



Question & Answer

We know that you have lots of questions when it comes to signing up for ball and that finding the answers is not always easy. We have put together a list of questions in hopes it will help answer some of the more common questions we have heard.

Why did the ball fees increase so much this year?

Ball fees are the same as last year IF you attend the AGM and register before Feb.28th. We have moved to online registration for everyone's convenience. By registering before Feb.28/21 you will receive \$50 off the listed registration fee and when you attend the AGM, and hand in your deposits, you will receive another \$50 off your registration, which will bring your fees back to the original rates. If there is a situation where we are not able to play games due to Public Health Restrictions, the Board of Directors will discuss a reduced rate to compensate for a decrease in overall expenses.

Why do we register for Ball in February?

This allows us to get started on planning our upcoming season. We start hosting camps and clinics in March and April, and usually have Board positions to fill, so registering in February provides us an adequate timeline to get organized before our yearly programming starts.

Will there be a ball season this year?

We sure hope there will be!!! Currently our Board of Directors is planning for a normal ball season but will be following the Public Health Guidelines of the Provincial Government. We are not asking for any fees to be paid until we get the go ahead from the Provincial Government and our Provincial Ball Organizations. Once we get approval, we will send out an email with information on how to pay your fees. Please note that all fees must be paid prior to your child's first practice.

Will KMB be putting on their normal list of spring camps and clinics?

This is yet to be determined and will be based on Government Covid restrictions. Please watch our Facebook page for all clinic announcements, but we are currently not planning for a full schedule of spring camps.

Is a helmet required for each ball player?

Yes. We ask that each player have their own batting helmet.

Does KMB have a dress code?

Yes. The dress code changes depending on which division your child is playing in. The dress code is available on the KMS website and is also on Page 6 of this Q&A.

Is my daughter allowed to play Baseball?

Yes. Girls can play Baseball on our Baseball teams. Baseball Saskatchewan allows for boys and girls to play on the same team.

Is my son allowed to play Softball?

No. We currently do not have Softball teams for boys in Kindersley. Softball Saskatchewan requires boys and girls to play on separate teams.

What is the youngest age that my daughter can play Softball?

Blast, Prep and Rally Cap divisions are all mixed divisions with boys and girls playing on the same team. Girls then have the option to play a 2nd year of Rally Cap (which is coach pitch) or play their 1st year of U10 Softball (which is player pitch).

Why am I required to give a uniform deposit cheque?

The uniform deposit is to cover the cost of a replacement jersey if we do not get it back at the end of the year. If you return your child's uniform to the team manager at the end of the season, clean and undamaged, your cheque will not be cashed.

Why am I required to give a volunteer deposit cheque?

The Town of Kindersley does not charge Kindersley Minor Sports for the use of the ball diamonds, but in return, we help maintain, clean, and prepare the diamonds throughout the year. The teams that are using the Elizabeth School diamonds have less maintenance and preparation so that is why those divisions are only required a \$45 deposit (3 hrs of volunteer time required) whereas the remaining teams are required to submit a \$90 deposit (6 hrs of volunteer time required).

If you work off your hours, your cheque will be shredded.

Please refer to KMB Constitution Article 14 on page 4 and 5 of this Q&A for information on how to work off your volunteer hours.

Why am I required to give a \$100 Fundraising Cheque?

We hand out the fundraiser tickets at the start of the season in May, but do not cash the cheques until June 15th. This allows you time to sell the tickets. You then have the option of keeping the money collected from selling the tickets and have us cash your cheque on June 15th or return the money to the KMS office before June 15th and get your fundraising cheque back.

How many books of fundraising tickets am I required to sell?

If you are not a member of the Board of Directors for Minor Sports, Minor Ball, Minor Hockey or the Skating Club, you are required to sell 1 book of tickets per child enrolled in 1 of the 3 sports that operate under Kindersley Minor Sports. Therefore, if you sell a book of tickets for your child for Ball, and then that same child is enrolled in skating or hockey in the winter, you are not required to sell another book of tickets for that child.

Please refer to KMB Constitution Article 14 on page 4 and 5 of this Q&A for more information.

I heard that if an out-of-town player registers with Kindersley Minor Ball, then leaves Kindersley to play somewhere else, they will not be allowed to return to Kindersley Minor Ball for the remainder of their Minor Ball years. Is this true?

Yes. Although this rule may seem unfair, Article 12 – Player Release Rules in the KMB Constitution was created to prevent players from jumping back and forth between communities and to help encourage smaller towns to work together to form ball teams.

Please refer to KMB Constitution Article 12 on page 4 of this Q&A for more information.

Myself or my child would like to become an Umpire. What resources are available?

Every year we try and host both a Baseball and a Softball Umpiring clinic. You must take both clinics to be able to umpire both sports. We have 3 designated umpire change rooms which have all the protective equipment you will need for working behind the plate (if you do not have your own). At the start of each season, we will provide each umpire with a shirt to wear while on the field. Getting paid is also easy as there are forms and a drop box located in each of the umpire change rooms. Just fill out the form, get it signed, and drop it in the box.

We also have a Zero Tolerance Policy for Umpire Abuse in our organization, which has provided a noticeable decrease in abusive behaviours towards our umpires. Plus, we have an Umpire Mentorship program where our experienced umpires help our younger umpires during the season. For more information, please contact our KMB Umpire Coordinator.

What nights of the week do the different divisions play?

