

2018 Baseball/Softball Registration



REGISTRATION (MUST BE COMPLETED BY JANUARY 28, 2018)

MQP welcomes all MQP parishioners and non-parishioners living within our parish boundaries to participate! Online registration is preferred and available at www.mqpsports.org by using the following simple steps:

1. Click on "Login/Register" on the left side of the home screen at www.mqpsports.org.
2. Follow the Login, Forgotten Password or Registration Steps
3. Check your information and click "Edit" if you need to make changes. Please make sure your child's name and birthday match exactly with the information on their CYC card.
4. Indicate if you are a registered Parishioner of MQP. A \$25 additional fee per player is included for non-parishioners to offset costs paid by parishioners for our Facilities, Insurance, Administration, Utilities and Maintenance.
5. Once at the Family Information screen click on "Registration Info" for each child
6. At the Registration screen, click "Register" for the proper sport and add information in the "Notes" such as:
 - **Coaching** – Indicate grade and Head Coach, Assistant Coach or Helper
 - **Committee** – indicate if you are interested in joining the baseball/softball committee.
 - **Volunteer** – Indicate willingness to help with field maintenance, concession stand, etc....
7. After Registering, please click on "Fees/Payments"

If you *cannot* register online, please contact our Baseball-Softball Committee at mqpbasesoftball@gmail.com.

REGISTRATION DEADLINE (DON'T MISS OUT!)

Registration must be completed by January 28, 2018 for grades K–8. Depending upon the number of registrations received, we may not be able to accept all players after the registration deadline. **Late fees will be applied to late registrations.** Our goal is to keep the number of players on each team between 12-16 players. If registering late, please email us at mqpbasesoftball@gmail.com to determine if appropriate roster space is available. **Our goal is to accommodate all players, but we cannot guarantee late registrations a spot on a team roster.** While there is no deadline for Pre-K participation, please register your Pre-K Children as soon as possible so we can keep the teams as small as possible. The Pre-K program is a great way to ease your child's transition into Kindergarten in the Fall of 2018.

UNIFORMS

Jersey (PreK) – Players will be provided an MQP t-shirt (no additional charge, included in the registration fee)

Jersey (K-4) - Players will wear the MQP blue, all-sports jersey. Youth-sizes are S, M, & L and adult sizes are S, M, L & XL. Contact Aimee Bergan at (314) 498-9396 stlaimee@aol.com to purchase the all-sports jersey or a replacement jersey.

Jersey (5th – 8th) - Players are required to purchase and wear an MQP Baseball or Softball jersey. For 5th grade boys and 5th grade girls we have added the cost of the jersey into the registration fee. Grades 6th-8th: if you need a new jersey (new larger jersey or you're new to the program) please pay the uniform fee in the On-Line Store and contact Jim Kelly 314-324-2765 jamesedwardkelly@hotmail.com.

Hats – MQP baseball hats are available for purchase in the on-line store.

PARENT PARTICIPATION

Since this program is run by volunteers, all parents or guardians are required to volunteer to keep our baseball/softball program running successfully by working in the Concession Stand, prepping the fields and working as a field monitor during games. Please remember we are responsible for doing everything at St. Elizabeth's except cutting the grass. We prep the fields, make improvements, maintain the turf, and pick up the trash and recycling. If you see something that needs to be done, please take the initiative and take care of it.

Let's teach the children through our actions:

Respect – Show respect for our Parish, game officials, visiting teams and coaches, each other, and St. Elizabeth's.

Pride – Show pride in our Parish, our team, and the beautiful St. Elizabeth's facility.

Initiative – Step up and volunteer, take care of the fields, keep St. Elizabeth's clean, empty trash cans – Whatever it takes!

CONCESSION STAND DUTY

The concession stand is a fundraiser that contributes a significant amount of revenue required to maintain and improve the fields and grounds at St. Elizabeth's. To ensure that the concession stand is open during games and tournaments, the concession stand managers will maintain a schedule that will require each family to work the concession stand for a minimum of one, two hour shift per child participating in our program in grades K-8 (Pre K program is exempt from this requirement).

CONCESSION STAND BUY OUT

Our goal is to get 100% of families to participate in running the concession stand. If you are unable to find a time that fits your schedule, you can buy out of concession stand duty for \$50 per registered child K- 8th grade (payable during the time of registration by clicking on "Online Store"). Once the fee is paid, it exempts the parents from working any concession stand duty for the current season (April 2018-July 2018). The buyout is a convenience provided by many St. Louis parish sports programs (often at a higher amount) and allows the sports programs to run smoothly for our kids.

GENERAL INFORMATION ABOUT BASEBALL/SOFTBALL

- MQP Boys Baseball/Girls Softball team play in the ***CYC South Central Baseball/Softball District***.
- All boys and girls from pre-Kindergarten through 8th grade in the spring are eligible for participation in the baseball/softball program.
- Pre-Kindergarten through 2nd Grade teams usually play and practice on the small field at St. Elizabeth (Fields #2 & #3) and 3rd Grade through 8th grade plays on fields #1 and #3.
- Practices are usually held at St. Elizabeth's, North Glendale Elementary, Blackburn Park, (Plus any other venue the Committee can rent).
- Indoor practice time may be offered for multiple grades during the early pre-season (watch for announcements).
- Teams may start practicing once we have field availability; but not usually before February 15th.
- Regular season games usually begin the first week of April. Schedules will not be available until mid-March. Most of our Petball teams (Pre K – 2) normally have a 7-10 game season, depending on their division. Grades 3 through 8 usually have a 10-12 game season. This is all determined by the CYC South Central District.
- The Pre K season ends in mid-June with a season-ending party for the all the children and families that participate in the program.
- At the completion of the regular season, there may be a season-ending tournament with a guarantee to play in two games (3rd and 4th grade) or playoffs (5th through 8th grade). Playoffs tentatively will be the last week in June (earlier than in the past).
- Kindergarten through 2nd Grade teams do not compete in post-season play.
- Depending on the number of children registering, we usually have 12-16 players per team.
- Grades 5-8: If we have more than one team per grade, one team will play in the competitive CYC "A" league and the other team will play in the "B" league. More information on team formation can be found on mqpsports.org.
- Required items: Glove
- Recommended items: Plastic cleats, water bottles; bats are optional and team bats are provided. Although helmets will be furnished, you may prefer to have your own helmet. Full face cages are required by the CYC.

Grades 5-8 league structure – Teams will play against teams from all Districts throughout the entire season (new this year)

If you have questions or comments, please contact the baseball/softball committee at mqpbaseballsoftball@gmail.com. Thank you for participating in the MQP baseball/softball program. It is our goal to make sure that your entire family has a rewarding experience by joining in the grand tradition of MQP/CYC summer baseball and softball.