

2021 KEN-ROCK COMMUNITY CENTER PLAYER/PARENT INFORMATION GUIDE

TEAM ASSIGNMENT: Each participant will be assigned to a team/manager. **Your child's coach will notify you no later than Friday, May 7, 2021.** The Ken-Rock Community Center will organize teams through a random selection. Children on existing teams from last year are eligible to return to their team providing they meet age requirements. New participants will be placed on existing teams based on team openings.

EQUIPMENT: Each child should have their own softball glove, rubber spikes are optional. Participants may bring their own bat, providing it meets USSSA requirements.

PRACTICE: The participant is responsible for making all practices scheduled by the Coach. Coaches may schedule 1-2 practices per week during May. Practices will be held at various Rockford Park District Softball Diamonds **Please remain at your child's practice or game (or make arrangements with another parent who will be attending) in case of an emergency or rain out.**

GAMES: Each child will receive a schedule of all games prior to opening day. All games will be scheduled at Rockford Park District Sportscore 1, 1288 Elmwood Road. If you cannot make a game, **please communicate with your child's coach.**

RAIN OUTS: Rockford Park District Sportscore 1 officials will make the determination of any weather related cancellations. All managers will be notified if there is a cancellation. You will receive the information from your manager. **Please do not call the office for this information as you will delay our efforts in getting the information out to the Managers.**

TEAM PICTURES - All photos will be taken on Saturday, June 6. **Pictures must be paid for at the time of the sitting.** Picture packets will be handed out prior to Opening Day..

UNIFORMS: Players will receive shirt, cap, socks & pants from their coach at a practice prior to Opening Day.

AWARDS - Each participant will receive an award for their participation following their last game of the season.

GAMES: 1st games will be played "Opening Day" Saturday June 5 and regular schedule begins the following week. Game days for each division will be as follows: **AGE GROUPS AND GAME DAYS ARE SUBJECT TO CHANGE BASED ON ENROLLMENT.**

“ZERO” Tolerance Parent Policy

This program is designed to organize, teach, develop and promote youth softball. Ken-Rock Softball strives to be a character building organization that recognizes the importance of emphasizing good sportsmanship. With this in mind, we have developed a parent/spectator/coach policy to help explain and clarify some of our team and league expectations, rules, and guidelines directly related to parent conduct and playing time. This policy will support, but does not override our team or Ken-Rock rules or regulations. We feel this policy will help inform everyone, in advance, what is expected. This should make the season go much smoother and be more rewarding for everyone involved.

****Please read the following guidelines and expectations of the “Zero” Tolerance Parent Policy**

1. Profanity of any type will not be tolerated at any time.
 2. Verbal threats or physical confrontations of any kind between parents, players, coaches, officials, or fans (including the opposing coaches, fans, and players) will not be tolerated at any time or any place
 3. The use of alcohol is prohibited at all Ken-Rock Softball Events
- Violations and Penalties: Profanity, abusive language, or creating a distance by a manager, coach, spectator, or player, before, during, or after a game will result in prompt removal of the offender from the game and grounds.

a. The umpire shall have the authority to order any manager, coach, player or spectator to leave the game and grounds if their judgment such action is warranted. Effect: Offenders will have one minute to comply with the umpire’s ruling. Failure to do so will warrant a forfeiture of the game.

The umpire will report all such violations to the Ken-Rock Community Center’s staff and the following will go into effect:

- a. First Offense: Non-flagrant violations will prohibited from attending the next game of either team. Flagrant violations may result in more severe penalties as determined by Ken-Rock Community Center Administration.
- b. Second Offense: Non-flagrant violations may draw a suspension of a minimum of one year. Flagrant violations may result in more severe penalties as determined by Ken-Rock Community Center Administration.

Any person who physically attacks an official shall be disbarred from the center Premises and or center activities for a minimum of one (1) year. Physical attacks will be reported to the police.

Team managers shall be responsible for notifying their team’s players and/or spectators of this rule and the rule’s effect.