



## THE REC WORLD SERIES

May 26 - 28, 2023

(Opening Day Friday 5/26, Pool Play Saturday 5/27, Bracket Play Sunday 5/28)

**For Immediate Distribution: (updated 4/19/23)**

**Please SHARE with your Recreational Coaches, thank you!**

We are very excited to host the 3<sup>rd</sup> Annual **KC&BO – The Rec World Series** and we are glad to hear all of 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 Participating Associations & Participating Teams for The Rec World Series! LET'S GO, LET'S FILL THIS UP WITH 50 RECREATIONAL TEAMS, SHOULD BE A BLAST!**

**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 Sponsored by: Dick's Sporting Goods!
- We have prizes/awards for the Opening Day Competitions and well as a fun "Fungoman Challenge"
  - Fungoman Fielding Challenge
  - Fastest Player Competition
  - Fastest Pitch Competition
  - Home Run Derby Challenge (At D-BAT Lewisville, featuring HIT TRAX)
    - This will take place on Saturday around your Pool Play schedule (sign up required, max two players per team)
    - THANK YOU, D-BAT LEWISVILLE!
- This is a Multiple Day Tournament with 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> Place Rings Awarded to each Age Group
  - Many Ages will have 3 brackets (Gold and Silver), each with a Champion and Finalist.

- **A FUN ATMOSPHERE FOR THE RECREATIONAL PLAYER TO ENJOY A WORLD SERIES EXPERIENCE**

**Clarifying Eligibility Statement:** *Same as previous years: The Rec World Series is NOT accepting ANY ALL STAR TEAMS, 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 the recreational league) that are NOT competing in the Colleyville All Star Tournament (same weekend as The Rec World Series), may play on their current Recreational League Team that is committed to playing in The Rec World Series 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 World Series. (i.e., Premier players may not play in The Rec World Series.) 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:

Each Association will be responsible to ensure the roster of the recreational teams entering the KC&BO – The Rec WS is comprised of eligible players from their Spring 2023 Recreational Season. The Rec World Series is ONLY OPEN to Associations participating either in TEBA or INTERLOCK (we are slowly adding other rec leagues we deem appropriate) – we do this to ensure a level playing field for the recreational teams. We respectfully ask each league have board level sign-off for the recreational league rosters.

**PROTOCOLS: Tournament Details | Team Identification | Team Registration-Payment | Roster Building**

- We will be using the **NCS** platform for:
  - Official 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 26<sup>th</sup> – 28<sup>th</sup> (3-days, including Opening Day)
- Age Groups:
  - 6U, 7U, 8U, 9/10U, 11/12U, 13/14U
- Costs:
  - Team Entry Fee is \$350 (paid at Registration)
  - Rostered Play Fee is \$25 per player (paid at check-in on Opening Day)
    - This is a total cost of roughly \$54 per player to attend and play in the Rec WS (no increase from LY)

#### **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) also wanting to play in the Rec WS. 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 on 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!***

**TEAM IDENTIFICATION/REGISTRATION:** (same as last year, but slightly smoother)

- Since this is 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 initial registration is completed. The Rec WS is an invitation only event closed to include only our Interlock and TEBA partners; we are slowly adding other rec leagues that we think will be a good fit.
- ~~Each League will submit the following information to me ([gm@fmysa.com](mailto:gm@fmysa.com)) on a excel spreadsheet (excel template to be provided, see sample below):~~
  - ~~a. Team AGE, Team NAME, Coach First and Last Name, Coach Cell#, Coach Email Address~~
- **NEW—EASIER METHOD FOR TEAMS TO PRE-REGISTER (as of 4/19/23)**
  - a. Interested teams will simply complete a very short **PRE-REGISTRATION** using this **Sigh UP GENIUS link:**  
<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/20F0A49A4AD2AA0F58-therec2>
  - b. Takes less than 2 minutes and I will take it from there regarding submitting the pre-registration info to NCS.
- Once each TEAM has submitted their PRE-REGISTRATION (*info above*), 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 to officially join** The Rec World Series event.
  - a. **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). DO THIS ASAP!**
  - b. **Please pay the ENTRY FEE (\$350) at this time. {The Rostered Play Fee (\$25 per player) is not due until Team Check-In on the 26<sup>th</sup> of May.}**
  - c. To simplify things this year, I will only plan to do **THREE MANUAL UPLOADS** of participating teams.
    - 1. Upload #1 will be on Friday, May 5th, 2023**
    - 2. Upload #2 will on THURSDAY, May 11<sup>th</sup>, 2023**
    - 3. FINAL Upload #3 will be on WEDNESDAY, May 17<sup>th</sup>, 2023**

**SO, ALL TEAMS WANTING TO PARTICIPATE MUST BE SUBMITTED NO LATER THAN MAY 17<sup>th</sup>. PLEASE DO NOT WAIT UNTIL THE LAST MINUTE AS A TON OF PLANNING HAS TO OCCUR IN ADVANCE. PRE-REGISTER NOW IF YOU CAN! (Realistically you should know now, or very soon, if you plan to play in The Rec World Series.)**

- After the coach completes the official NCS registration and joins 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*).

- a. I am asking the ROSTERS be approved by each league (*double sign-off*) before they are loaded/added to the NCS system.
  - b. Please ensure we have NO ROSTER ISSUES!
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- Once rosters are approved (& *entry fee paid*), the teams are officially IN and are now ready to be scheduled.  
There will be STRICT deadlines: for Team Identification, Team Entry, Team Building (i.e., Rosters to be approved and loaded), and Payment of the Entry Fee. **(REGISTRATION will be fully closed by May 17<sup>th</sup>)**
  - 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 communication regarding The Rec World Series, should be added to a team's contacts when building the team in NCS.*)
  - 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.
  - We worked hard LY with all leagues to come up with a standard set of rules. That worked out pretty well and we've only made very minor tweaks to the rules (thank you to all involved with rule creation).
  - **Lastly, if any League is interested in HOSTING any games for the Rec WS, please let me know.... otherwise, all Rec WS games will be played in Flower Mound.**

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