



Convoy Sports Center

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Baseball and softball season is quickly approaching, and registration day for Convoy has been scheduled for **Sunday, March 11, from 2:00-4:00 p.m. in the Crestview Auditoria**. Please enter through door #6 on the east side of the building. If you are unable to attend, please mail your registration form to the following address:

Convoy Sports Center
PO Box 401
Convoy, OH 45832

Do not give any registration forms to board members or coaches. They must be turned in on registration day or mailed to the above address.

Mailed registration forms must be received no later than April 2, 2018. *If a form is received after this date, your child is not guaranteed placement on a team.*

Registration fees for 2018 cover the cost of shirts, hats/visors, umpires, and equipment. The t-shirt and hat/visor will be used as your child's uniform and is his or hers to keep. All players will be required to provide their own baseball/softball pants. Registration fees for the 2018 season are as follows:

Rookie - ages 5 and 6	\$25.00
Coach Pitch – ages 7 & 8 (if not ready for next league)	\$25.00
Farm League & Farmette	\$35.00
Buckeye Boys, Buckeye Girls, & Junior Girls	\$40.00
Maximum per family	\$100.00

Make checks payable to: Convoy Sports Center

The amount should also include the opt-out fee, listed on the next page, if you will not be working the concession stand.

Little League Tryouts

Any boy nine years old prior to May 1, 2018, may try out for Little League. All boys ages 11 & 12 must try out for Little League. Tryouts will be held on **Tuesday, April 10, 2018 @ 5:00 p.m.** The boys should be at Edgewood Park by 4:45 p.m.

Team Placement Day

Tuesday, April 10, 2018, will also be team placement day. The try-out will start at 5:00 p.m. Please have the children there at 4:45 p.m. All children 8-12 who are moving up an age group or did not previously play on a team **must** attend. *Seven-year-olds are welcome to try out for Farm League or Farmette but it will be at the coaches' discretion whether they move up or not.* In case of rain, team placement day will be held **Thursday, April 12 @ 5:00 p.m.** The age cut-off date for all boys' leagues is April 30. The ages for girls are different depending on league. A girl cannot turn 11 before July 1 and still play Farmette. We use the July 1 date for rookie and Farmette. For the Buckeye and Junior Girls' Leagues, the date used is January 1. Girls cannot be 13 after January 1 to play Buckeye or 15 after January 1 to play Junior Girls.

PLEASE NOTE:

We will have a coaches' pitch league for boys and girls, primarily for ages 7 and 8. This will be for children who are comfortable with playing but not quite ready for Farm or Farmette. Parents can let us know if they think this league would benefit their child, but the coaches will have the ultimate decision.

***Rookie and coaches' pitch players will be notified of team placement sometime in late May.**

****Rookie league and coaches' pitch games usually don't start until after the school year is done.**

Parents' Meeting & Park Clean-Up

- A **mandatory** parents' meeting and park clean-up day are scheduled for **Saturday, April 21 at 10:00 a.m.** It is very important that all parents attend this meeting. Kids should bring a bucket, trash bag, rake, etc.

Board Members

As with any non-profit organization, it takes dedicated volunteers to run the Convoy Sports Center. We are in need of parents willing to help the Convoy area youth. Many of the board members have older children and will be leaving the board. We need new board members with younger children who will be involved for several years. The more board members we have, the less work each one has to do. The time commitment is not as much as some of you might think. Please ask a current board member for information!

Parental Responsibilities

Our primary source of income for the Sports Center will be the summer concession stand. The income from concessions helps to defray the many costs associated with our sports programs, including grounds keeping and various improvement projects around the ball diamonds. The key to the successful operation of the concession stand is **YOU**.

The board has decided to continue giving parents 2 options for working the concession stand. The first option is that parents agree to work two approximately two-hour shifts **per child** as part of their child's (or children's) registration. *The second option is to pay an extra \$25 per child (maximum \$50 per family) to cover the costs of outsourcing workers for the concession stand.* **At this time our plan is to assign certain teams to work a week at the park, as we did in 2017.**

If you decide to still work a shift(s) for your child(ren), the Sports Center Board will continue the following policy:

- 1. Parents will be assigned a date and time, for each child playing, to work in the concession stand. If the assigned time presents a scheduling conflict for the parent, it is the responsibility of that parent to find an adult substitute to fill in for him or her.**
- 2. For the parent who habitually fails to work his or her scheduled concession time(s), the Board reserves the right to revoke the playing privileges of that parent's child(ren).**

For any tournaments, we will be asking parents of children selected to the teams to either work or find suitable replacements. We hope that these options will give parents more of a choice, and we look forward to another great season at the Convoy Sports Center!

Thank you for your continued support! As always, if you have any questions, comments, or suggestions, please don't hesitate to contact those board members listed at the top of this letter or any other board member.

Yours in Sports,
The Convoy Sports Center Board