

Middle School Baseball FAQ

- **Who will be running this program?**
 - Middle School Baseball will be an outsourced sport run by The Alliance for the Support of American Legion Baseball in Alaska (The Alliance). This is the same organization that runs High School Baseball and American Legion Baseball in Alaska.
 - Volunteer coaches will be selected by The Alliance for each school and meet all the same requirements that ASD requires.
 - Coaching applications will be available online by January 25.
- **What is the cost?**
 - Each player will be charged the middle school activities fee of \$110 unless:
 - A student applies for and receives a fee waiver based on hardship through the school activity office.
 - All jerseys and team equipment will be provided by The Alliance
- **How will player registrations be handled?**
 - All players will register online at www.alaskalegion.com and be available by January 25
 - The online registration will take the place of the Activity Participation Form and collects all the same information and covers all the same waivers as the hardcopy.
 - Players will pay the \$110 fee on the same registration page
 - No money will be collected by the schools
 - Each school will collect the player physicals and any waivers for approval.
 - Each school will provide an excel sheet with physicals and waiver approvals to The Alliance.
 - Each school will be given an excel sheet with all player information for that school as a record of who is participating in the program.
- **Who can play and how many kids can participate?**
 - Baseball will be coed and welcome all skill levels. All players that want to participate will be put on a team.
 - Teams will be approximately 12-18 players to maximize playing time. If there are enough players for multiple teams at a school, multiple teams will be created to provide more playing time.
 - No team will have fewer than 12 players on the roster. However, some teams may have over 18 if they do not have enough for 2 teams of 12 or more.
- **When will Middle School Baseball begin?**
 - Middle School Baseball will be starting March 20, 2019. Baseball, softball and track & field will all start concurrently.
 - The Baseball season will extend beyond the school year, ending June 8. This will allow each team to play 6 games per ASD requests.

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- **When and where will teams practice?**
 - Practices will be after school from 3:00-4:30 and take place at each school indoors weather permitting.
 - Baseball & softball will both practice multiple times per week
 - Site visits were conducted in October and recommendations on practice areas were discussed with each school.
- **When and where will teams play games?**
 - All games will be played Saturdays from May 4-June 8 (No games Memorial Weekend)
 - All baseball games will be played on FieldTurf fields including Kosinski Fields 3 & 4 at the Chester Creek Sports Complex, Polar Fields at Mt. View Lions Park, Bartlett High School, Lorretta French (in Eagle River) and Oberg Field (in Chugiak)
 - Players will be responsible for travel to and from games
- **How will games work?**
 - Each game will be 7 innings or end when the designated time limit is reached.
 - Coaches will be encouraged to play every player every game.
 - There will be a free substitution rule so that players can sub in and out easier and more often, increasing playing time for all involved.