

2019 Friends of Brookings Baseball Registration Information

We are pleased you have chosen to register your child for Friends of Brookings Baseball programs. We look forward to a great 2019 season of baseball!

FOB activities are intended for all of-age children in the Brookings area. We strive to provide the highest level of baseball as possible while keeping costs low and to engage the greater community in coming alongside us to meet any scholarship needs. We are thankful you may benefit from our efforts.



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Registration for the 2019 season must be completed online via our website:
www.brookingsbaseball.com. **No paper registrations will be accepted.**

**PLEASE NOTE, FOR ALL PARENTS WHO ONLY HAVE A COACH PITCH (AGE 7-8) PLAYER:
YOU DO NOT HAVE A POINTS OBLIGATION AND WILL NOT NEED TO SUBMIT THE
POINTS & PARTICIPATION FORM OR ANY DEPOSIT CHECKS.**

**PLEASE STAPLE YOUR TWO DEPOSIT CHECKS TO
THE POINTS & PARTICIPATION AGREEMENT!**

**All registration forms and checks can be delivered on Back to
Baseball Night (early March TBD), or mail to:**

Brookings Friends of Baseball

P.O. Box 536

Brookings, SD 57006

2019 Registration Information

The Friends of Brookings Baseball welcome you to the 2019 baseball season!

This introduction letter explains the whole registration process. If you have additional questions not covered in this packet, you will be instructed on how to ask those questions near the end of this document.

1. REGISTRATION AND FEES

Registration for the following levels must be completed on or before January 15, 2018.

Ages 13-18: Spring & Summer Registrations

- Spring High School for 2018-2019 school year students currently in grades 9-12: \$300.00
- Summer 14U (includes players born 1/1/2004 through 12/31/2005): \$350.00
- Summer 16U (includes players born 1/1/2002 through 12/31/2003): \$500.00
- Summer 18U (includes players born 1/1/2000 through 12/31/2001): \$600.00
- *****Summer 14U-18U fees include \$50.00 in discount cards. This fee is for our discount card fundraiser, and is not optional. The \$50.00 fee can be recovered by selling the discount cards.***

All registrations listed above are subject to a \$50.00 late fee beginning January 16, 2019. This late fee will be waived for players who are participating in baseball for the first time in Brookings and may be unfamiliar with registration guidelines and dates.

Ages 7-12: Summer Juniors, Minor & Major Leagues

- Summer Minor & Major League Baseball (includes players born 1/1/2006 through 12/31/2009): \$100.00
- Summer Juniors Coach Pitch Baseball (includes players born 1/1/2010 through 12/31/2011): \$50.00

Juniors Coach Pitch, Minor, and Major Leagues are subject to late fees beginning March 16, 2019. A \$25.00 late fee will be added on to Minor & Major League registrations. These late fees will be waived for players who are participating in baseball for the first time in Brookings and may be unfamiliar with registration guidelines and dates.

Payment Plans are available at the time of registration. A portion of the total registration fee must be paid at the time of registration, with subsequent payments automatically debited from your account on the dates set forth within the registration system.

- Summer Juniors, Minors, and Majors can be split into three payments.
- Spring High School, Summer 14U, 16U, and 18U can be split into five payments.

2. SEASON PASSES

- All Spring High School and Summer 14U, 16U, and 18U players receive a student season pass with their registration.
- Adults can purchase season passes for \$30.00 each. Passes for students who don't receive a pass with their registration are \$10.00 each.
- Season passes are good for all Spring High School, 14U, 16U, 18U, and Brookings Cubs amateur games, as well as all Brookings-sponsored tournaments (both FOB and Cubs.)
- Season passes are not required for any games for ages 7-12.
- Season passes are available during registration or can be purchased at the gate.
- Brookings High School activity passes are valid for all spring high school games ONLY.

3. POINTS & VOLUNTEERISM PARTICIPATION

- Instituted in 2010, the Friends of Brookings Baseball Points & Participation System was established to encourage parents and players to take a more active role in the organization. This volunteerism helps keep our costs considerably lower than other programs of equal size throughout South Dakota.
- Each family is required to earn a set number of points based on the number of children they have participating in our organization, and the level at which they participate.

