



Park Sharon Baseball Tournament Team Policy

PURPOSE

To define the Park Sharon Athletic Association (PSAA) Policy regarding, to clarify the expectations of, and to name terms of agreement between PSAA and its sanctioned Tournament Teams (hereafter referred to as Nationals).

PSAA & NATIONALS TEAMS

Nationals tournament baseball is an added feature to PSAA Baseball and is an addition to the Babe Ruth and Nations Baseball Metro leagues (recreational leagues) that are played at Park Sharon. Nationals teams differ from recreational teams in that they play in local tournaments rather than playing in the typical recreational format. Players cannot register for both a Nationals team and a Rec team.

Sanctioned Nationals teams will adhere to:

1. PSAA Membership:
 - a. At least six (6) players must have played at least one (1) season of PSAA baseball and be in good standing with Family Membership fees and league fees
2. Age Groups:
 - a. League-age nine (9) and above (9U is the youngest Nationals team PSAA will sanction)
3. Number of Teams:
 - a. Maximum of one (1) team per Age per season (9U, 10U, 11U, 12U, 13U, 14U)
4. Team Priority:
 - a. If two (2) or more teams request to be a Nationals team at Park Sharon in the same Age league, a team previously established in that league will have priority, provided that team is in good standing with PSAA.
 - b. When an existing team is moving up to the next age group (10U to 11U or 12U to 13U) the existing team moving to the next age group will have priority over the creation of a new team.

There is room at Park Sharon for Tournament Teams, but the Rec league is the priority as PSAA has built the association as a Recreational League. The acceptance of a Nationals team will be determined by the Baseball Commissioner. The Commissioner will consider any negative impact that additional Nationals teams may have on the Rec league and make decisions accordingly.

DURATION/SEASONS

Tournament Team agreements will be in effect for one season. If a team wishes to continue playing through Park Sharon, the Tournament Team must submit a formal request in writing each subsequent season. A team should not assume automatic approval for the next season. If a team decides to play a shortened season, that will be their prerogative; however, there will be no refunds for elected shortened seasons and/or rained out practices. Tournament Teams will pay for the entire season. Seasons will run approximately:

- Spring – January through July
- Fall - August through December

FEES

Every player on a Nationals roster must be a PSAA member and pay the family membership fee. All players must register in the PSAA system and pay the program fee listed on our website. Both the family membership and sports registration fees for each player are due and payable prior to practice(s) beginning.

PRACTICE LOCATIONS & SCHEDULE

PSAA has obtained the necessary field use agreements to allow its baseball teams to use the fields at Quail Hollow Middle School and South Meck High School. Nationals practice dates will be scheduled and blended in with the Rec league; efforts in scheduling the use of these fields for practices by Nationals and Rec teams shall be equitable. If use of overflow fields is necessary, practice times will be rotated between Park Sharon recreational teams and the Nationals to be as equitable as possible; however, Park Sharon recreational teams will retain the priority if there is a conflict.

Possible practice days will run Monday through Sunday. Nationals teams should submit their tournament schedules as early as possible so the Scheduling Coordinator can factor those dates into the master



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schedule. Nationals teams may have practices scheduled on the weekends that the team is not playing in a tournament.

The Scheduling Coordinator will schedule at least two practices per week on the fields available. Cage practices will not be considered a full practice. If the Scheduling Coordinator is able to schedule more than two practices a week, it will count toward the average practices per week. If there are open practice time slots on the schedule, Nationals or Rec teams may request to use the available field. Requests will be approved on a first come, first serve basis. If a team does not get confirmation from the Commissioner and another team has been granted that slot, the approved team would have the priority. Nationals teams are welcome to use the bull pens and batting cages as long as it does not interfere with Rec team practice.

Park Sharon cannot control the weather, so no refunds will be considered for rained out practices. Park Sharon will attempt to reschedule rained-out practices if there is room on the schedule. Rained out games cause scheduling problems throughout the league. Rescheduling of games will have priority over practices (this includes both Nationals and Rec team practices). Every effort will be made to not disrupt scheduled Nationals practices; however, if a Nationals team loses a practice due to a make-up game, the Park Sharon Scheduling Coordinator would try to make up that practice.

PLAYERS (RECRUITMENT & ROSTERS)

All players rostered on a Nationals team must be Park Sharon members and register through our system. Nationals teams are prohibited from having players on their Nations Baseball roster (or any other league) that are not current PSAA members. Park Sharon will consider it a breach of contract if it becomes known that a coach failed to register the new players in the Park Sharon system and pay all fees due within a week of that player playing in a tournament. Failure to abide by this policy may lead to the revocation of practice privileges and tournaments without a refund.

Nationals teams must agree not to recruit current Park Sharon recreational league players to fill permanent positions on their team that may become open during the scheduled Park Sharon Rec season through completion of All Star tournaments. Nationals coaches may contact players after the Park Sharon Rec, Select, and All-Star season has been completed.

