

2012 Brookings Friends of Baseball Registration Forms Packet



Enclosed in this packet you find a number of documents that are required of all players and parent(s)/guardian(s) to be filled out completely and returned to the Registration Director. Failure to have any one of these documents and/or deposit checks/fees completely filled out and submitted prior to organized practice beginning will result in your child not being allowed to practice with their respective team.

A copy of each form, unless otherwise noted below, must be completed for EACH child.

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** One form per family

2012 Registration Information

Welcome to the 2012 baseball season! This letter will explain the whole registration process, and if you have any questions you will be instructed on how to ask those questions near the end of this letter.

1. REGISTRATION AND FEES

Registration fees for 2012 are \$250.00 for high school baseball (spring baseball), \$225.00 for VFW (ages 13-16, designated as Bombers and Bullets levels), \$275 for Legion, and \$75.00 for Little League.

**** All registration is done online at the Brookings FOB website - www.brookingsbaseball.com. ****

Please note that there are a few guidelines which have to be followed when filling out these forms, all of which are listed on the specific forms. All forms (and any deposit checks) ARE REQUIRED BEFORE YOUR CHILD CAN PARTICIPATE IN ANY ORGANIZED PRACTICES!

For your convenience this packet is also posted on the website for easy download and printing. We require all forms to be filled out offline since some are required by other sources and cannot use an online version of these forms.

If you have multiple children participating there are some forms in which filling out one will cover all your participating children.

Registration for all levels of FOB-sponsored baseball (Little League, High School, VFW, Legion) is due by January 15, 2012. A \$50.00 late fee (\$25.00 for Little League) will apply for all registrations occurring on or after January 16. There are no cutoff dates for when registrations will be accepted, however please note that registrations which have a late fee applied are not guaranteed a place on a team. Acceptance is reliant on approval and space availability. Any team roster positions will be filled on a first come – first served basis after Jan. 15.

2. POINTS & POINTS DEPOSIT CHECK

a. Points Deposit Check - Instituted in 2010, the FOB Points System was put in place to encourage parents and players to take a more active role in the organization. We are able to keep our fees as low as possible because we request people to help out in the organization.

Each family will be required to earn a set number of points based on the number of children participating in our organization and the level at which they participate. Point requirements PER CHILD are: High School (30 points), Little League (50 points), VFW/Legion (70 points.) The maximum number of points any family must earn is 140.

Prior to practice beginning each family must submit a points DEPOSIT check in the amount of their required points, multiplied by \$3.00 per point. THIS CHECK WILL NOT BE CASHED PROVIDED YOU MEET YOUR FAMILY'S POINT OBLIGATION. Ways to earn points are listed on the website, ranging from attending a board meeting to taking on a board position.

**** Change from last year ****, the period to earn points during 2012 is from January 1 through September 1. If you only earn part of your required points your deposit check will be cashed and you will receive a refund for the value of the points earned. Any check not cashed will be shredded after the points-earning period unless you personally request it to be returned.

****New in 2012, if you do not wish to work you will have the option to have FOB immediately deposit your points check.**

Point totals will be posted on the 1st and 15th of the month on the FOB website.

3. CONCESSIONS/GATE DEPOSIT CHECK

b. Concession/Gate Deposit Check - Concession and gate receipts are one of the primary fundraisers for FOB. Losing out on receipts for games can cost our organization hundreds of dollars on a day in which we play a local team who brings in many fans, most of which who will also visit the concessions at some point during the day. When people don't show up for their selected or assigned shifts we either have to scramble to find someone to work at the last minute or we don't open the concessions.

Each family will be required to write a \$100.00 concession/gate deposit check. This check will not be cashed provided you show up for your selected or assigned concession/gate shifts. Should you miss one shift the check will be cashed. In addition to the check being cashed, your name will be completely removed from the concession/gate schedule and you will be required to earn your points in other ways.

