



2012 MICHIGAN CITY TRAVEL BASEBALL LEAGUE APPLICATION

[ALL GAMES AT PATRIOT PARK]]



DATE	EVENT NAME	AGE / DIVISIONS	SEE	FORMAT
April 25 – June 27	BPA TRAVEL LEAGUE	11U-12U-13U-14U	<u>\$750</u>	Round Robin

**MUST REGISTER TEAM WITH BPA (\$25),
Full payment of entry fee is required.**

**MUST SUBMIT TEAM INSURANCE CERTIFICATE and BPA ONLINE ROSTER
INSURANCE AVAILABLE THROUGH BPA – VISIT PLAYBPA.COM FOR INSURANCE INFORMATION**

- Please make checks payable to Michigan City Parks & Recreation. Do not mail to Patriot Park - Mail entry to: M.C. Parks & Recreation, ATTN.: Jeremy, 6 on the Lake, Michigan City, IN 46360

**M.C. DEPARTMENT OF PARKS & RECREATION / INDIANA BPA - SPORTS APPLICATION & WAIVER
MUST SUBMIT COPY OF COMPLETED BASEBALL PLAYERS ASSOCIATION ROSTER AND BPA SANCTION NUMBER**

As the manager/coach, I have discussed pertinent matters with the parents/guardians of players on this team, and I request the team listed on this application be permitted to participate in a Michigan City Parks & Recreation Department and BPA travel league. I understand that failure to follow all rules imposed by the M.C. Parks & Recreation Department, including all rules imposed by the BPA and any and all governing bodies and/or sanctions, will be cause for the team's dismissal from the tournament without refund. I and the team parents/guardians also understand that there is an element of risk with regard to personal injury involved to participants with the teams' participation in this sporting activity.

I and the parents/guardians of this team's players hereby voluntarily assume all risks inherent in this teams' participation in a M. C. Parks & Recreation and BPA travel league. I and the parents/guardians further agree that I will indemnify and hold harmless the City of Michigan City, its Park Board and Parks & Recreation and Department, the Baseball Players Association, and all personnel connected therewith, from all liability from any claim that arises out of this teams' participation in said league.

ALL TEAMS MUST SANCTION WITH BPA AND ENTER ROSTER ONLINE AT PLAYBPA.COM

TEAM NAME _____ **BPA SANCTION#** _____ **DATE** _____

DIVISION: 11U 12U 13U 14U _____ **EMAIL:** _____

TEAM MANAGER _____ **Phone #** _____ / _____
HOME PHONE / CELL PHONE

MANAGER'S ADDRESS _____
STREET, CITY, STATE, AND ZIP CODE

As the Manager/Coach of the above listed team, I have carefully read and considered the information included with this application and the **COMPLETED BPA ROSTER SUBMITTED**. I agree to follow all rules, and I understand that I will be held accountable for this team. I also understand that the validity of this roster and application, and the validity of the players listed, is my responsibility as Manager/Coach.

Manager Signature: _____
APPLICATION WILL NOT BE CONSIDERED WITHOUT COACH SIGNATURE AND THE SIGNED "COACHES' CODE OF ETHICS" FORM.

COACHES' CODE OF ETHICS

The following Code of Ethics has been developed in compliance with standards as set forth by the City of Michigan City, Department of Parks & Recreation, BPA, and the National Alliance of Youth Sports (NAYS).

Our Coaches are the "face" of the program to our parents, players, umpires, our schools, and our community at large. Thus, each coach is expected to maintain a high level of integrity and professionalism both on and off the field. A Coach's primary responsibility is to develop good citizens and baseball players, and to instill a passion for the game in the players. Thus, our coach's performance is not measured by wins and losses, rather in what he/she teaches the players in terms of technique, sportsmanship, and fair play.

I hereby Pledge to live up to my responsibilities as a M.C. Parks & Recreation Coach and a BPA Coach, and a NAYS Coach by following this Coaches' Code of Ethics.



