



## 2018 League Information & Dates\*

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### Suburban Athletics MISSION STATEMENT:

**To implant firmly in youth the ideals of good sportsmanship, honesty, loyalty, courage, and reverence so that they may be well adjusted, stronger and happier, and will grow to be good, clean, healthy and trustworthy adults.**

**On-Line Registration now open – [www.suburbanathletics.com](http://www.suburbanathletics.com)**

#### **League AGE levels for Evaluation process:**

Suburban Athletics, Inc. league age determination date changes for 2018 are as follows:

**T-Ball:** Boys & Girls ages 5 through 6 on or before April 30, 2018 (do not attend evaluation process)

**Boys 7/8 :** Boys ages 7-8 on or before April 30, 2018 (will not need to attend evaluation)

**Boys 9/10:** Boys ages 9-10 on or before April 30, 2018 or entering the 3rd grade

**Boys 11/12:** Boys ages 11-12 on or before April 30, 2018\*\* or entering the 5th grade

**Girls 7/8:** Girls ages 7-8 on or before December 31, 2017 (no evaluation needed)

**Girls 9/10:** Girls ages 9-10 on or before December 31, 2017\*

**Girls 11/12:** Girls ages 11-12 on or before December 31, 2017\*\*

**Girls 13/14:** Girls ages 13-14 on or before December 31, 2017

**Girls (High School):** Freshman & Varsity team based on evaluation

Players are expected to play within their age bracket. However, exceptions may be made for the following:

\* Consideration for any player that will be 8 on or before the date above, who would like to attempt to “play up” in the Boys or Girls 9/10 League will be considered only if pairing with a sibling already playing in the next level they want to play up in, as long as safety is not an issue. Safety concerns will be addressed by the head coach and baseball commissioner. If a child’s safety at the level they are playing up in are a concern, the level of their age will be the alternative.

\*\*Consideration for any players that will be 10 on or before the date above, who would like to attempt to “play up” in the Girls or Boys 11/12 league will be considered only if pairing with a sibling already playing in the next level, as long as safety is not an issue. Safety concerns will be addressed by the head coach and baseball commissioner. If a child’s safety at the level they are playing up in are a concern, the level of their age will be the alternative.

In any situation where a player wants to “play up” in a level higher than their age (above), they MUST participate in the try-out to be evaluated. Please contact Jack Taschner (Baseball Commissioner) (920)809-2224/ Kelly Beisenstein-Weiss (Softball Director) (920)209-3211 if you have any questions. Any other exception for playing outside the appropriate league level must be directed to President Steve Marhefke or Vice President Jack Taschner.

### **Registration Deadlines:**

- **T-Ball (ages 5-6): April 1st**
- **Baseball & Softball (boys ages 7-12, girls ages 7-14 those only going out for league): March 1st**
- **High School Fast Pitch Softball: March 1st**
- **Tournament Players 9-12 - registration has closed.**
- **Tournament Players 8U - deadline TBA**

**ALL LEAGUE TRY - OUTS:** Check in for each group is 1/2 hour PRIOR to start time in order to warm-up. Late arrivals will start evaluation where the age group is at time of arrival & may not get ranked on missed stations. Please bring clean, indoor turf shoes, glove, batting helmet, and bat. We will have extra bats if needed.

### **WHO NEEDS TO ATTEND LEAGUE TRY-OUTS?**

**Anyone ages 9-12 (boys) 9-14 (girls) if new to Suburban Athletics**

**Anyone of any age if moving to a new level (for example, played 9/10 league and now moving to 11/12).**

**ANY Softball or Baseball player wishing to try-out for the 8U Tournament Team**

**If any softball or baseball player attended tournament evaluations in fall, 2017, you do not need to attend league evaluation day (even if any of the above reasons apply, we will use the information from the tournament evaluation for league purposes).**

Specific league evaluation time slots for age levels to be announced by Feb. 1. If you have questions regarding need to try-out, please contact [suburbanathletics@gmail.com](mailto:suburbanathletics@gmail.com).