- **2019: Juniors Coach Pitch parents do not have a points requirement. The hope is that Coach Pitch parents will consider volunteering despite having no points requirement so as to gain an understanding of the various tasks available.**
- **2019 points requirements PER PLAYER are as follows:**

Points Requirement Table			
Note: Points requirements listed below are PER PLAYER			
<i>Level</i>	<i>Regular Season Points</i>	<i>Required Tournament Points</i>	<i>Total Points Required</i>
Spring High School	30	0	30
Summer Juniors (Ages 7-8)	0	0	0
Summer Minors (Ages 9-10)	50	30*	50 or 80*
Summer Majors (Ages 11-12)	50	30*	50 or 80*
Summer 14u (Ages 13-14)	60	30	90
Summer Jr. Legion/Class "A" 16u (Ages 15-16)	60	30	90
Summer Sr. Legion 18u (Ages 17-18)	90	0**	90

Notes:

- * Players on 9u, 10u, 11u, and 12u traveling teams must earn an additional 30 points per player at either of the home traveling team tournaments. Players that are not on traveling teams are not required to earn the additional 30 points.
 - ** Currently, there is no FOB-sponsored home tournament for the Sr. Legion team, as such they are not required to earn additional tournament points.
1. Maximum points required per family: 150 points
 2. Points are valued at \$5.00 per point.
 3. All summer points requirements carry mandatory tournament participation as part of a family's required point total, unless noted. The value listed above under tournament points is the minimum number of points that must be earned during ANY home tournament; however, families are strongly encouraged to earn their tournament points in the tournament(s) that their team(s) are playing in. Board members who are exempt from earning points must still earn required tournament points unless specifically exempted from doing so in their position description.
 4. Points are accumulated from November 1, 2018 to October 31, 2019.
 5. Points-related questions should be directed to the Participation and Points Director.
 6. All participants are required to submit a points deposit check, dated November 1, 2019, in the amount of their required points multiplied by \$5.00 (Maximum amount: \$750.00). If all points have been earned, the deposit check will be shredded (or returned, if requested) following the conclusion of the points-earning period. If the appropriate number of points have not been earned, the deposit check will be cashed and the family will be issued a refund check corresponding to the number of points earned multiplied by \$5.00.

4. VOLUNTEER WORKER DEPOSIT CHECK

- **Having workers for all required shifts at baseball games is a must. For every game, we need people to take gate sales, workers for concessions, as well as volunteers to help with in-game functions like running the scoreboard or serving as a public address announcer.**
- **Concession and gate receipts are one of the primary fundraisers for FOB. Losing out on sales for games can cost our organization hundreds of dollars on a day in which we play a local team who brings in many fans, most of which will also visit the concessions at some point during the day. When workers fail to show up for their selected or assigned shifts we must scramble to find someone to work at the last minute or risk not taking gate or opening concessions, or having an open and active press box.**
- **All families (excluding Coach Pitch) will be required to submit a \$200.00 workers deposit check. After successful completion of all selected or required shifts this check will be securely shredded unless you request to have it returned.**
- **Failure to show up for one selected or assigned shift will result in the immediate deposit of this check. Additionally, missing a gate or concession shift will prohibit you from signing up for any more gate/concession shifts the remainder of 2019.**

5. REQUIRED FORMS

A number of forms and deposit checks are required in order to participate in Friends of Brookings Baseball programs. All forms and deposit checks are required before your child is eligible to not only play, but to practice. Additionally, your child will not be issued a jersey until all forms and checks are submitted. There are no exceptions to this policy, and it will be enforced strictly!

The following forms must be completed offline and submitted separately from online registration:

- Acknowledgment of Risk (one form PER PLAYER)
- Code of Conduct (one form PER PLAYER)
- Consent for Medical Treatment (one form PER PLAYER)
- Points Participation Agreement & Deposit Checks
 - This form and required deposit checks must be printed off and filled out, and turned in via mail (address on page one of this packet) or delivered to Back to Baseball Night. Only one copy of this form is required PER FAMILY.
- Consent for Medical Treatment (one form PER PLAYER)
- Birth Certificate
 - If your child did not participate in an FOB-sponsored baseball program in 2018, either by being new to the program or choosing not to participate, a copy of your child's birth certificate must be included with registration. Many county registrars will provide a free copy if the reason for the copy is for athletics.
- Family Information Form
 - One form required per family, with the understanding that some of the information being gathered on this form will be duplicated on other forms.

