as well as a list. It is your choice to use which ever printing company you choose. Below are a few possibilities.

Sewsational (404) 558-1591 Regina (678)232-4872 Molly  
Stiches by Josie (678) 557-1209 [josie@stichesbyjosie.com](mailto:josie@stichesbyjosie.com)



**PICTURE DAY is scheduled for Saturday March 3rd for ALL divisions.**

\*PICTURES WILL BE TAKEN AT: North Star Church

\*PICTURE TIMES WILL BE SENT VIA EMAIL and will be posted on the ABA website. No cleats will be allowed in the building for pictures.

1. Cash (exact change only) or checks made payable to "Sportography" will be accepted.
2. All players will need to be placed in order from tallest to shortest. Players may also have photo taken with sibling, coach or parent. This must be designated on the form with the name of the other player and team.
3. Make sure each player has a form filled out completely and placed in his or her back pocket.

Pictures are mailed to the Team mom's house.

If there is any problem with any of the pictures, you will need to contact "Sportography", use the reference number on the order form. You will need to have the head coaches name and team name.

Sportography 770-682-5577  
770-339-7028  
770-393-4827

Fax # 770-393-2771

## **BUTTON INFORMATION**

Each picture that is taken will receive 2 buttons. You will receive them approximately a week after your pictures. You will be notified by your team parent coordinator when they will be available for pick-up.

**BUTTONS ARE 1 FOR \$2.50 OR 2 FOR \$5**

Deadline for turning in button money & any unwanted buttons will be **Saturday March 24th**. These will need to be put in a sealed envelope and be dropped off at the concession stand.

If you have a damaged button, let your team parent coordinator know.



## MAILBOXES

**Colt** - located in the equipment room at Newberry field beside the old concession stand.

**Shetland** – |

**Pinto, Mustang & Bronco** – located in the score box room above the concession stand

Team parents and head coaches are encouraged to check these boxes every time they are at the fields for important information. Most of the information will need to be passed on to parents so it is very important that they are checked on a regular basis. Please do not leave any money in the mailboxes; all money should be taken to the concession stand.

## RAFFLE TICKETS

Every parent at ABA should have received their raffle tickets from their coach. This is an opportunity that only Acworth Baseball Association provides to our players. It is a chance to play for free. The player gets to keep all monies that are collected. All tickets must be separated and can be dropped off at the concession stand.

**\*\*DEADLINE FOR RAFFLE TICKETS - ON OR BEFORE March 10th**

The drawing will be held at 8:00pm on March 10th. You do not have to be present to win.



## **TROPHY INFORMATION**

Colt and Shetland division players will receive participation trophies provided by ABA after the teams' last game. Pinto, Mustang and Bronco will received 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> place trophies. All other teams are responsible for purchasing their own trophies.

For trophy information you can contact :  
Paige Hill with H&H Trophies 404-414-1727

## **COACH'S PLAQUES**

ABA provides each head coach with an appreciation plaque that includes a team picture. Also provided are 2 team pictures for assistant coaches' plaques. Your team will be responsible for purchasing those plaques.

## **END OF SEASON TEAM PARTY**

All tournaments should be completed by the first part of November. Normally all teams have their parties once the tournament is complete. There are many options for parties. Here are some suggestions.

U S Play (book early)  
Ci Ci's Pizza  
Stevie B's Pizza  
Mountasia  
Subdivision Clubhouse  
Acworth Sports Complex  
Cauble Park at Acworth Beach – city  
Dallas Landing day use area – city

Contact Acworth Parks & Recreation at 770-917-1234 for use of Cauble Park and Dallas Landing and let them know you are with ABA. There is a small refundable deposit to reserve these sites.



## **BATTING CAGES**

Do not allow siblings to play in the cages when not in use.

Do not climb on the sides of the cages at any time.

Do not use both sides of the cages; one side per team.

Do be considerate of other teams. Coaches are to throw no more than 10 balls per child if another team is waiting to use the cage. If a pitcher needs to warm up for their game, they have priority over a team warming up. The pitcher warming up will not be using the cage for an extended period of time. Please allow them use of the cages first.

## **OTHER INFORMATION**

All of this information can be found on the ABA website under "Team Parent Info".

For your division's in-park rules please contact your division director.

**Have fun!!!**



## Players Prayer

Lord, give me strength to hit the ball.  
And if I should, don't let me fall.



Help me to pick the one that's right,  
Then let me knock it out of sight.



Then help me run with deer-like grace,  
Don't let me slip, but tag first base.



Then go to second, stay with me Lord;  
'Cause this one we can't afford.



Then let me zoom like a flying bird,  
Right down the line and on past third.



Then let me slide with foot out first,  
Across home plate, through swirling dirt.



But first of all, Dear Lord, I pray  
Just tell the coach to let me play!