

KEMPSVILLE PONY BASEBALL

Sunday Instructional Program Charter

I. Program Overview

A. The Sunday Instructional Program is established to build upon the mission of Kempsville PONY Baseball and to meet the needs of all registered players in the league. It consists of a series of skill-based clinics, which are available to all players throughout the year. In addition, the program provides an opportunity for some players to participate in advanced player development and organized team competition (referred to as Cannons). The Sunday Program begins at the completion of the All Star season and concludes at the beginning of the spring season for the following year.

II. Specific Goals and Objectives

- A. Improve the overall baseball skills of players registered with KPB by providing additional instruction and playing opportunities on a not to interfere basis with spring and fall baseball seasons.
- B. Ensure that instructional environments and playing opportunities meet the needs of players of all skill levels.
- C. To develop individual player skill and provide an opportunity for advanced-level play on KPB Cannons teams.
- D. To complement KPB regular spring, All Star and fall leagues.
- E. To develop managers and coaches involved in the league.

III. Program Oversight

- A. KPB Board will appoint a Sunday Program Coordinator. Specific responsibilities of the Sunday Program Coordinator include:
 - Coordinate the program to ensure the goals and objectives are being met.
 - Review Cannons team plans and proposals in accordance with this charter.
 - Coordinate specialized instruction to support advanced player and position-specific player development.
 - Monitor game schedules and coordinate field requirements with the Player Agent and Buildings & Grounds Manager
- B. KPB League VPs will monitor program activities for players in their respective League age divisions and will be responsible for resolving conflicts between regular season and Sunday Instructional Program scheduled activities.
- C. The program for any or all age divisions will only be implemented if there is sufficient interest (numbers of players) and the needed number of qualified managers, coaches and instructors deemed adequate by the KPB board to conduct clinics and to

- manage Sunday Program teams. The number of Sunday Program teams shall not exceed two per PONY age division.
- D. The Player Agent will coordinate scheduling Sunday Program activities on all fields assigned to KPB.
 - E. The KPB Board will remain the primary overseer of the Sunday Program and reserves the right to amend, suspend, or discontinue the program at any time. The Board also retains the right to discipline or change managers and coaches for not adhering to the policies set forth in Kempsville PONY Baseball Constitution, By-Laws, and Sunday Instructional Program Charter.

IV. Player Participation

- A. Participation in league-wide clinics, specialized instruction or Cannons is voluntary and not linked to any KPB spring, fall or All Star teams. Current-year Spring or Fall Season registration allows participation in Sunday Program activities.
- B. For clinics, players may be grouped and matched for instruction by appropriate age and skill levels. Clinics are open to all players registered with KPB.
- C. Sunday Program (Cannons) managers may invite players registered with KPB to participate advanced player and team development. The list of players selected for games/tournaments shall be submitted to the appropriate VP and the Sunday Program Coordinator for review prior to player notification. Any issues with players selected will be brought to the attention of the Player Agent and President for resolution.

V. Managers, Coaches, and Instructors

- A. Prior to establishing a Cannons team for a specific age division, a qualified manager for that group has to be identified by the Sunday Program Coordinator and League VP, and approved by the KPB Board. The approved manager will be responsible for developing players at an advanced level, coordinating practices and scrimmages, participating in coach development clinics, and holding instructional clinics for all players registered in the league for the same age division.
- B. Managers for specific age groups will arrange for additional coaches and instructors to achieve program goals and a balance between advanced player development and high-level team competition. The KPB board reserves the right to approve or exclude any individual from participation in the Sunday Program.
- C. Managers will provide a general plan on how their respective programs will be executed within the charter's established guidelines. The respective league VP, in coordination with the Sunday Program Coordinator, will present the plan to the KPB Board for approval.

VI. Advanced Player Development and Team (Cannons) Competition

- A. Participation in advanced player development and advanced team competition (Cannons) is by invitation. Players will be given an opportunity to compete for

- participation in the advanced player development and team (Cannons) competition, but selection is limited and based on: player maturity, ability to play at a high level, and dedication to participate in an advanced, competitive program.
- B. Players participating in the advanced player development and team (Cannons) competition must be properly registered with KPB. Players participating in the previous spring are eligible. Players not participating in the spring league must register for the fall league, but may choose to only participate as a player on a Cannons team.
 - C. Selection for the advanced player development and team (Cannons) competition will be completed in late July or early August, with a few exceptions made throughout the season to fill emergent positions on a team.
 - D. Selection to the advanced player development and team (Cannons) competition incurs an additional fee to cover game and tournament expenses; individual teams will provide a monthly financial statement to the league to account for the collection of team fees.
 - E. Individual team fundraising may be allowed, but must be approved by the league to ensure no conflicts with other league fundraising initiatives.

VII. Scheduling

- A. Sunday Instructional Program clinics will be scheduled in the late summer and early spring. These clinics will be hosted by Sunday Program (Cannons) managers and coaches, and will serve as opportunities to improve individual skill and solicit individuals for follow-on advanced team play (Cannons). A notional KPB Sunday Program Roadmap is provided in Figure 1. This roadmap is a general template for the activities expected during different times of year, and which may be amended based on manager, coach, and player availability as well as coordinator approval.
- B. Sunday Program (Cannons) managers will coordinate with the Player Agent Sunday clinics, team practices and games.

VIII. Regular Season and Sunday Program conflicts

- A. During the spring season, Sunday Program activities will not interfere with league games or spring team practices.
- B. The following pitching restrictions for regular season and Sunday Program games shall apply:
 - PONY Rules and Regulations will govern the number of innings per day, number of innings per week, and 40 hour rest requirements.
 - Any conflicts between Sunday Instructional Program activities and spring or fall season team requirements which cannot be resolved between managers will be brought to the attention of the respective League VP for resolution.

IX. Other Considerations

- A. Sunday Program (Cannons) managers are responsible for the proper care and maintenance of equipment and fields assigned to KPB.
- B. All Sunday Program activities and grouping will be done in accordance with KPB PONY Baseball age divisions; i.e., Pinto, Mustang, etc. Coaches may combine age divisions for joint skill sessions when deemed beneficial. A maximum of two teams per Pony age division shall be formed; in some cases, only one team per age division may be formed, depending on the number of players and experienced coaches interested in participating in the development of a particular age division of players.
- C. When KPB Sunday Program players are organized into teams to participate in games or tournaments with other PONY league Sunday teams, they are to be identified as the KPB “Cannons”. Cannon managers, coaches and players will wear KPB-approved uniforms.

Figure 1 – KPB Sunday Instructional Program Roadmap.