FAILURE TO HAVE ALL REQUIRED DOCUMENTS IN THE POSSESSION OF THE REGISTRATION DIRECTOR BEFORE THEIR FIRST TEAM PRACTICE WILL RESULT IN YOUR CHILD NOT BEING ELIGIBLE TO PARTICIPATE UNTIL THIS REQUIREMENT HAS BEEN SATISFIED! THERE ARE NO EXCEPTIONS TO THIS POLICY!

6. DISCOUNT CARDS

Each player age 13 and up (for summer programs only) will have a \$50.00 discount card fee added on at the time of registration. This is a mandatory fee. This \$50.00 can be recovered by selling the cards (five cards at \$10.00 each) and keeping the proceeds. These discount cards are valid at a large number of local businesses. Additionally, once all Majors teams are established, these players will be required to sell discount cards. This will be coordinated through the Youth Baseball Director and individual Majors team coordinators. No additional fee will be added on to Majors registration at the time of registration. Spring high school players are not required to sell cards. Points are available for any who wish to sell cards beyond the required amount. For every five additional discount cards sold, five points will be awarded.

7. SCHOLARSHIP FUND AND INFORMATION

If you cannot afford registration fees you can request a scholarship form in order to be considered to have a percentage of your registration fees be covered. Scholarship amounts can vary from partial to full, depending on the level of need. Please refer to page one of this registration packet for contact information. Please note that by being awarded a scholarship you are still expected to earn your required points and may be asked to earn additional points in lieu of part or all of the registration fee being provided by scholarship.

8. WINTER WORKOUTS

Winter workouts are held at Larson Ice Center. Registration from the 2018 season or for the 2019 season is required to attend. Mickelson Middle School or Brookings High School students are encouraged to attend. Middle school and high school students will have separate sessions. The schedule will be posted on the website calendar; this is the ONLY place for this information. Questions regarding workouts can be directed to Ryan Bauer, 605-592-0204.

9. BACK TO BASEBALL NIGHT

Back-to-Baseball Night is our annual event where all members of the organization can stop in and make sure all paperwork has been received, purchase and/or pick up season passes, purchase apparel, and ask general questions of the organization. The event will be scheduled for late March of 2017. A board meeting will be held following Back to Baseball Night.

10. MANDATORY PARENTS MEETINGS

Please be on the lookout for dates for the mandatory parent's meetings to be held prior to the beginning of the spring and summer seasons. If your child participates in both spring and summer baseball you must attend a parent meeting for each season. Youth Baseball parents will have two separate sessions for attending a parents meeting. These meetings are designed as an informational meeting and a large amount of information is relayed during these sessions, therefore we consider attendance to be mandatory. Information regarding these meetings will be relayed through the website and through email.

11. 2019 TOURNAMENTS

Once again in 2019 Brookings will play host to a number of tournaments. Not only do these tournaments give our players a home tournament in which to play in but with the revenue generated allows us to keep registration costs low. In 2019, Brookings will host at least five tournaments, and each of these tournaments will need concession, gate, press box, and field maintenance workers.

12. OPEN BOARD POSITIONS

We have a number of open board positions we are looking to fill. Some of these positions come with points exemption for the entire season. These openings are posted on the FOB website.

13. ADDITIONAL QUESTIONS

Should you have any questions about any aspects of the registration process you can contact Cody Wright (Board President) or Mike Lockrem (Board Vice-President) via their contact info listed on the first page of this packet. Additionally, all board member contact information can be found on the website.

Acknowledgement of Risk

**** A separate copy of this form is required for each child. ****

Athletic participation assumes the risk of personal injury. Such injuries are not limited to, but may range in severity from temporary injuries (sprains, dislocations, fractures, etc.) due to major catastrophic injuries (brain damage, paralysis, etc.) that can result in permanent disability or even death.

While certain activities (i.e. contact sports, gymnastics, pole vault, cheerleading, etc.) involve greater risk, protective equipment, rule changes, advances in sports medicine, and improved coaching techniques cannot eliminate the possibility of injury in any sport.

