

To: Columbia Khoury League Participants
From: Columbia Khoury League Board of Directors
Date: January 29, 2019
Subject: Columbia District Change

Columbia has participated in the George Khoury Association of Baseball Leagues for many generations. The South Central Illinois District (SCID) has been our home and served us well by allowing us to compete with our neighboring communities. Over the last few years, the SCID has continued to see a decline in not only the number of teams and players, but also communities involved. After a recent drop in participating towns, we no longer feel it is in the best interest to our community to participate in the Khoury League Association.

Over the next few weeks, the Columbia Khoury League will transition to the Columbia Athletic Association (CAA). The CAA is a non-profit organization currently responsible for the management of the baseball fields at the American Legion Memorial Park and Bolm-Schuhkraft Park. As part of this transition, the current CKL Board of Directors will form the new Baseball Chapter under the CAA, which will continue to include baseball, softball, Rookie Ball, Spring Training and umpire programs.

The CAA will be part of District 19, which includes Dupou, Freeburg, Millstadt, New Athens, Smithton, Valmeyer, and Waterloo. The programs offered by District 19 differ slightly from what was offered by the Khoury League. Rules for this organization can be found at www.columbiakhouryleague.com/caa. Divisions are now based on current grade instead of date of birth. Please see the attached chart for new eligibility requirements as well as names of divisions. In addition, District 19 does not offer a Machine Pitch program at the Atom I and Pixie I levels as we were anticipating for Khoury League this year. The District 19 program offers a combination of kid and Coach Pitch, which is fully explained in the rules. We believe this format will better transition your players by introducing kid pitch while keeping the game moving by supplementing with Coach Pitch.

As part of the transition, players whose Khoury League division match the new District 19 division will be automatically placed. If your player qualifies for a different division than what he or she registered for, someone will reach out to you directly to confirm placement. The final placements will be posted on our website for review prior to team pick night. A link will be sent out to all parents as to where to find this information, as well as instructions regarding how to request a change to your player's division if desired.

With this change also comes a shift in the dates of our season. Practices are scheduled to start the week of April 1. Games are scheduled to start the week before Memorial Day and go through mid-July. As a result, Spring Training dates will also shift to Thursdays starting May 23. Please note there may also be a change to the days of the week divisions are scheduled. There are no playoffs associated with District 19, but game results are tracked so the first place team from each division will receive trophies. Also, for the first time, there will be an All-Star Game!

We firmly believe that this move to District 19 will further continue the success of our organization. We will be holding a Parent Meeting on Monday, February 4 starting at 7:00 pm at the Columbia West Park Bowl meeting room to address any questions you may have. Please join us to learn more about the future of recreational baseball in Columbia!

Thank you,
Columbia Khoury League Board of Directors

Player Divisions			
Khoury League		District 19	
Division	Birth date on or after	Division	Grade
Spring Training	9/01/14	Spring Training	Preschool (Age 3-4)
T-Ball	9/01/13	T-Ball	Preschool (Age 4-5)
Coach Pitch	9/01/12	Coach Pitch	Kindergarten
Machine Pitch	9/01/11	Machine Pitch	1 st Grade
Atom I	9/01/10	Atom I	2 nd Grade
Atom II	9/01/09	Atom II	3 rd Grade
Bantam I	9/01/08	Bantam	4 th Grade
Bantam II	9/01/08	Bantam	5 th Grade
Midget I	9/01/06	Midget	6 th Grade
Midget II	9/01/05	Midget	7 th Grade
Midget III/Juvenile	9/01/04	Midget	8 th Grade
Pixie I	9/01/10	Petite I	2 nd Grade
Pixie II	9/01/09	Petite II	3 rd Grade
Petite I	9/01/08	Chic	4 th Grade
Petite II	9/01/07	Chic	5 th Grade
Chic I	9/01/06	Robin	6 th Grade
Chic II	9/01/04	Robin	7 th Grade
Chic III	9/01/02	Robin	8 th Grade

Game Days			
Khoury League		District 19	
Division	Days	Division	Days
Spring Training	Thursdays	Spring Training	Thursdays
T-Ball	Monday-Thursdays	T-Ball	Monday-Thursdays
Coach Pitch	Monday-Thursdays	Coach Pitch	Monday-Thursdays
Machine Pitch	Monday-Thursdays	Machine Pitch	Monday-Thursdays
Atom I	Mondays & Wednesdays	Atom I	Tuesdays & Thursdays
Atom II	Tuesdays & Thursdays	Atom II	Tuesdays & Thursdays
Bantam I	Mondays & Wednesdays	Bantam	Mondays & Wednesdays
Bantam II	Tuesdays & Thursdays	Bantam	Mondays & Wednesdays
Midget I	Mondays & Wednesdays	Midget	Tuesdays & Thursdays
Midget II	Tuesdays & Thursdays	Midget	Tuesdays & Thursdays
Midget III/Juvenile	Monday-Thursdays	Midget	Tuesdays & Thursdays
Pixie I	Mondays & Wednesdays	Petite I	Tuesdays & Thursdays
Pixie II	Tuesdays & Thursdays	Petite II	Tuesdays & Thursdays
Petite I	Monday-Thursdays	Chic	Mondays & Wednesdays
Petite II	Monday-Thursdays	Chic	Mondays & Wednesdays
Chic I	Monday-Thursdays	Robin	Mondays & Wednesdays
Chic II	Monday-Thursdays	Robin	Mondays & Wednesdays
Chic III	Monday-Thursdays	Robin	Mondays & Wednesdays

2019 Season Dates – All dates are tentative						
Program	Khoury League			District 19		
	Practices Begin	Games	Playoffs	Practices Begin	Games	All-Star Game
Spring Training	April 25-May 23		NA	May 23-June 20		NA
Rookie Ball, Baseball & Softball	March 18	April 15-June 14	June 17-June 28	April 1	May 20-July 15	July 13

District Participation	
Khoury League	District 19
Belleville	Dupo
<i>Collinsville*</i>	Freeburg
Drost Park (Maryville)	Millstadt
<i>Dupo*</i>	New Athens
<i>Fairview Heights*</i>	Smithton
JJK (East Saint Louis)	Valmeyer
Mascoutah	Waterloo
<i>Red Bud*</i>	

**Not returning for the 2019 season*