4. SEASON PASSES (ADULT & STUDENT)

Adult season passes can be purchased at the gate or purchased online while registering. Passes are \$25.00 per adult. Children ages 13-18 can purchase a pass for \$10.00. **Any player who participates on a spring baseball (high school), Bombers, Bullets, or Bandits team is REQUIRED to purchase a pass.** Children under the age of 12 are admitted to games free. Passes are good for all games at Bob Shelden and Mickelson Fields, including all Brookings tournaments. They are not valid for state-sponsored tournaments.

Parents with children only participating in Little League are not required to purchase a pass since FOB does not charge a gate fee for non-tournament games.

Passes which have been purchased online will be available for pickup at the gate or during any meetings prior to the baseball season. Passes can also be purchased at any home game.

PLEASE BRING YOUR PASS TO ALL GAMES AS WE WILL NOT BE KEEPING A LIST OF PEOPLE THAT PURCHASE PASSES AT THE GATES. IF YOU DON'T HAVE YOUR PASS YOU WILL EITHER PAY THE ADMISSION FEE OR HAVE TO GO GET IT.

5. REQUIRED FORMS

There are multiple forms (which are included in this packet) which must be filled out in their entirety **BEFORE** your child can participate in any organized practice or game. **There are no exceptions to this policy!**

Most of the forms are self-explanatory. All of these forms are located in this Registration Forms Packet, with more specific information for each being found on the individual forms themselves.

a. Acknowledgment of Risk Form - Required for all players to participate. **Must be turned in before practice begins.**

- b. Code of Conduct - Required for all players AND parents.
- c. Consent for Medical Treatment - Required for all players.

- d. VFW Medical Information & Permission - Required for all VFW players (Bombers and Bullets levels).

- e. Points Participation Agreement - In addition to the deposit check that must be turned in, a separate form agreeing to participate in the points system must also be signed. Details of the points system were listed earlier in this packet. Required for all FAMILIES.

- f. Birth Certificate - If your child did not participate in an FOB-sponsored baseball program in 2011 (all high school, VFW, Legion, or Little League), either because they're new to our association or did not to play in 2011, we will need a copy of your child's birth certificate.

- g. Scholarship Information
If you cannot afford registration fees you can request a scholarship form in order to be considered to have a percentage of your registration fees be covered. Scholarship amounts can vary from partial to full, depending on the level of need.

h. Raffle Tickets

We'll again be having our FOB raffle which actually takes place during the summer. All VFW and Legion players are REQUIRED to purchase six (6) raffle tickets at a cost of \$5.00 per ticket, totaling \$30.00. This \$30.00 is automatically added on to the registration cost for all VFW and Legion players. If you wish to recover the cost of the raffle tickets you can sell them and keep the \$30.00 for yourself. Anyone on scholarship must submit all funds received from raffle ticket sales equal to the percentage of scholarship being received. High school and Little League players are not required to sell raffle tickets. Points are available for any players who wish to sell additional raffle tickets. Each six-ticket pack that is sold is worth five (5) points.

6. Winter Workouts

We will again have winter workouts at the Larson Ice Center horse barn. Any student who attends at Mickelson Middle School or Brookings High School is welcome to attend. Separate sessions for middle school students and high school students will be held. The entire workout schedule will be posted on the website via the Calendar. This is the ONLY place this information can be found. Any questions regarding winter workouts can be directed to Ryan Bauer, head Bobcat Varsity coach, via phone at 695-0654.

7. Additional Questions

Should you have any questions about any aspects of the registration process you can contact Jim Lerdal (Board President), Justin Sell (Board Vice-President), or Matt Krogman (Board Past-President) via their contact info listed under the Board Members section of the website.

Fees & Deposits

Below you will find all the associated costs for participation in the Friends of Baseball program. We are a non-profit organization whose goal is not to make money but to provide the highest level experience we can provide for all participants in our organization. We strive to keep fees as low as possible. With the help of fundraising and volunteerism, we can accomplish this task.

