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President's Letter

Hello TCKL Players, Parents and Supporters,

I can't believe the New Year is here already and it is time to start thinking about summer ball. Registration for the 2018 baseball and softball are open so please make sure you get your children signed up.

With the New Year, my name is Jamie Burton and I have been elected as the new President of the Tri-Cities Kids' League taking over for Jeremy LaDronka. I grew up in the Tri-Cities area, I love my community and all that we do for our kids. My brother and I both grew up playing TCKL starting in coach pitch and playing until middle school. Some of the best memories of my childhood were when I was playing softball. All three of my kids have also played for TCKL. I have been a proud board member since 2011 and after being able to see how this program runs behind the scenes, I need to applaud all of the board members, coaches, umpires and parents for helping to make this a fun experience for all of these kids.

The TCKL board is made up of 9 volunteer board members that help to make it possible for our kids to play every year. We are always looking for people to step up and help out on our board. The board meets once per month from September through July. So if you would like to make a difference or just get a little bit more information please contact one of us.

TCKL has been a part of the Tri-Cities area for over 65 years. Kids can start playing at 5 years old and continue playing through 11th grade. Many grandparents, parents and kids have been a part of TCKL while growing up. How amazing is it that we have been helping kids to learn how to play ball for that many years? Our program does not interfere with soccer or school spring sports. We start practices mid-May and wrap up the normal season mid-July leaving the famous All-Star game to finish off the year on the weekend of July 21st.

Jamie Burton
TCKL President



Important Stuff You Should Know

Jan 1	Early Registration Begins (\$60 fee)
Feb. 17	Walk-in Registration at D&W only 10am-12pm
March 1	Regular Registration Begins (\$75 fee)
Mar. 16	Late Registration Begins (\$90 fee)
Mar. 31	Registration Ends (\$95 after this date) must be approved by league rep only
Mid-April	Managers contacted
April 23	6:30pm Required Meeting for Upper League Mgrs. GH Eagles 20N 2nd GH
April 23	7:30pm Required Meeting for Coach pitch & Instr. Mgrs. GH Eagles 20N 2nd GH
May 5	Draft Day – Upper Leagues Managers Only no players @ Knight of Columbus 1416 Washington GH
May 5	Equipment Pick-up – Sluka Field 10 - 1
May 14	Practices begin this week
TBA	Umpire Field Clinic
TBA	Kids Baseball & Softball Clinics
June 2	Opening Day (excludes coach pitch) Picture Day (for all teams, coach pitch also)
July 21	All Star Day

Quick Thoughts

•Our number one goal is safety for the kids and number two is for the kids to have fun and learn about the game. As parents we need to remember this is about the kids.

•Cancelations due to field conditions are made based upon the maintenance of the 17 fields that TCKL maintains for each game.

- Meaning if it down pours or rains all morning we may not have enough time to get the fields into a safe playable condition for the kids. TCKL also needs time to get ahold of umpires and coaches at a reasonable time before the game is due to begin. Please understand these decisions can be hard to make and we have had to rely on forecast for storms coming our way. TCKL tries to make the best decision for the safety of the kids.

•Kids need water when playing in the summer

•Look for clinics put on by the high schools



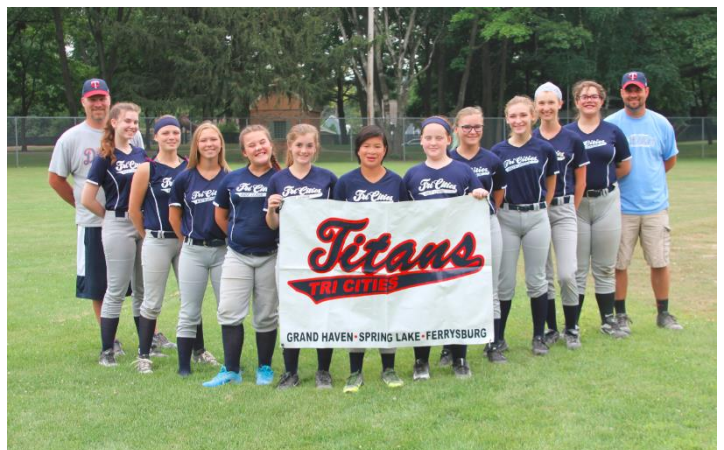
Thank You
SL Girls Varsity
softball team for
putting on the
2017 clinics



Don't just sit on the bench – play ball!

TCKL needs enthusiastic volunteers to manage teams of all levels. You don't need to be an expert – just willing. A sense of humor helps too!

Managers must be over 18 years of age and are chosen by the TCKL Board. Please be aware that while we frequently don't have enough coach/pitch managers, in other leagues we sometimes receive more requests to manage than there are teams to manage. Therefore, requests to manage a team cannot always be honored. In order to make communication between TCKL and the managers easier, we ask that all potential managers provide an email address. Register online or download a form and mail it to TCKL..



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