### **2018 Important Preliminary Dates (Dates are subject to change based on facility availability):**

- League evaluations: Neenah High School Armstrong Gymnasium Saturday, ***Saturday, March 10, 2018*** Girls Softball: 8 am - 10 am (check in beginning at 7:30) Boys Baseball: 11 am - 1pm (check in beginning at 10:30), 8U Tournament Team Evaluations
- April 1st - All Team rosters, *except T-Ball*, will be announced. If you have not been contacted by team/coach, please email [Suburbanathletics@gmail.com](mailto:Suburbanathletics@gmail.com) to follow up.
- Week of April 9 - Boys & Girls League ages 9-12: first practices begin (date approximate/ weather permitting)
- Saturday, April 28 - League Field Clean-Up Day - ALL PLAYERS to report to assigned fields (details on times and field assignments emailed week of April 14).
- Sunday, April 29<sup>th</sup> – Umpire Clinics – Times to be found on SAI website, Valley Athletics
- Date TBA - T-Ball Coaches Meeting @ Spring Road School, West diamond.
- Saturday, May 12<sup>th</sup> –Baseball & Softball League Opening Day & Pictures (boys 9-12, girls 9-14)
- Saturday, May 19<sup>th</sup> - Opening Day & Pictures for T-Ball and Boys & Girls age 7-8
- June 22<sup>th</sup> through June 24<sup>th</sup> - Girls 10U/12U tournament (tournament team invitational)
- July 6<sup>th</sup> through July 8<sup>th</sup> - Boys 9/10 tournament (tournament team invitational)

- Friday, July 20<sup>th</sup> through Sunday, July 22<sup>nd</sup> – Girls league tournament (Ages 9-14)
- Friday, July 27<sup>th</sup> through Sunday, July 29<sup>th</sup> - Boys league tournament (9/10 & 11/12)

**Registration Fees & Commissioners**

Registration fees reflect the State of Wisconsin Sales tax that must be paid by the organization.

**League Fee\***

**Commissioner**

**Preferred contact info**

T-Ball (ages 5-6) co-ed \$50	Tim Reitzner	(920) 213-1839 reitz05@yahoo.com
7-8 year old Baseball \$65	Max Ogden	(920) 378-0769 maxwelljogden@hotmail.com
7-8 year old Fast-pitch Softball \$65	Ben Oitzinger	(920)737-2819 boitzinger@gmail.com
9-10 year old Baseball \$75	Dave Zehner	(920)450-6804 saiboyscommish@gmail.com
9-10 year old Fast-pitch Softball \$75	Jodi Baltus	baltusjodi@sbcglobal.net
11-12 year old Baseball \$80	Dave Zehner	(920)450-6804 saiboyscommish@gmail.com
11-14 year old Fast-pitch Softball \$80	Tom Bauer	(920)636-5884 thomarbau@gmail.com
11-14 year old Fast-pitch Softball \$80	Jon Zipperer	(920) 915-9538 jonzipperer@gmail.com
High School Fast-pitch Softball (ages 18U) \$100	Steven Gross	(920)904-5014 steven.gross@neenah.k12.wi.us

\*Once team rosters are created, fees are non-refundable. Special circumstances will be at the discretion of Suburban Athletics board of directors and/or executive board.

**LEAGUE EVALUATION/DRAFT DAY ( tournament players will not need to attend this 2nd evaluation & does NOT include T-Ball or 7/8 League play see important dates above for times):**

**All Players in the League will be placed on a team, even if unable to make evaluation day, player will be placed on a team. IF you attended the tournament team evaluation, you do not need to attend league evaluations**

- GIRLS (Ages 9-14 on or before December 31st, 2017): If you are **new to Suburban Athletics or moving into a new level**, you will need to attend evaluation/draft day, see dates above.

