



NKCA Baseball League

Est. 1945

Bringing baseball to the Kansas City area for more than 80 years!!

Welcome to NKCA Baseball – Celebrating Over 80 Years of Tradition

Established in **1945**, NKCA Baseball enters the **2026 Spring season** with the same commitment to community, development, and love for the game that has guided us for more than eight decades. As one of the longest-standing youth baseball organizations in the Kansas City area, we take pride in providing a premier baseball experience for players, families, and coaches.

Our program is built around creating an environment where athletes can grow, compete, and have fun. NKCA offers some of the **best-maintained fields in Kansas City**, cared for with the highest standards to ensure a safe, consistent playing surface all season long. Players also benefit from **age-specific fields**, giving each age group an appropriately sized field that supports development and builds confidence in game-ready situations.

At our flagship AJ Wilson Sports Complex, families can enjoy **live-streamed games**, making it easier than ever for relatives and friends to follow the action—whether they're in the stands or watching from afar.

As we look ahead to the 2026 season, NKCA Baseball remains dedicated to providing a first-class youth sports experience rooted in tradition, opportunity, and the joy of baseball.

NKCA Baseball has all levels of play for those 4 years old to 19 years old, introduction to competitive to ultra competitive. From TBall 6U, Coach Pitch 6U, Machine Pitch 6U to 8U, to Kid Pitch 9U-14U.

We look forward to watching your player develop important life skills such as socialization, perseverance, and confidence.



In 2026, we will continue to focus on creating memorable experiences through recognition of achievements with initiatives such as 1st Home Run interviews (featuring **Harris Giokas 9U Berserk KC Naturals**) and Sportsmanship award ceremonies, coaches conferences, and player camps.



Spring Scheduling

- After a few preseason **Tournaments**, the **Spring Opening Day will be 4/27/2026**, wrapping the season up with our **league's post-season tournament 6/26-6/29**.
- Our **TBall program** is set to go through a significant change after a successful 2025 pilot season using smaller rosters creating more of an infield focus and allowing players to increase the number of at bats. TBallers! Keep an eye out for more information soon.
- **Coach Pitch** will have a 10 games season, playing primarily on Saturdays with a few weeknights mixed in.
- **6U-8U Machine Pitch** will play 12 games along with a post-season tournament.
- **9U-14U Kid Pitch** will play 14 games along with a post-season tournament.
- **Federal League**
 - **Spring High School Divisions** - This league is designed for high school students that were not able to or opted not to play for their high school but would like to play a schedule that mirrors that of their high school season. 10 games will be played with some potential interleague with other organizations with similar programs.
 - **Summer High School Divisions** – This league will play a 16-game schedule with a post-season tournament. Their season will begin the 1st full week of June.
- The league will play throughout the week and weekends. Teams are allowed to let us know of schedule exceptions by the use of the conflict form which is found under the Online Forms tab on our website (**due by coaches only no later than 3/25/26**). Please be mindful to only provide us with the dates/days that there are conflicts or when you cannot play.
- **DH Options** – There are some instances where teams are looking for two games in one evening. We will plan to allow for some of this type of scheduling but teams need to understand a few things...
 - The opponent(s) may not be the same but the team would have two games that evening.
 - There are only so many slots depending on age groups and field availability. A conflict form needs to be submitted indicating the request.
 - Teams need to avoid looking to play on a specific day of the week. Weeknight DH's may mean playing on any weeknight, Monday through Thursday.

Registration – Will Open 12/01/2025 for teams and players.

- Coach / Team / Player registration (click on a link to complete registration)
 - **Coach** – This is step one for the coaches who intend to coach teams this Spring. For additional coaching information click **HERE** to access the Manager Checklist.
 - **Team** – Step two is setting up your team (**Team Registration will close on 4/1/26**)
 - **Player** – Step three is to begin having your players register and pay for the season under your team.
 - **Player Fee**
 - **Age group date range requirements**
 - **These steps need to be complete, with a full/paid roster, before a schedule can be made for your team.**

9U American Division

- There continues to be a great deal of interest in lifting a few developmental restrictions for teams who tend to play tournaments. This will happen for our American division. The restrictions that will be lifted and the

rules that will be in effect are dropped 3rd strike, leading off, and stealing home. All other 9U divisions will play with the leagues current 9U special rules.

Looking for a team? As you may know, teams in our program come to us with complete rosters. From time to time there is a team that needs a player and a player that needs a team. Teams are considered to be their own entity/organization. With that said, there are a few options for you...

- Take a peek at our Teams Needing Kids tab on our website. There you will find teams who have posted their player need. We encourage families to work this option as it allows you to ensure the team your player would be going to fits the need of your family. Different things are important from family to family. For example, for some families practice night is important, others the coaches teaching style is important, etc.
- If option 1 does not work out, you can register your player without a team. In the registration process, it will ask if your player is on a team. When you answer that question with a no, it will funnel your players information to our league rep who will begin to assist if finding a team for your player.
- Another option would be to consider being a coach. We will likely have a large handful of players that are in your situation where they are looking for a team.

Tryout Listing Requests

- In the event that you coached/managed a team in the previous spring season and have committed to playing with NKCA Baseball in the fall, you can submit a request for the league to **post a tryout listing**.

Game Baseballs – NKCA Baseball will be using the X4 (aka P454) modern baseball for kid pitch and the CPM9 for machine pitch developed by ProNine. Here is the break down and how it will impact your age group...

- 6U TBall and Coach Pitch, will use the ProNine LVL05
- 6U MP to 8U MP will use the blue stitched CPM9 modern baseball
- 9U to 14U will use the ProNine P454 modern baseball
- Until high school baseball converts to using the modern baseball, High School divisions will have the option to use the ProNine OLA or the ProNine X4 (aka P454)
- All baseballs can be purchased on the NKCA Store tab found on our website. Teams will provide game balls for regular season play as well as post-season tournament play. T-ball and Coach Pitch will not need to purchase their game balls. Once purchased, print your receipt and contact the League Director for pick up.
- NKCA purchases these baseballs in bulk and may no longer have our stamp on the ball. As a result, the cost of a dozen baseballs is much less then at a retail store.
- For convenience, we will have plenty of baseballs at our coaches conference for teams to purchase (cash or checks only please).

DICK's

- DICK's continues to support and sponsor NKCA Baseball through their discounts and donations. Shopping coupons will be available before the event and sent out to members and post on the home page of the website. NKCA Annual Open House (Liberty and Zona Rosa) will be announced at a later day but is typically held mid February.

- All players must register on-line, there is not a requirement to show up to either of these locations. Attending the open house is more for players who have not yet found a team, have additional questions, or needed to be pointed in the right direction.
- DICK's is always receiving new product based on the season and will offer a few special shopping days on the following days specifically for NKCA Baseball League members
 - All members are more than welcome to participate in the special savings DICK's Sporting Goods has offered.
 - Coupons – will be available at a later date, sent to members and posted on our home page.

Michael Cantwell, Director
NKCA Baseball League
816-729-5355
Mike@NKCABaseball.com