



PULASKI BASEBALL NEWS

Providing opportunities for ALL youth in the PCSD to learn and grow in baseball.

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Save the Dates!



2021 Home Tournament Dates Now Finalized:

- Early Bird: May 16, 2021
- Summer Classic 1: June 11-13
- Summer Classic 2: July 9-11
- Summer Classic 3: July 23-25

For age groups participating in each tournament click [here](#).

2021 Board Officer's Update

President: Dennis Bogacz
Treasurer: Katie Sprangers

Vice President: Kate Sterckx
Secretary: Andrea Bader

We are hopeful that we will be able to return to a "normal" season this summer that would include both league and tournament play, full concessions offerings, and more! That said, we remain committed to providing a safe playing experience for our athletes, umpires, coaches, and parent volunteers. Please know that season plans are subject to change based on Covid/health concerns at that time, but we are proceeding to plan as we normally would! We appreciate your ongoing understanding and flexibility. We plan to share an overall calendar of dates/schedule very soon.

We'd like to thank outgoing board members, Nate Wotruba, Mike Anderson, and Andrea Schmidt for their dedication and service in growing our program. They have volunteered countless hours to ensure that your kiddos have an opportunity to play ball in a strong program, and we appreciate the time, talents and leadership they shared while on the Board. Thank you, Nate, Mike and Andrea!

The strength and viability of any non-profit program relies on parent and community members that not only support the program, but also volunteer their time to serve in numerous ways. **We have one open board position, Player Development, and we are looking for a committed and driven Pulaski Baseball community member to join our board.** Please email general@pulaskibaseball.com if you'd like to discuss this role and join our team!

2021 Scheduling and Early Season Training

The board is working to finalize the 2021 master schedule and will be sharing out dates and tentative scheduling soon. Typically, we try to offer a "World Series of Hitting" program over the winter months, and Pitching/Catching Clinics in early Spring. These events are held at the school, and are subject to school availability. Because we don't know if/when we might have access, we are looking into possible alternative locations. We are able to use the school spaces free of charge; however, if/when the schools open later this winter/spring, our (youth sports access) comes after high school and middle school sports. (This is typical and understandable). If free space in the district is not available, we are looking into other private rental spaces. However, please note, if we are able to offer these programs, but they are held off site, registration costs will increase to help off set the cost of private rental space. We are working to find the best balance for pre-season training and keeping it cost effective for families.

Field Improvement Updates

From: Greg Sikorski

This past summer we were able to complete a "bathroom refresh" at Memorial Park that included new paint, flooring, fixtures, and stalls. Prevea Field also saw a major overhaul including new dirt and field conditioner for the infield, drain tile installation, and fence repairs. When we resume play in the spring, our athletes and coaches should notice much improved playing surfaces! New foul poles will be installed this spring on Prevea and F, and we will be purchasing a new drag which will greatly increase the speed and efficiency for regular field maintenance. Facility/field improvements are made possible through a joint PBS concessions venture with Pulaski Softball and community sponsors. When you purchase concessions, ALL profits go back directly to field and facility improvements and equipment!

Sponsorship Update

From: Becky Chriske

This past season our local sponsors gave over \$9000 to Pulaski Baseball! We truly are a #RaiderStrong community. We couldn't do it without the generosity of our community! These funds were used for various updates at Memorial Park and upgrades to equipment throughout the league. Check out the Pulaski Baseball website for a full list of all of our 2020-2021 sponsors.

We offer several levels of sponsorships that will not only give your business great exposure throughout the season, but it directly benefits the kids of our great community! We can't wait to partner with you in 2021!

Umpires Update

From: Robbie Schuettpelz

I want to thank all of the umpires that took the time to umpire this year! Our players, families, coaches and board are grateful for the work that you do to ensure our athletes continue to learn and grow in the game. Due to our untraditional season, there was a learning curve this year for handling the games as one umpire crews. It was very nice to see how well all the umpires did with this change. With all that being said, we are now looking forward to upcoming season, and hopefully, we will get back to a more normal season. We hope to return to a two umpire crew, and as a result, we will need more umpires.

Do you have a son or daughter (outgoing 8th grade or older) that would be interested in umpiring? Keep an eye out for umpire applications in late winter/early spring. If they have taken Coach Jay's summer school class in the past, that definitely gives them a step up! In the future, if you are interested in umpiring his class would be something you should look into (he usually offers it every other year). Coach Jay does a very brief umpire session before the season so if you have not umpired before or do not have any experience do not be afraid to apply. This past year umpires received \$20 a game, and the expectation is for this upcoming year home plate umpires to receive \$20/game and field umpires to receive \$15/game.

League Commissioners Update:

Andy Lehmkuhl: Little League, Pony and Babe Ruth

Coaches, Coaches, Coaches...calling all coaches! In anticipation of a large turnout for participants for the 2021 baseball season, we are already concerned about getting enough coaches active in our program to handle this. So, if you have played high school baseball, middle school baseball, heck, if you can name 2 Milwaukee Brewers...we need you! Experience is always preferred, but if you are lacking, we can always pair you with a more experienced coach. In order for our program to continue to grow and be able to compete, we need more parents to step up. Pulaski Baseball puts on a terrific coach's clinic that details the drills and activities that are the foundation for a successful program. In addition to these clinics, on our website, there is a 'Coaches Corner' that has videos outlining: Hitting, Throwing, Pitching, Infield, Outfield Drills and Practice Plans. So, there isn't really an excuse - Fun fake fact, 95% of all people placed in a retirement home by their kids, NEVER coached their kids baseball team – think about that!

Jeff Maroszek: T-Ball, Coach Pitch and Pee Wee

Hope everyone is staying safe and healthy through these trying times. If you are "on the fence" about having your child play Pulaski baseball this upcoming year here are a few benefits of youth participation in team activities.

- Sports teach kids about teamwork and problem-solving
- Sports can help boost your child's self-esteem being part of a team
- Kids can achieve obvious health benefits through physical activity
- Your child will build friendships with kids outside of their elementary school that they will have as they move on to middle school and high school.

Please visit our website to see all the options available for different leagues this summer depending on your child's age. Hope to see you at the ball park this summer!

Uniform and Apparel Update

From: Erika VanRoy

The baseball uniforms our boys get to wear for the 2021 baseball season will not be finalized until later this winter. We will be using the new designs featured on our league jerseys this past summer. The kids loved the black hats, and we will be bringing them back for the 2021 season as well!

The winter fan apparel sale wrapped last week. Thank you to all who ordered as it's a fundraiser for our program. Orders will be ready in time for Christmas. We will be offering a spring apparel sale later this winter, too. Please let me know if you have any ideas for our next sale!

Thank you 2020-2021 sponsors

We couldn't do it without your generous support! Shop local and support local...they certainly support us!