- 1) Show sportsmanship and respect for the opponent at all times.
- 2) Show sportsmanship and respect for the game officials at all times.
- 3) Know, understand and appreciate the rules of the game of baseball.
- 4) Exercise and maintain self-control at all times when participating in all BPA baseball games.
- 5) Place the emotional and physical well-being of participants ahead of the desire to win.
- 6) Treat all participants as individuals remembering the large range of emotional and physical development for all the age groups.
- 7) Provide a fun and safe playing environment for all participants.
- 8) Exhibit proper ethical behavior while interacting with players, coaches, umpires, league officials and parents/guardians at practices and games. Understand that the use of foul or abusive language is strictly prohibited. Commit ourselves to make sure we will not tolerate the use of foul or abusive language by our players, parents, friends, and fans.
- 9) Know and practice the basic first-aid principles needed to treat injuries.
- 10) Demonstrate fair play and sportsmanship to all participants, officials and parents.
- 11) Provide a sports environment for all teams that is free of drugs, tobacco or alcohol within the confines of the playing field and refrain from their use at all BPA baseball events.
- 12) Treat each player, opposing coach, umpire, league official, and parent/guardian with the utmost respect and dignity.
- 13) Remember that we are a youth baseball coach and/or a baseball parent and that the game is for the youth players and not the adults.
- 14) Enjoy the BPA baseball experience by doing whatever is necessary on being a respectful fan, and especially assisting and supporting all the coaches, umpires and officials involved with BPA baseball.
- 15) Be reasonable in demands on the players and all participants remembering that the player(s) are not miniature professional baseball players.
- 16) Importantly, accept victory with humility and defeat with grace. Be neither boastful nor bitter.
- 17) Make sure my players, their parents and friends, and our fans, follow and understand this Code of Ethics and promise to follow the requirements of this code.

With my signature, I acknowledge that I have read, understand, and accept the terms of, and will do my best to fulfill the terms of this document. I understand that not upholding the terms of this code and agreement can result in removal from my coaching position and possibly my suspension from participation in all Park Department programs.

PRINT NAME

COACH SIGNATURE

DATE

POINTS OF EMPHASIS

NO TOLERANCE FOR "TRASH TALKING" OR FIGHTING

THE CITY OF MICHIGAN CITY, DEPARTMENT OF PARKS & RECREATION WILL NOT TOLERATE FIGHTING OF ANY KIND. ANY SITUATION INVOLVING PHYSICAL CONTACT OR FIGHTING WILL BE ADDRESSED IMMEDIATELY AND ACTED UPON APPROPRIATELY BY THE GAME OFFICIALS, LEAGUE DIRECTORS AND PARK SUPERVISORS. THE GAME MAY SIMPLY BE CALLED AND THE OFFENDING TEAM(S) WILL BE EJECTED FROM THE FACILITY.

A. Harassment, baiting and/or taunting between participants WILL NOT BE TOLERATED AT ALL!

- Contrary to what some participants think, taunting, baiting or "trash talking" has no place in the game of baseball - THIS APPROACH DOES NOT PROVIDE A STRATEGICAL ADVANTAGE - IT ONLY STARTS TROUBLE! This behavior will not be tolerated, and is an area we will concentrate on. (Common chants such as "Hey batter-batter" or "Hey pitcher-pitcher" are part of the fun in youth baseball and are allowed, and do not constitute harassment or baiting.) If there is a problem, said player(s), team(s) or spectator(s) will be removed from the tournament/facility with NO REFUND OF FEES.
- No umpires, directors, participants, or fans should have to listen to any verbal abuse from anyone. This includes loud outbursts of foul language regardless of any situation or self-perceived justification from ANYONE!
- Children and family members do not need to see and hear anyone (coaches, players, parents, or fans) acting like uncontrollable idiots at Patriot Park. We want to create a family oriented atmosphere to be enjoyed by all!

VERY IMPORTANT...

The coach or a team captain ONLY may check with umpires to clarify a call or ruling, and must do so only in a sportsmanlike manner. Coaches, participants, or team spectators are not at liberty to question and critique umpires, and are subject to ejection for doing so. Questions or concerns directed to umpires should be done only by the coach or captain, and should be done only in a sportsmanlike manner.

All participants and spectators should approach the game as recommended by the IHSAA:

THE FUNDAMENTALS OF SPORTSMANSHIP

1. Show respect for the opponent at all times.
2. Show respect for the officials.
3. Know, understand and appreciate the rules of the contest.
4. **MAINTAIN SELF-CONTROL AT ALL TIMES!**
5. Recognize and appreciate skill in performance regardless of team affiliation.

A Well-Played Contest Will Be Enjoyed By All Only if Each Of Us Assumes Our Responsibilities.

AS A PLAYER, YOU ARE EXPECTED TO:

1. Play, have fun, and enjoy the game. THE GAME IS FOR YOU!
2. Demonstrate Sportsmanship toward your opponents, and treat them with respect.
3. **EXERCISE SELF-CONTROL AT ALL TIMES**, accepting decisions and abiding by them.
4. Respect the judgment of the officials and their interpretations of the rules.
5. **Regarding clarification of a ruling, communicate with the game officials through your captain only.**
6. Accept victory with humility and defeat with grace. Be neither boastful nor bitter.



