



REC WORLD SERIES

May 24 - 26, 2024

For Immediate Distribution:

Please SHARE with your Recreational Coaches, thanks!

We are very excited to host the 4th Annual KC&BO – The Rec World Series and we are glad to hear the positive feedback from last year’s event! We greatly appreciate your support for the **Recreational Player** and their opportunity to experience a **World Series Event!**

Now is the time to start confirming participation from our various Interlock and TEBA partner associations!

WE HAVE A NEW MUCH EASIER WAY TO PRE-REGISTER YOUR TEAM
(See below under Pre-Registration)

KC&BO – The Rec World Series will feature:

- **Opening Day Skill Challenges and an Opening Day Parade of Teams at Bakersfield Park**
- **The Tournament is being Powered by: Dick’s Sporting Goods!**
- **We will have prizes/awards for the Opening Day Competitions and well as a fun “Fungoman Challenge” for ALL PLAYERS to enjoy! HERE ARE THE PLANNED ACTIVITIES:**
 - **Fastest Player Competition**
 - **Fastest Pitch Competition**
 - **Around the Horn Competition**
 - **Home Run Derby Challenge (At D-Bat Lewisville, featuring HIT TRAX)**
- **This is a Multiple Day Tournament with 1st and 2nd Place Rings Awarded to each Age Group**
 - **Opening Day Ceremonies & Activities, FRI 5/24, Pool Play SAT 5/25, Bracket Play SUN 5/26**
- **A FUN ATMOSPHERE FOR THE RECREATIONAL PLAYER TO ENJOY A WORLD SERIES EXPERIENCE**

ELIGIBILITY:

Clarifying Eligibility Statement: *Same as previous years," the Rec World Series is NOT accepting ANY ALL STAR TEAMS or ANY PREMIER/ADVANCED REC TEAMS, or ANY SELECT TEAMS. Newly formed All Star Teams, and Premier/Advanced Rec Teams, should be encouraged by their leagues to play in the All Star Tournament being hosted in Colleyville by the Colleyville Baseball Association on Memorial Day Weekend. With that said, newly selected All Star players (from their recreational leagues) that are NOT competing in the Colleyville All Star Tournament (same weekend as the Rec World Series), may play on their current Recreational League Teams that are committed to playing in the Rec WS that weekend. We say this because we know not all All Star teams are fully formed and ready to play that weekend. The eligible player pool is from the Spring Seasons recreational teams. No players that played on Premier/Advanced Rec teams during the spring recreational interlock season are eligible for the Rec WS. (i.e., Premier players may not play in the Rec WS.) And again, if your All Star Teams are formed and ready, please register and play in the Colleyville All Star Tournament that weekend!*

Eligibility Requirements: Will be enforced by each Home Association via the Roster Verification/Approval Process. We really have to trust each other folks!

Each Association will be responsible to ensure the rosters of the recreational teams entering the Rec WS are comprised of eligible players from their Spring 2024 Recreational Season. The Rec World Series is ONLY OPEN to Associations participating either in TEBA or INTERLOCK, or other teams/leagues VETTED and APPROVED by the KC&BO Rec WS COMMITTEE – we do this to ensure a level playing field for the recreational teams. We respectfully REQUIRE each league have board level sign-off on team rosters for the Rec WS.

PROTOCOLS:

Tournament Details | Team Formation | Pre-Registration, Official Registration, and Payment | Roster Building | Communication | Rules

TOURNAMENT DETAILS:

- Pre-Registration (Google Form; captures minimal info to pre-register your team)
- We will be using the **NCS** platform for:
 - Team Registration (See Detailed Process Below)
 - Roster Building
 - Payment of Entry Fee
 - Scheduling (pool games and bracket games)
 - Communication (field status, sponsor info, general updates)
 - Rules will be posted on the NCS tournament site as well
- Tournament Dates: May 24th – 26th (3-days, including Opening Day)
- Age Groups:
 - 6U, 7U, 8U, 9/10U, 11/12U

- Costs:
 - Team Entry Fee is \$400 (paid at time of Registration)
 - Rostered Play Fee is \$25 per player (paid at check-in on Opening Day)
 - Average cost per player to participate in The Rec World Series is roughly \$60.