I, the parent/guardian of _____ acknowledge that I understand and accept the risk of physical injury that accompanies athletic participation. I give my permission for him/her to participate in all respects in the Brookings Friends of Baseball Program.

Signed this _____ day of the month of _____, 20_____.

Parent/Guardian Signature: _____

Code of Conduct

**** A separate copy of this form is required for each child. ****

Friends of Baseball encourage players, coaches, and parents to participate in FOB sponsored programs. FOB also recognizes the need to establish a Code of Conduct for these parties that reinforces behavior that reflects positively on the individual, coach, program and community. It consists of two parts, Expectations of Coaches, Players and Parents and Violations and Consequences.

THE POLICIES SET FORTH IN THIS CODE OF CONDUCT ARE IN EFFECT FROM THE FIRST DAY OF HIGH SCHOOL PRACTICE THROUGH THE FINAL DAY OF THE LAST STATE TOURNAMENT.

Coaches

1. Be a positive role model for your players, display emotional maturity and be alert to the physical safety of the players.
2. Be generous with your praise when it is deserved, be consistent and honest, and do not criticize players publicly.
3. Never physically or verbally abuse a player or an umpire.

Players

1. Be a team player – get along with your teammates.
2. Be on time for practices and games. Contact your coach in advance if you cannot attend.
3. Listen to your coach. Respect your coach, teammates, umpires, parents and opponents.
4. Never argue with an umpire's decision.

Parents/Guardians

1. Show a positive attitude towards the games, coaches, and all participants.
2. Do not embarrass yourself by yelling at players, managers, coaches or umpires.
3. Contact the coach of your team if your player is unable to attend a practice or game.
4. If you have an issue with a program or coach, contact the Team Coordinator, Coaching Committee or Board of Directors.

Code Violations and Consequences

- I. The FOB Board of Directors, or its designee, shall be responsible for the fair and equitable administration of the code of Conduct.
- II. This Code of Conduct is in force beginning with the first scheduled practice through the last game of the season.
- III. The possession, use, or distribution of tobacco, alcohol, anabolic steroids, or the possession, use or distribution of marijuana or controlled substances, as defined Chapters 22 -42, SDCL 13-32-9, is a violation of the Code of Conduct.
- IV. Any violation of any city, state or federal law (excluding Class II Misdemeanors and all non-felony motor vehicle offenses) are a violation of the Code of Conduct.

Evidence of Violations

1. Information received from law enforcement or court services providing reasonable cause to believe an infraction has occurred.
2. A coach or player is found guilty, pled guilty, or enters a no contest plea in a juvenile court or an adult criminal court.
3. A self-reported violation by a parent, coach or player.

Consequences

1. Any violation of section III above results in the coach or player being ineligible to participate for three events, including practices.
2. Any first violation of Section IV above results in a two event suspension, including practices. Any subsequent violation of Section IV will result in ineligibility for the remainder of the season.
3. Any violation by a coach that results in ineligibility for the rest of the season will also result in the forfeiture of any salary owed.
4. An event is defined as any date in which the suspended party's team is participating in organized and officiated game situations. One full tournament day will constitute one event.

Coach's Signature: _____

Date: _____

Player's Signature: _____

Date: _____

Player's Parent/Guardian Signature(s): _____

Date: _____

Player's Parent/Guardian Signature(s): _____

Date: _____

Medical Consent Form

**** A separate copy of this form is required for each child. ****

In the event of an injury, accident, or general medical condition which requires first aid/medical attention while my son is under the supervision of the Brookings Friends of Baseball, I hereby grant permission to the employees, physician, or other medical personnel to perform any necessary medical treatment (including but not limited to x-ray, anesthetic, surgery, dental, hospitalization). Furthermore, I understand that I will be held responsible for all of the medical expenses.

My child(s) is covered by: _____

Policy Number or Group Number: _____

Child Name(s): _____

Signature of Parent/Guardian: _____

Date: _____

In Case of Emergency Please Contact: _____

Phone: _____

Brookings Friends of Baseball Points Participation Agreement

I have received a copy of the Brookings Friends of Baseball Points System Participation Agreement, and acknowledge and agree to abide by the system and its guidelines. I agree to earn the points as required below with a maximum of 150 points per family.