Typically, our yearly schedule is as follows, (but is subject to change):

<u>Division</u>	<u>Day of the week</u>	<u>Diamond</u>
Blast	Mon / Wed (1 team) Tues / Thurs (1 team)	Outlaw Equipment
Prep	Mon / Wed (2 teams) Tues / Thurs (2 teams)	Rosedale
Rally Cap	Mon / Wed (all teams)	Speedy / Kindersley Glass
U10 Softball	Tues / Thurs (all teams)	Speedy / Kindersley Glass
11U Baseball	Tues / Thurs / Fri (all teams)	Source for Sports
U12 Softball	Mon / Wed (all teams)	Source for Sports
13U Baseball	Mon / Wed / Fri (all teams)	Lynco

U14 Softball	Tues / Thurs (all teams)	Longhorn
15U Baseball	Tues / Thurs (all teams)	Flanagan
U16 Softball	Mon / Wed (all teams)	Longhorn
18U Baseball	N/A (Sr. League)	Berard
U19 Softball	Tues / Thurs (all teams)	Lynco

Not finding the answer to your questions?

Please see our website at www.kmsports.ca, then go to the Kindersley Minor Ball page and then to Board Members for a list of coordinators who will be happy to help answer your questions.

KMB Constitution

Article 12 – Player Release Rules

12.1 Any player that is coming from out of town to play for Kindersley Minor Ball, will require releases from their local Minor Ball Association, and also any other Minor Ball Associations deemed necessary by Baseball Sask or Softball Sask.

12.2 If an out-of-town player becomes part of Kindersley Minor Ball (by way of a release from their local Minor Ball Association), then leaves Kindersley to play somewhere else, they will not be allowed to return to Kindersley Minor Ball for the remainder of their Minor Ball years.

12.3 All releases must be voted on by the Kindersley Minor Ball Board of Directors and will not be signed by the President until it receives a majority vote In Favour of the release.

12.4 Exceptions to these rules must be submitted and approved by the Kindersley Minor Ball Board of Directors, before it is allowed.

Article 14 – Volunteer Hour and KMS Fundraising Requirements

14.1 Volunteer hours in Ball will be recognized as credit for the Volunteer Deposit Cheque submitted to Kindersley Minor Sports upon registration and therefore the cheque will only be cashed if the hours are not worked off, and may be worked off by any member of the registered players family or someone in lieu of a family member.

14.2 Chances to work off Volunteer hours will be offered in the following order:
KMS Board of Directors, KMB Board of Directors, KMB Coach, Assistant Coach, Manager, Diamond Parent, Bathroom Parent, Maintenance Work Bee Worker, Booth Shift Worker (NOT including your child’s regular season home tournament), Provincial Tournament Worker.

14.3 Special consideration for volunteer hour credit can be requested through a KMB Board Member and brought forth to the Kindersley Minor Ball Board for discussion and a vote on whether the volunteer time will be recognized.

14.4 The following is a description of how volunteer hours and fundraising requirements are credited, based on the volunteer position fulfilled:

1. Kindersley Minor Sports Board of Director Members

- a) Exempt from: Ball volunteer hours for all your children enrolled in Ball
- b) Required to sell: 1 books of KMS fundraising tickets for the entire year.

2. Kindersley Minor Ball Board of Director Members

- a) Exempt from: Ball volunteer hours for all your children enrolled in Ball
- b) Required to sell: 1 book of KMS fundraising tickets per year for all your children registered with KMS. (Example: If you have 5 children registered in Ball, you are only required to sell 1 book of tickets per year. If your children then register in hockey or skating for the upcoming winter, you are exempt from selling fundraising tickets because you are only required to sell 1 book of tickets per year.

3. Kindersley Minor Ball Coaches, Assistant Coaches, Managers, Diamond Parents and Bathroom Parents

- a) Exempt from: Ball volunteer hours for 1 child for the team you are volunteering with.
- b) Required to sell: 1 book of KMS fundraising tickets per child registered with KMS. (Example: If you have 5 children registered in Ball, you are required to sell 5 books of tickets per year. However, if those same 5 children then register in hockey or skating for the upcoming winter, you are exempt from selling fundraising tickets because you have already sold your 5 books of tickets for the year.

4. Kindersley Minor Ball Work Bee, Booth Shift, Provincial Tournament Helpers

- a) Hours worked will be credited as 1 man hour worked is equal to 1 hour credited. (Example: If you are required to work off 6 hours of volunteer time, and the mother and father show up to a maintenance work bee, 6 hours of volunteer time would be worked off in 3 hours)
- b) Required to sell: 1 book of KMS fundraising tickets per child registered with KMS. (Example: If you have 5 children registered in Ball, you are required to sell 5 books of tickets per year. However, if those same 5 children then register in hockey or skating for the upcoming winter, you are exempt from selling fundraising tickets because you have already sold your 5 books of tickets for the year.

For the complete constitution, please refer to the KMS website



Kindersley Minor Ball On-Field Dress Code



Softball

U10, U12, U14, U16, U19

- Navy Blue Ball Pants (Long or Short Legged)
- Green Socks (for players wearing short legged pants)
- Green Belt
- Navy blue hat with green KR logo

Baseball

Blast, Prep, Rally Cap

- Comfortable pants (Ball pants are not mandatory in these divisions, but if wearing ball pants, we recommend grey if moving into Mosquito and blue if moving into Mite)
- Green Socks are not mandatory but may be worn with short legged ball pants if you want.
- Green Belt is not needed but may be worn with ball pants if you want.
- Navy Blue hat with green KR logo is not mandatory but may be worn if you want.

11U, 13U

- Grey Ball Pants (Long or Short)
- Green Socks (for players wearing short legged pants)
- Green Belt
- Navy blue hat with green KR logo

15U, 18U

- White Ball Pants (Long or Short)
- Green Socks (for players wearing short legged pants)
- Green Belt
- Navy blue hat with green KR logo

Kindersley Minor Ball provides game jerseys for all divisions.