



## Southwest Boys Club Youth Baseball Program 2012

### Mission Statement

“The baseball program is created as a safe and competitive environment for the players, a turn key operation for the coaches, enjoyable atmosphere and experience for the parents, all working towards the goal of building our next generation of leaders through sport and community service.”

### Overview

The Southwest Boys Club was organized in 1958 by a group of parents who recognized the need for an organization of this type in Southwest Wichita. Two hundred and fifty boys participated in the inaugural season. Southwest Boys Club provides a quality competitive baseball alternative to the young people of Wichita and the surrounding areas. The complex sports five fields ranging in size to accommodate all age levels of play. The goal is to provide the best possible facilities for our players. Players may register on an individual basis or as part of a team. The season generally begins in early April and consists of approximately 15 games for the season. Games are generally played on weeknights in order to allow weekends free to make up rainouts or to allow teams to participate in tournaments, either at Southwest Boys Club or at other facilities.

Play It Again Sports handles all of the baseball operations, and has done so since 2009. Because of this, [playitagainsportswichita.com](http://playitagainsportswichita.com) is the main hub for all Southwest Boys Club information, schedules, and news.

### Safety & Insurance

Southwest Boys Club feels that player safety is the most important part of any sport. Each player is required to act in a way that promotes safety, not only for themselves, but their teammates and opponents as well. Each player in the program will be covered by general liability insurance. Each person participates in this program at his or her own risk. All coaches, fans, and parents are also entering the complex at their own risk. Southwest Boys Club is not liable for any injuries, foul balls, or other damage occurring at Southwest Boys club. It is the responsibility of each parent to ensure that some type of medical insurance covers their player.

### Competition

At the core of Southwest Boys Club is the development of competitive team play. SWBC is designed to make teams not only competitive within the league, but also against teams from other leagues. Opportunities for teams to hone their skills are available at numerous tournaments at SWBC and other great facilities in the area. League games will not be played on Fridays, Saturdays, or Sundays unless specified, so that teams may have weekends available for tournaments.

### Coaches

Coaches will be expected to lead their team both on and off of the field. Southwest Boys Club requires all coaches on the field and in the dugout to pass a background check. A 3<sup>rd</sup> party administers the background check online prior to the person being on the field. Coaches will then be approved by the director to assure they are of the highest quality and possess not only knowledge of baseball, but also organization and ethics. Teams are allowed to practice one time per week at SWBC, before the season begins. After the season begins, teams will be responsible for their own practice facilities. Practices times must be scheduled through Play It Again Sports.

### **Communication & Weather**

Numerous e-mails are sent out to both coaches and parents throughout the year. It is the coaches' responsibility to provide an accurate e-mail address. We also use our website to communicate throughout the year. That is where you will find all rainout information. We do not have a rain-out hotline. We do, however, have a text messaging service that is free of charge. This service alerts you anytime there is a league game canceled.

[www.playitagainsportswichita.com](http://www.playitagainsportswichita.com)

[www.facebook.com/wichitasports](http://www.facebook.com/wichitasports)

### **League Championship**

Southwest Boys Club will crown league champions for the 2012 season. 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> place teams in each division will receive trophies. Southwest Boys Club league championship will be decided by the following: 1) Win/loss percentage. 2) Head to head record. 3) Total runs allowed. 4) Total runs scored. 5) Coin flip.

### **Registration & Payment**

Coaches/Teams: May register full teams with a minimum of nine players. Team registration is a first come, first served basis. No spots will be held. A team is fully registered and locked in when nine kids are paid. Once a player is paid in full and only then, is a player considered to be on the roster. Partial payments are accepted, but a players' spot on a roster is not locked in until paid in full. Coaches are responsible to let Play It Again Sports know if any players are needed to complete their roster, and if so, how many.

Individuals: May sign up at Play It Again Sports beginning January 15. Players will be placed on a team as soon as possible. Players must be paid in full before further action is taken.

Payment: Play It Again Sports happily accepts cash, check, Visa, Mastercard, American Express, and most importantly.... Quality used sporting goods and fitness equipment. Fundraiser opportunities are also available to help with league fees and anything in Play It Again Sports. We do not offer multi-player discounts.

Registration fees are:	Tee Ball	\$30
	8-Under	\$105
	10-Under	\$115
	12-Under	\$130
	14-Under	\$130

### **Roster**

Every coach must supply a team roster to the league with names and numbers of each player. Each team roster will be available to all coaches in their respective division. SWBC roster will be frozen for all teams on June 1, 2012. State tournament rosters will be frozen for all teams on June 15, 2012

### **Individual Fundraiser**

Individuals will be required to buy out of the SWBC fundraiser this year. This involves paying \$30, and receiving the fundraiser cards upon payment, and selling them to make your money back. Fundraiser is due March 15, 2012. All players that have not completed this will not be on the official roster, which will result into openings for additional players.

All of the fundraising money is put toward capital improvements at SWBC. 33.33% will be decided by the kids and parents, the SWBC Board of Directors, and SWBC baseball operations, respectively.