**** Please staple both the points deposit check and your gate/concession check to this page!**

Level	Number of Players	Points Required
Spring High School (Grades 9-12)	_____ x 30 points =	_____
Summer 8U Juniors Coach Pitch	_____ x 0 points =	_____
Summer 10 Minors & 12U Majors	_____ x 50 points =	_____
Summer 14U	_____ x 90 points =	_____
Summer 16U	_____ x 90 points =	_____
Summer 18U	_____ x 90 points =	_____

Total (if more than 150 points, please write 150):

Multiply Total by \$5.00 per point and write total in box:

Please initial and date which of the following applies:

I understand that if our family does not meet our required points, I will forfeit \$5.00 per point not earned. Attached and enclosed is my points deposit check dated November 1, 2019.

Initial & Date

I do not wish to earn our family's required points and have attached and enclosed a check in the amount of the above points total, dated today's date. This check will be deposited immediately upon receipt.

Initial & Date

Check Number: _____ Signature: _____

Do you wish for your check to be mailed back to you or securely shredded? Enter your address below to have it returned, leave blank for it to be shredded.

Address (Street & City) For Refund Check to be mailed to: _____

Player Names: _____

Brookings Friends of Baseball Volunteer Worker Agreement

I acknowledge that I have read the information related to the Volunteer Worker Agreement, and acknowledge I or our family will attend all worker shifts for which I or our family volunteers for during the 2019 season.

Failure to attend any selected shift will result in forfeiture of the Volunteer Worker deposit check.

Additionally, failure to attend a selected shift will require a volunteer to earn all required points in other ways besides which the selected shift was missed (example: missing a gate shift will prohibit working gate shifts for the remainder of 2019)

Today's date: _____

Signature: _____

Check Number: _____

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Policy Number or Group Number: _____

Child Name(s): _____

Signature of Parent/Guardian: _____

Date: _____

In Case of Emergency Please Contact: _____

Phone: _____

Brookings Friends of Baseball Player Information Form

This form does not register your player, online registration must be completed on order to register your child to play.
Registration fees must be paid in full upon first practice of player. Player will be sent home from practice until
payment is made in full!

Player(s) Name: _____

Player(s) Address: _____

Player(s) Phone Number: _____

Player(s) Email: _____

Mother of Player: _____

Mother's Phone Number: _____

Mother's Email: _____

Father of Player: _____

Father's Phone Number: _____

Father's Email: _____

Player Level: _____

- Forms to be included with this registration form: Code of Conduct, Points Participation Agreement accompanied by deposit checks, Acknowledgment of Risk and Consent for Medical Treatment.
- Online Registration does not complete these forms.
- Above mentioned forms are to be completed and turned in by the first official practice. Failure of forms turned in will result in your player not practicing, until forms are completed and turned in.

Please note any other information that is helpful to know about your child:

Scholarship Application

Brookings Friends of Baseball provides registration fee scholarships to children, who without this financial assistance would not be able to participate in summer baseball programs provided by FOB. The FOB scholarship program focuses on providing opportunities for area youth to participate in recreational team sports because of the physical, mental, and character-training benefits these programs can provide. Currently, FOB scholarships are offered for participation in all levels of play that are sponsored by FOB.

Requirements for eligibility:

- Commitment to attend a minimum of 90% of scheduled practices and games.
- Participation by at least one (1) family member to earn the family's required points, as set forth at the beginning of the season.

Priority will be given to eligible youth meeting one or more of the criteria below:

- Member of a multi-child family.
- Living in a single-parent home.
- Receiving assistance from programs such as: Food Stamps, Medicaid, SSI, Foster Care, WIC, etc. (Must provide written documentation of participation in these programs to receive priority status)
- Written recommendation by school counselors, social workers, youth community center workers, or other social services representatives.

Approval of a scholarship does not register the participant in the activity. The athlete must be registered on-line with the organization. Scholarship recipients are still subject to late fees on or by the date set forth. Note, if the scholarship approval application process goes past the registration deadline the late fee will be waived.

Additional information on scholarships can be obtained through the board members listed on page one of this packet.