



2018 Diamond Cup Fall Baseball League

Northwest Star Academy, established in 2002 by Jerry Gatto, former High School and College Head Baseball Coach offers learning experiences and specific opportunities during the fall in three different levels to meet the needs of athletes and prepare them for the following Spring/Summer season. Register ASAP and join the field of over 40 teams who describe the **Fall Diamond Cup** as the best-organized program to meet the needs and prepare the student- athlete for the coming school/summer season.

Levels of play include the following:

1. **AMERICAN LEAGUE:** This level is a preparation for the Varsity athlete preparing for the coming year or returning from the past year with special emphasis in getting a head start against other comparable athletes. Join this level of competition and gain added experience for the ultimate challenge.
2. **NATIONAL LEAGUE:** This level is tailored for the (8th, 9th and 10th) graders not ready for Varsity level with an emphasis in continued development of sport specific skills and a positive self concept attitude. Special consideration is given in playing a standard Baseball distances from mound to plate and bath paths.
3. **JUNIOR LEAGUE:** This level is especially geared to the 13-14 yr. old looking for added experience at their current level of participation with added emphasis on fundamental skills and positive mental training habits.

In the American and National league we will have a **Red Division** (advanced to challenge the athlete in a competitive learning environment) and a **Green Division** to meet the goals of continued development and confidence.

Starting Dates: The American and National League will start on Sunday August 26th and the Junior League will start on Sunday, September 9th. No games will be scheduled on Labor Day weekend, September 2-3.

American League is a Wood Bat league and the **National League** bat determination TBD at pre-season meeting. All games in American and National League will be scheduled on Sunday and end on Sunday October 14th. Makeup games on sites and dates as available and agreed by coaches and option of adding one extra week to season.

Junior Level will use the current bat specs as determined by their local leagues. Games will be scheduled on Sundays, starting September 10th, with makeup games also scheduled as sites and alternative dates become available.

American and **National** Leagues will be guaranteed 12 games (Six DH). There will be a post-season Championship format at the end of the regular schedule at each level.

The **Junior Level** will be guaranteed 6 games (Single-9 inning games) with the last weekend being two 7 inning games.

Registration

1. Teams can register as a unit representing a specific high school community or put a team together representing varied school or community programs, **as we suggest**.
2. Individuals can sign up and be placed on a club as space becomes available. Registration applications will be evaluated based on their preparation and accepted on a first come basis.

American & National League teams not able to start on the official opening day on Sunday, August 26th, must make known to NWS administrative staff for special consideration to start on Sunday, September 9th and option to makeup missed DH.

NWS Academy wants to encourage hustle and positive attitude, and a game tempo fostering interest and motivation for both players and spectators. The game experience each player will acquire will prepare them for the coming season and provide the incentive and confidence necessary to develop their baseball skills.

GUIDELINES

1. All American & National League games will be seven (7) innings or a two (2) hour time limit. An inning can be completed if started prior to the 2 hour time limit. Teams will be given one (1) extra inning to break a tie that exceeds the 2hr time limit. Each team will start extra inning with runner on 2nd Base. Last recorded out from previous inning assumes as runner on 2nd.
2. Junior Level will be single 9 inning games.
3. A ten (10) run rule will be invoked after five (5) innings in 7 inning games and 7 innings in 9 inning games.
4. Wood bats will be the only bats used at American level with National level TBD at orientation meeting
5. Courtesy runners will be used for catchers only with two (2) outs.
6. A 25 second time clock will be invoked between every pitch. Penalty: A ball will be called.
7. Additional speed up rules will include: Each team will be given two (2) minutes between innings. Penalty: The first batter will be awarded first base or a strike if not ready within time limit.
8. After each out, the ball will be returned immediately to the pitcher .Penalty: Next hitter will start with one ball count
9. A pitcher will be on a pitch count of 90 pitches or 6 innings maximum. A pitcher can throw in back to back games if he has not exceeded 30 pitches in the first and not going above 90 total for the day.

COST

1. Team registration fee :

- a. **Package A:** \$1,695.00 (team provides coach, uniforms, and field(s) use)
- b. **Package B:** \$2,195.00 (same as Package A without a field)
- c. **Package C:** \$2,295.00 (have team and field but need NW Star assigned coach).
- d. **Package D:** \$2,550.00 (have team and uniforms, without field and need NW Star assigned coach.)
- e. **Junior A:** \$1,395 (Have team, Uniforms, coach)
- f. **Junior B:** \$1,895 (Have team, Uniforms; need NW Star assigned coach).

***Fee will be reduced by \$100 after a representative of your team attends league meeting.
The meeting will take place August 18th, 2018 at the Airport Sheraton 5 pm.**

2. Individual registration fee:

\$325.00 which includes placement on a team

3. General Information:

- a. Each team will supply their own equipment and bats.
- b. Game balls will be supplied by NWS (4 per game). Each team will split any above the provided amount. Home team will supply baseballs for that game. In double-headers, each team will be home team for one game. Junior level will provide baseballs for all games
- c. Teams can furnish their own uniforms (all must be identical) or teams can purchase appropriate NWS jersey and hat from NWS for \$40.00 per player for a maximum of 15 players. Players keep at the end of the season (Order must be received two(2)weeks prior to start of play.
- d. All uniform fees are in addition to the package they purchase.

NOTE:

TEAM REGISTRATION AND PAYMENTS:

ALL APPLICATIONS WILL BE DATED AS RECEIVED WITH EARLY REGISTRATION GETTING PRIORITY CONSIDERATION. A PRE-REGISTRATION TEAM FEE OF **\$750.00** IS DUE WITH APPLICATION. REMAINING REGISTRATION FEE IS DUE BY SEPTEMBER 14TH, 2018 at the latest.
A \$100 FEE WILL BE ASSESSED TO TEAMS NOT MEETING THE ABOVE TIMELINES.

INDIVIDUAL REGISTRATION AND PAYMENTS:

FULL PAYMENT OF **\$325.00** FOR INDIVIDUAL REGISTRATION IS DUE WITH APPLICATION. A LATE FEE OF \$15.00 WILL BE ASSESSED TO LATE PAYMENTS/REGISTRATIONS AFTER SEPTEMBER 2nd.
PLAYER ELIGIBILITY WILL BE DETERMINED BY RECEIPT OF SIGNED CONTRACT WAIVER DUE AUGUST 25, 2019.

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