



Marion Boys Baseball
An Independent Non Profit 503(c) Organization
P.O. Box 1060
Marion, IA 52302

Dear Parents,

CONGRATULATIONS! Your child is signed up to play Marion Boys Baseball. We are looking forward to the season. MBB is a developmental league where our goals are to teach and improve on the skills your child has and help them understand the values of teamwork, sportsmanship and fair play. This is not a highly competitive league, although we do keep score and track team records through the season. All players will have an opportunity to play different positions and will get to bat during the games. We will create a very positive and supportive environment where your son or daughter will, most importantly, **HAVE FUN**. We will consider this season a success if your child comes to you and says he or she can't wait for next season.

The board wanted to take the time to forward some basic information about the upcoming season. The following is a preliminary timeline for how the season will progress and some important dates to pencil in on your calendars. These dates are all subject to change due to weather and field conditions.

Important Dates:

Pre-season

- March 15: End of player registration.
- March 16@10:00 a.m. – Pony, Minor, Major League Team Assignments
- March 25@6:00 p.m.: Pony League Parents Meeting and Coaches Meeting
- March 26@6:00 p.m.: Minor League Parents Meeting and Coaches Meeting
- March 27@6:00 p.m.: Major League Parents Meeting and Coaches Meeting
- Week of April 8: Practices start – all leagues

Regular Season

- Saturday, May 4: Opening Day games & festival
- Regular season starts May 4 and ends July 12.
- Teams will have one or two practices and one to three games per week.
- Picture nights are May 21 & 22.
- Teams will only have 4 regular season Saturday games: May 4, May 18, June 1, and June 22.
- No games on Memorial Day, Monday, May 28.
- No games on July 4.
- Cedar Rapids Kernels night will be Saturday, June 15. All players will be able to participate in a pregame parade and candy bar sales leaders will be recognized.

Post Season

- Post season tournament will be on Saturday, July 13 and Sunday, July 14.
- Championship night will be Monday, July 15.

As for logistical information, we will provide you all that we know at this time with more information to follow. We will also provide links to the MBB website, which you should bookmark and visit frequently. Here is some of the logistical info that we can share with you:



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- Bats, balls, helmets and catchers gear will be provided by each team. Players are welcome to provide their own equipment, but the equipment must be approved for play in each respective league. If you are unsure, please show the equipment to your coach or a board member. Illegal equipment will be removed from play immediately.
- Players will receive a hat and jersey the week prior to Opening Day on May 4.
- Players that “age up” during the season will be ineligible to pitch for the remainder of the season, except in Pony where a player that turns 10 during the season will remain eligible to pitch for the remainder of the season. Players can be moved up to the next league and be eligible to pitch for that season. See rules for your respective league for the age cut-off and dates.
- Parking is limited at the fields during games. You can park in the parking lot or on the streets adjacent to the fields. Please do not park at the local businesses as your car may be towed. We want to maintain a good relationship with our neighbors so please be courteous.
- Practice and game information may change frequently during the season due to weather conditions, field conditions, or other unforeseen conflicts. Even if these don't affect your team directly, they may impact your team's schedule. Please check the website, Twitter or the Facebook page frequently for cancellations, schedule changes and other information.
- All players will have the opportunity to sell candy bars and a fundraiser for the league. The money raised helps pay for the umpires. All umpires are certified and do a great job umpiring for the league. If we want to continue to have this luxury, please make efforts to sell as many candy bars as you can! If you do not want to sell candy bars, you can also make a donation to the league. \$30 per player helps cover the umpires for the season.
- The snack bar provides Marion Boys Baseball with funds to purchase new equipment for the players. Please consider supporting the snack bar throughout the season.
- Volunteer opportunities are available. If you are interested in volunteering, please email marionboysbaseball@gmail.com
- Players should bring water and their glove to each practice. We also recommend wearing cleats (steel cleats are not allowed) and baseball pants or sweats, as they may be practicing sliding
- Players are responsible to get baseball pants, socks, and a belt prior to Opening Day. MBB will let the teams know the appropriate color uniform and accessories to purchase. All players on a team should have the same color pants, socks, and belts.
- Sponsorship opportunities are available to sponsor a team or have a sign placed on the outfield fence of one of the diamonds. Please contact the board if you are interested in sponsorship opportunities.
- Links of interest:
 - <https://www.marionbaseball.org/>
 - <http://www.cityofmarion.org/departments/parks-recreation>

Finally, we are thankful for this opportunity to share baseball with your child. Please do not hesitate to contact any of us if you have any questions.

Warm Regards,

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