



NELA

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NEWSLETTER

SLIDING INTO SPRING

Spring is right around the corner and the excitement is building. This season we are thrilled to welcome a whopping **20 teams** across our league, a huge milestone that reflects the continued growth of our NELA baseball community. We are looking forward to another great season filled with teamwork, development, and fun on the field.

As we prepare for the season, coaches should expect a coach meeting toward the end of the month to help coordinate field availability and practice schedules.

To help streamline communication, coaches and team managers should be on the lookout for updated group chats specific to their teams and divisions. These will be used to share updates, schedules, and important announcements throughout the season.



FIELD CLEANUP & PARK CARE

Over the break, the City completed extensive pruning and tree cutting around the park, including cleanup from damage caused by recent windstorms. To help tidy up the fields further, we will be scheduling a field cleanup day in Mid February. Please start collecting gardening gloves, rakes, or any helpful tools if you're able!

As a reminder, please respect our shared park space by cleaning up after yourselves and your party when visiting the fields. Keeping our park clean is a team effort.

OPENING DAY LOOKAHEAD

Opening Day is traditionally held in early to mid-March, and we are working to confirm a date based on field conditions and weather. Once finalized, we will share details with families right away.

We are excited to once again allow vendors during our Opening Day ceremony, and we will also be sending out a volunteer sign-up form for families who want to help with setup and day-of support. Opening Day is always a highlight of the season and we appreciate everyone who helps make it special.

TEAM ASSIGNMENTS

All players have been successfully assigned to teams for the upcoming season! For all divisions except T-Ball, coaches will reach out after the upcoming coach meeting to introduce themselves, share practice schedules, and coordinate team meet-and-greets.

Team rosters have been submitted to our uniform vendor ahead of Opening Day, where this season's designs will be unveiled in front of the league. Additional information for T-Ball families will be shared separately as those teams finalize.