**Girls League levels are as follow:**

- Ages 7 & 8
- Ages 9 & 10
- Ages 11 & 12
- Ages 13 & 14

- BOYS (Ages 9-12 on or before April 30th, 2018): If you are **new to Suburban Athletics or moving into a new level and not a tournament player**, you will need to attend evaluation/draft day, see dates above.

**Boys League levels are as follow:**

- Ages 7 & 8
- Ages 9 & 10
- Ages 11 & 12

**SAI Tournament Teams:** Suburban Athletics traveling baseball and softball is offered for those players interested in competing at a higher level within their age group. Travel teams require a greater commitment in that each participant is expected to attend all practices, games, weekend tournaments and other team activities. Teams will typically have practices 1-2 times per week in addition to them playing on a league team 2 nights a week. The season will include 3-7 weekends over the course of the season. Try- outs are required for travel teams and there are no guarantees all players will make the travel team. There will be pitching limitations for travel players that are coming off of a tournament weekend (see league rules for these limitations). The travel players may not all play equally at the discretion of the head tournament coach and Director of Baseball or Softball. Based on the numbers of players on a tournament team, a “core / rotation” system may be used - please see website for more tournament team details. Tournament families are also expected to complete volunteer requirements for both league as well as additional volunteer requirement for tournament team participation.

**TOURNAMENT TRY-OUTS (2018 try-out: boys ages 9-14) were in the fall and teams already formed, Girls & 8U Try-outs MARCH 10 - please attend league evaluation try-out times:**

- If your child has interest in trying out for a tournament team, please watch the website for updates in July/August for the 2019 try-out information.
- **8U Boys and Girls try-outs and team formation - March 10**
- Initial tournament player fees for 2018 are as follows:  
Baseball 9U-12U - \$100; 8U \$50.00  
Softball 9U-14U - \$100; 8U \$50.00  
Softball 16U - \$150

Suburban Athletics provides an equal \$ amount to each tournament team to help cover the entry fees of the tournaments. Uniforms and entry fees not covered by the amount provided by Suburban and the tournament player fee can be covered by tournament sponsors or donations obtained by the tournament team itself.

- Tournament dates vary by age bracket and are at the discretion of the head tournament coach. Tournament dates are available from tournament coach at try-outs:
- Tournaments are on the weekend and tournament teams enter into a minimum of 3 weekend tournaments during the summer. Some tournaments are out of town, hotel accommodations are available & are the parents' responsibility.

**GAME DAYS**

➤ T-Ball teams play an average of 2 games per week (Monday-Thursday) at Spring Road School. The game days vary from week to week. T-Ball games start at 6:00 pm.

**Schedules are not set until registration is completed & teams are formed – notification will be made no later than the week of May 3<sup>rd</sup>.**

➤ Softball games are scheduled on Tuesdays and Thursdays with home games starting at 6:00 pm (with the possibility of some 8:00 pm games).

➤ Baseball games are scheduled on Mondays and Wednesdays with home games at 6:00 pm (with the possibility of some 5:00 and/or 8:00 pm games). There are some occasions, not as often as Monday & Wednesday, that the boys program will have games on Tuesday & Thursday nights based on field availability.

**BASEBALL/SOFTBALL CAMPS & UMPIRE CLINICS**

Please visit our [Facebook page \(Suburban Athletics – Neenah\)](#) or the website [www.suburbanathletics.com](http://www.suburbanathletics.com) for information regarding boys and girls camps as well as umpire clinics. Please contact Chris Sina at [christopher.sina@reynoldsbrands.com](mailto:christopher.sina@reynoldsbrands.com) if you are interested in more information regarding becoming an umpire (girls and boys 13 and over welcome).

**SUBURBAN ATHLETICS, INC. BOARD MEMBERS/BOARD MEETINGS**

Anyone is invited at anytime to attend a Board Meeting without becoming a Board Member. The contributions and assistance of new members is always welcomed. Meetings are normally

conducted monthly. Please contact a board member or committee if interested, you can e-mail [suburbanathletics@gmail.com](mailto:suburbanathletics@gmail.com) if not listed below.