Park Sharon policy states that any player that wants to play up in the next age group or league will be required to get approval from the Commissioner. The Commissioner will determine the negative impact if too many Nationals teams are taking players out of a given league and make a decision accordingly.

ADDING PLAYERS

In the case that a Nationals team needs to add an additional player to the roster (in case of injury, etc.), requests must go through the Commissioner and Registration Coordinator. Any player added to the roster for any reason or any duration (even only one game) must be a current Park Sharon member and go through the registration process.

If a player is added to the roster during the season, that player will be charged a pro-rated Tournament Team program fee based on the remainder of the season. For example, if a player played in 5 of 10 tournaments, that player would pay half of the program fee. If a player is brought in for only one tournament, the player would need to pay only the Family Membership fee. If a player plays in more than one tournament, that player is required to pay the membership fee, plus the pro-rated program fee for the tournaments played in.

Upon a player attending practice and/or playing in a tournament game, fees become non-refundable regardless of the reason.

VOLUNTEER REQUIREMENTS

Tournament Teams must provide Volunteers to work Nations Tournaments at Park Sharon. Park Sharon has made business arrangements that will provide free or reduced fees on tournaments if Nationals parents agree to work some hours and host tournaments at Park Sharon. For as long as this deal is in effect, all Nationals team families will be expected to work volunteer hours at Park Sharon during tournaments as follows:



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- For every Nations Baseball 2-day tournament the Nationals team is scheduled to play, 2 volunteer hours per player at Park Sharon must be worked (one volunteer hour for a 1-day tournament). Thus, if there are 6 tournaments scheduled for your team, 12 volunteer hours must be worked for each player on the team, regardless if the entire roster plays or not in a particular game/tournament.
- If a player's parents are not able to work all of their required hours, those parents will pay a reduced buyout fee. The coach or another parent can work the hours for this parent if he wants. When volunteer hours are reported to the Commissioner, the Nationals team representative will indicate the situation in regard to the credited hours. Whether a parent works the hours or not, the Nationals coach, or the team as a whole will be responsible for those hours and any possible buy out fees.
- If a team fails to work their required hours, they will be expected to pay a pro-rated amount based on tournament fees for the number of tournaments played. If the Nationals team continues not working required hours and/or making arrangements with the Commissioner, the team may lose their rights to practice at Park Sharon and their affiliation with PSAA without a refund.
- Should the deal between Park Sharon and Crystal Carolina Sports change, Park Sharon will notify Nationals teams and volunteer requirements may be reviewed and revised at that time.
- Nationals Coach/Manager will be required to submit volunteer hours completed on a weekly basis to the Baseball Commissioner.
- It will be the responsibility of the Nationals Coach to arrange for volunteers and coordinate those volunteer shifts with the Commissioner. PSAA is not responsible for the late notice of available volunteer shifts, as we do not receive that information from Crystal Carolina until the Thursday or Friday before a tournament.

FIELD MAINTENANCE

Nationals teams must adhere to the procedures listed in the Park Sharon Daily Field Maintenance Procedures. Failing to comply with these procedures may lead to suspension of practice privileges without refund.

UNIFORMS

All Nationals teams will have "Park Sharon Nationals" displayed on their game uniforms. No other baseball academy/organization insignia will be allowed.

EQUIPMENT

All Nationals teams will supply their own equipment.

RISK MANAGEMENT & OTHER PSAA POLICIES

Nationals teams must agree to comply with the PSAA Risk Management Policy and agree to abide by the 2-adult rule at PSAA to ensure a safe environment at all PSAA facilities and to execute such documents that are needed to comply with PSAA Risk Management Policies. PSAA agrees to follow its Privacy Guideline Policy regarding all information received from Nationals members and their families. Additionally, all Nationals players and coaches must sign and abide by the Player's Code of Ethics and Coaches Code of Ethics; signed forms must be submitted to the PSAA Baseball Commissioner.



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BREACH OF CONTRACT

Any breach of the PSAA Tournament Team Policy will be reviewed by the Baseball Committee, and if necessary, the PSAA Board of Directors. Repeated violations may result in the immediate revocation of the Team's practices. The Team may also lose their affiliation with Park Sharon without any reimbursement. If a Team loses their affiliation with Park Sharon, then Crystal Carolinas Sports and/or Nations Baseball will be notified and the team will be subject to payment of regular tournament entry fees.

GRIEVANCES

Handling of all questions, concerns and problems will be handled by the PSAA Baseball Commissioner. The Commissioner will try to resolve the issue with all parties' interests in mind. If resolution cannot be agreed upon then the Team may file a written grievance with the PSAA Board.

AMENDMENTS

These policies may be amended by the Baseball Commissioner prior to the start of the Spring and Fall seasons if deemed necessary.