**CITY OF MICHIGAN CITY
PARKS & RECREATION**



Patriot Park



**The People of Michigan City
Welcome You!**

RULES

- 1. No Glass Containers**
- 2. Noise Ordinance Enforced**
- 3. No Overnight Parking or Camping**
- 4. No Littering**
- 6. Hunting is Prohibited**
- 7. No Pets outside of Vehicles**
- 8. Curfew: 11:00 pm Daily**
- 9. Picnic Shelters available through
Reservations at Park Office: 219-873-1506**
- 10. No Motorized Vehicles except in Designated
Parking Areas**
- 11. No Metal Detectors on Grass**
- 12. Alcohol in Designated Areas Only:
Prohibited on Roadways, Parking Lots or
in Proximity of any Youth Activities**
- 13. No Skateboarding in Roadways or Parking Lots**

WE RECYCLE!

Please use proper receptacles.

2224 North 950 West

**The preceding rules apply to all
City of Michigan City park property**



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**** COACHES COPY ****

Directions to Patriot Park 2224 North 950 West Michigan City, IN 46360
(Intersection of US 421 and County Road 300 North)



PATRIOT PARK
DEDICATED 2001



FROM INTERSTATE 80/ 94...

- ◆ Take US 421 Exit to *Michigan City / Westville* (South)
(Note you will go opposite (or south) of Michigan City towards Westville. Patriot Park is just off the interchange.)
- ◆ At the first stop light you come to on 421 (US 421 & CR 300) - turn left onto 300 N.
(Points of interest: Harley-Davidson Store is to your right at this intersection - there is a car dealership on your left.)
- ◆ Turn right onto CR 950 W at stop sign (this is the first right hand turn you can make off of CR 300, and there is a Patriot Park sign) - You will then see the entrance to Patriot Park on your right.

FROM US HIGHWAY 30...

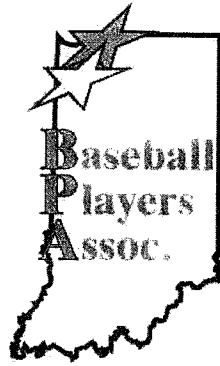
- ◆ Take US 421 North (right turn off 30) to Michigan City
- ◆ Turn right onto CR 300 N. (Points of interest: Harley-Davidson Store is to your left at this intersection - there is a car dealership across intersection on your right.)
- ◆ Turn right onto CR 950 W at stop sign (this is the first right hand turn you can make off of CR 300, and there is a Patriot Park sign) - You will then see the entrance to Patriot Park on your right.

FROM US HIGHWAY 20...

- ◆ Take 20 West to I94 West to US 421 South
- ◆ Take us 421 South to stop light at US 421 & CR 300 - turn left onto 300 N. (Points of interest: Harley-Davidson Store is to your right at this intersection - there is a Harbor car dealership on your left.)
- ◆ Turn right onto CR 950 W at first stop sign you come to (this is the first right hand turn you can make off of CR 300, and there is a Patriot Park sign) - You will then see the entrance to Patriot Park on your right.

SAFETY NOTE: BE CAREFUL AT THE INTERSECTION OF US 421 & CR 300

PLEASE NOTE THAT ONCOMING TRAFFIC DOES NOT STOP AT THIS INTERSECTION / STOPLIGHT - NORTHBOUND & SOUTHBOUND TRAFFIC BOTH HAVE GREEN LIGHTS AT THE SAME TIME, AND THERE IS NOT A "TURN-ARROW SIGNAL" !!!!



As Indiana State BPA Directors, we and the Indiana BPA staff pledge a commitment to excellence and to honor the integrity of our BPA organization.

We have established the BPA as one of the finest organizations available for young athletes. We continue to work very hard for our participants and families to live up to our reputation as a first class youth baseball organization that hosts local, regional, and National events of the highest quality and standards. We honor and enforce nationally recognized Codes of Ethics for coaches, players and spectators. Our BPA umpires are simply the best you will see. Indiana BPA staff and officials act in a professional manner, and we make decisions by always considering a simple, but paramount criteria of "What is Best for Our Kids". Our primary goal is for everyone to enjoy and appreciate the BPA experience and the great game of baseball!

Darrell L. Garbacik, Indiana State BPA Director

Jon Anderson, Indiana Assistant State BPA Director