### **2018 LEAGUE OFFICERS/ Executive Board Members**

Organization E-mail: [suburbanathletics@gmail.com](mailto:suburbanathletics@gmail.com)

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### **2018 Board Members:**

Steven Gross, [steven.gross@neenah.k12.wi.us](mailto:steven.gross@neenah.k12.wi.us) (High School Softball Commissioner)

Kelly Beisenstein-Weiss, [kbeisensteinweiss@gmail.com](mailto:kbeisensteinweiss@gmail.com) (Director of Softball)

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Thomas Bauer, [thomarbau@gmail.com](mailto:thomarbau@gmail.com) (10/12 Softball Tournament Director & 11/14 Softball Commissioner)

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### **DONATIONS/CONTRIBUTIONS AND SPONSORSHIP**

Suburban Athletics, Inc. is a non-profit 501(c) 3 approved organization. Several companies offer funding for non-profit organizations in exchange for employee volunteer hours. Please check with your Human Resources Department to see if your employer offers such a program. If you or your employer would like to sponsor a league and/or tournament team, go to [www.suburbanathletics.com](http://www.suburbanathletics.com) for more information under Sponsorship or contact Eric Verbruggen at [dutchman50@gmail.com](mailto:dutchman50@gmail.com).

### **Frequently asked questions:**

1. What does my child need for the season?
  - Boys 7-12 will be provided a league shirt and baseball hat but will need grey baseball pants, socks, belt, batting helmet and glove. Cleats are helpful.
  - T-ball participants will be provided with a league shirt and baseball hat/visor. They will need a glove. Many wear baseball pants or shorts and can borrow a league bat if needed.
  - Girls softball 7-14 players will be provided with a league shirt and headband. Girls will need their own batting helmet, glove and, recommended for all girls, and required for playing pitcher, first and third, a defensive face mask. Cleats are helpful. Shorts or pants may be worn but be aware that sliding will be strictly enforced. Sports stores do sell sliding knee pads for leg protection. Defensive face masks are **highly** suggested for protection. It is mandatory at all ages to use while playing pitcher, first and third base.

2. What is the league protocol for inclement weather? Please watch the [Suburban Athletics FaceBook](#) page and the [Suburban Athletics](#) webpage for updates and cancellations as well as contacting your coach for specific team communication processes. The guidelines are listed on our home page for 2017 as well.
3. What will be my commitment as a parent to work in concession stands? All 9/10 and 11/12 league teams will be expected to cover shifts at the O’Hauser Park Concession when you play on Strohmeyer Field. Each team will be responsible to get parents to cover those shifts. Failure to provide parent volunteers on your scheduled day may result in forfeiture of the game.
4. My son plays baseball, my oldest daughter plays softball and my youngest plays T-Ball. I have received team and coach information for one but not the other two. Who should I contact? Please be patient. Teams are formed by league and you will be notified by a coach by April 1st for baseball and softball. T-ball has a later registration cut off date and coaches will contact players by the week of May 3rd. If you’ve not heard from a coach by the end of the day on April 1st for baseball/softball or the week of May 3rd for T-ball, please contact the appropriate league commissioner.
5. I have two players in two age groups and one on a traveling team, what are my volunteer obligations? Volunteer obligations are attached to the player. You will be asked to volunteer in some capacity for both children at the league level, as well as additional volunteer time attached to the tournament player. If your team is scheduled to play at O’Hauser on Strohmeyer field, you will also be asked to help cover concession stands during your players game -this is in addition to the general league volunteer obligation. We also ask that all players and their families help with spring clean up. Many hands make light work. Suburban Athletics is 100% volunteer driven and relies on the assistance of all of our families to help make our organization the best it can be.

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board members) - ask how you can help!**

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