TEAM FORMATION:

We realize that many recreational parents may not wish to extend the season and play in a World Series, so we've made allowances for that. **What is unique about The Rec World Series is that we allow Associations the ability to combine players from Rec Teams in order to make a full team for the Rec World Series.** *EXAMPLE: the 7U Cubs (with 4 players) may join with the 7U Marlins (who have 5 players) and the 7U Rangers (who have 3 players), etc. The Home Association simply verifies the roster is comprised of eligible players.* In this example, **the teams do NOT have to buy a special jersey**, they can simply wear their regular recreational jerseys. We simply want to reach as many recreational players as possible! **So, whether it's a full team or some teams that have combined to create a full team, come one, come all (eligible players) to play in the KEEP CALM & BASEBALL ON - THE REC WORLD SERIES!**

PRE-REGISTRATION/OFFICIAL REGISTRATION/PAYMENT: (same overall "process" as previous years, but a much smoother/easier/faster Pre-Registration process)

- Since this is basically an "invitation only/private event" we are creating a NON-PUBLIC tournament using the NCS Platform for the KC&BO – The Rec World Series. It becomes public for participating teams ONLY after the official registration is completed.
- **PRE-REGISTRATION.** Each League or Team will complete a PRE-REGISTRATION google form providing minimal data points:
 - a. Super easy, and super-fast (should take about a minute)
 - b. HERE IS THE LINK TO PRE-REGISTER YOUR TEAM: <https://forms.gle/5j7XjinuiBsMLkeB6>
- Once this information is collected, I will send a master spreadsheet to NCS where that information will be **UPLOADED into the NCS system** (to our Non-Public event)
- Each Individual Coach will then receive an **email from NCS asking them to "officially join"** the Rec World Series event. **This requires immediate action.**
 - c. **PLEASE NOTE:** coaches MUST accept the invitation and build their teams **within 7-days** of receiving the invite (this 7-day window cannot be changed).
 - d. Please pay the ENTRY FEE (\$400) at this time. *{The Rostered Play Fee (\$25 per player) is not due until Team Check-In on the 24th of May.}*
 - e. **To further simplify things this year, we will only plan to do just THREE MANUAL UPLOADS of participating teams.**
 1. **Upload #1 will be on Friday, May 3rd, 2024**
 2. **Upload #2 will on Friday, May 10th, 2024**
 3. **The FINAL Upload #3 will be on WEDNESDAY, May 15th, 2024**

**ALL TEAMS WANTING TO PARTICIPATE MUST BE SUBMITTED
NO LATER THAN MAY 15th (Don't delay, Pre-Register EARLY)**

ROSTER BUILDING:

- After the coach completes the OFFICIAL REGISTRATION with NCS, officially joining the event, the team will be automatically added to the Who's Coming List. (*When we close registration, all teams will be visible on the Who's Coming List.*)
- The coach also adds/builds his team ROSTER to the NCS platform (*all rosters MUST be approved by the league, as per guidelines provided*). *This takes a little bit of time, so do NOT DELAY.*
 - Rosters need to be approved by each league (*double sign-off*) before they are loaded/added to the NCS system.
 - Rosters are built in the NCS Platform by the coach. As a part of this process, each parent MUST sign-off on their players participation in the event via the NCS waiver they receive. Coaches, make sure your parents sign off immediately on the NCS waivers.
- Once rosters are approved (*& the entry fee is paid*), the teams are officially IN and are now ready to be scheduled!
- There are STRICT deadlines: for Pre-Registration, Official Registration, Building the Team Rosters (i.e., Rosters to be approved and loaded), and Payment of the Entry Fee. (*WE MUST FULLY CLOSE REGISTRATION BY MAY 15th, 2024 in order to be able to schedule the event*).

COMMUNICATION:

- Once all teams are loaded in NCS, we will be using the NCS platform for all tournament communication.
 - *Any board members or directors that want to receive Rec WS communications, should be added to a team's contacts in NCS when you build your team.*
 - *You should also make sure and add your Assistant Coach or Team Manager.*
- All tournament communication (from rosters to scheduling) will be managed via the NCS system. This keeps everything very simple for parents and coaches.
- WE WILL HAVE ABOUT A 3 WEEK WINDOW FOR TEAMS TO REGISTER AND PAY THE ENTRY FEE IN ORDER TO PARTICIPATE IN THE REC WORLD SERIES.
 - **A hard registration completion deadline of Friday, May 15th, 2024**

RULES:

- We worked hard again last year with all leagues to come up with a standard set of rules. That worked out pretty well (thank you to all involved with rule creation)!
- **Jeff Nelson**, UIC, and owner Over The Plate Umpires will handle rules questions: otpumpires@gmail.com
- Rules can be found on the KC&BO website: <https://keepcalmandbaseballon.com/rules>

Lastly, if any association/league is interested in **HOSTING any games for the Rec WS, please let me know ASAP**.... otherwise, all Rec WS games will be played in Flower Mound.

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