2010 Projects: New dugouts for all fields, and a new batting cage.

2011 Projects: Shade (trees & canopies) for the complex.

### Refunds

There will be no refunds on uniforms, fundraisers, practice times, or anything other than registration fees. There will be no exceptions or alterations to the policy.

1. If a player does not attend practices or a game, the player will receive a 80% refund.
2. If a player practices, but does not play in a game, the player will receive a 40% refund.
3. If a player plays in any game with the team, including tournaments or league play, the player will not receive a refund.

### Season Schedule

The season schedule will be posted on [www.playitagainsportswichita.com](http://www.playitagainsportswichita.com) and will be available at least seven days before the season begins. Scheduling games is a non-bias, random process. Postponed games will be scheduled strategically on the specified weekends or on weeknights in June. There will not be three games per night scheduled until after school is out. The season will begin in early April for all age groups with the exception of tee ball, which will begin in late May.

Make up weekends will be: May 4<sup>th</sup> – 6<sup>th</sup> and June 8<sup>th</sup> – 10<sup>th</sup>.

Family Weekend is scheduled for June 8<sup>th</sup> – 10<sup>th</sup>, and will coincide with a make up weekend. All teams will play on this weekend, including tee ball teams. It is a festive and eventful weekend. All team pictures will also be taken on Family Weekend. Each player receives a free Memory Mate picture package from SWBC, and additional pictures and packages will be offered for purchase.

### Complaints/Compliments

Complaints and compliments will be gladly accepted. 24 hours must pass before filing an official complaint/compliment, with the form being available at [playitagainsportswichita.com](http://playitagainsportswichita.com). A response is guaranteed within fourteen (14) days. Umpire judgment calls will not be addressed (i.e. balls/strikes, safe/out).

### Southwest Boys Club Code of Conduct

**Players:** Always have respect for your uniform, your equipment, your opponent, your coaches, and your parents and fans. Have pride in your team and yourself at all times, but do not show negligence or disrespect to any of the items previously listed. Violations of this code may result in warnings, ejections, and banning.

**Coaches:** Always have respect for your players, your opponents, your coaches and opposing coaches, the umpires, all parents and fans. Continuously try to improve all players both on and off the field, understanding that talent level and ability varies. If conflict arises, take control of your team and all of its' fans, and find an appropriate solution. Violations of this code may result in warnings, ejections, and banning.

**Parents and Fans:** Always have respect for your players, your opponents, your coaches, and opposing coaches, the umpires, all parents and fans. Continuously support all players both on and off the field, understanding that talent level and ability varies. Extinguish any conflict and realize that you are there for the children's benefit. Do not heckle and argue with the umpires, as only negative will result from that. Violations of this code may result in warnings, ejections, and banning.

## Southwest Boys Club Common Playing Rules

	<b>8-Under</b>	<b>10-Under</b>	<b>12-Under</b>	<b>14-Under</b>
<b>Innings per game</b>	6	6	6	7
<b>Time limit</b>	100 minutes	100 minutes	100 minutes	110 minutes
<b>Mercy rule</b>	15 after 3, 10 after 4	15 after 3, 10 after 4	15 after 3, 10 after 4	15 after 4, 10 after 5
<b>Metal cleats</b>	No	No	No	Yes
<b>Bases</b>	60'	65'	70'	90'
<b>Pitching mound</b>	43'	46'	50'	60' 6"
<b>Run on 3rd strike</b>	No	Yes	Yes	Yes
<b>Official game</b>	3 innings	3 innings	4 innings	5 innings

Rules applicable to all age divisions:

- 1) Maximum runs per inning: 6
- 2) Mathematical run rule will be in effect
- 3) No new inning will start after the time limit
- 4) For 10-Under only: One warning per pitcher per game for a balk
- 5) Courtesy runners are allowed for the pitcher and catcher.  
 Runner must be a substitute, or if none available, the last out recorded.
- 6) Teams may bat their whole line up, play traditional baseball rules (bat 9, play 9) or play with an EH (bat 10, play 9).
- 7) Free substitution is allowed on defense only. This rule applies only to players in the current line up.
- 8) Machine pitch only: Speed is set at 44 mph, per NBC rules.
- 9) Infield fly rule applies in all age divisions.
- 10) Stolen bases are allowed in all age divisions. 8-Under division may not steal home.
- 11) Time limits will change when three games per night are played.
- 12) 10-Under only: Batter must keep one foot in batters' box between pitches. Penalty: Strike called after one warning.
- 13) 10-Under only: With no runners on, pitcher must receive the ball from the catcher on the mound. Penalty: Ball called after one warning.

*All other rules not listed will revert to NBC Hap Dumont  
baseball rules and official baseball rules.*

### Southwest Boys Club Complex Rules

1. SWBC is not responsible or liable for any damage done while at the complex. SWBC is not responsible for lost or stolen items while at the complex.
2. Coaches are responsible for cleaning the dugout after each game.
3. Children must be under adult supervision at all times. No climbing, throwing, running, or any type of horse play on the complex commons area.
4. No pets, drugs, alcohol, profanities, obscene gestures, bikes, and skateboards are prohibited.
5. Absolutely no warm up in commons area. Utilize the adjacent park, batting cage, or empty fields.