In order to maintain the highest level of record-keeping we ask that each amount that listed below be written on separate checks.

**** New this year ****,When registering you have two payment options - either via check or via credit card. In addition to these options, for 2012 we have instituted a payment plan, with three payments due on the 20th of February, March, and April. If you choose the payment plan, we will not invoice you. We ask that you send the check to the P.O. Box and put REGISTRATION on the memo line. Any registration not paid by May 1 will be invoiced for the remaining balance.

If you are paying by check, please note in the MEMO field of the check specifically what that check is for. Some of the following amounts are deposit checks and **will not be cashed unless the specific guidelines are not met.**

*** Registration fees are the only thing that can be paid online at this time.**

**** PLEASE WRITE ALL CHECKS TO "BROOKINGS FRIENDS OF BASEBALL"**

1. Registration Fees - PER CHILD

- High School (all levels): \$250.00; VFW 13-16 (Bombers & Bullets): \$255.00 (includes \$30.00 for six raffle tickets); Legion (Bandits): \$305.00 (includes \$30.00 for six raffle tickets); Little League: \$75.00
- If you have multiple children you may combine registration fee totals and submit one check for registration.
- Selling the raffle tickets will allow you to recover the included cost of the raffle tickets. Should you sell the raffle tickets you keep the money obtained from doing so (except in the case of those on scholarship who must return a percentage of raffle ticket sales equal to the amount of scholarship received.) Subsequent raffle tickets which are sold (earns points) must have all proceeds turned in.
- Please write REGISTRATION in the memo field of this check.

2. Points Deposit Check

Each family is required to earn a certain number of points between January 1, 2012 and September 11, 2012, based on the number of children in their family, and the age level of those children. Each point is valued at \$3.00. At the end of the points-earning period any family with outstanding points will have their points check deposited, with a refund check in the amount of points earned mailed back to the name on the points check.

- PER CHILD: High School (30 points), Little League (50 points), VFW/Legion (70 points)
- Maximum points total per family is 140 points.
- Calculate your point requirement and multiply by \$3.00. Include a post-dated (9/1/2012) check in that amount.
- Please write POINTS DEPOSIT in the memo field of this check.

3. Concession/Gate Deposit Check

Concession and gate receipts are vitally important fundraisers for FOB. It is essential workers arrive on time as scheduled and fulfill the requirements of that position.

- \$100.00 deposit check
- Should you miss your selected or assigned time, the check will be deposited. In addition, your name will be removed from ALL concession/gate schedules for the remainder of the season. You'll have to earn your points elsewhere.
- Please write GATE/CONCESSION DEPOSIT in the memo field of this check.

4. Season Pass Check

Season passes for adults are \$25.00 per adult. Couples are encouraged to purchase two passes. Season passes for children ages 13-18 are \$10.00. All players ages 13-18 ARE REQUIRED TO PURCHASE A SEASON PASS! Children 12 and under are admitted free.

- Parents with only YOUTH BASEBALL players - you are NOT required to purchase a season pass. You may do so if you wish.
- Passes are REQUIRED to be presented at games at Bob Shelden Field and Mickelson Middle School Field during the spring and summer, including all tournaments (excluding state-sponsored tournaments in which tournament passes may be purchased by all fans)
- There will not be a list of passes sold at each gate, so please bring your pass to each game. We also ask that you do not share your pass with anyone else. .
- Please write SEASON PASS in the memo field of this check.

5. Birth Certificate

• If your child did not participate in an FOB-sponsored program (high school Bobcat teams, Little League, Bombers, Bullets, or Bandits), either because they're new to our association or chose not to play in 2011, we will need a copy of your child's birth certificate.

Acknowledgement of Risk

**** A separate copy of this form is required for each of your children. ****

Athletic participation assumes the risk of personal injury. Such injuries are not limited to, but may range in severity from temporary injuries (sprains, dislocations, fractures, etc.) due to major catastrophic injuries (brain damage, paralysis, etc.) that can result in permanent disability or even death.

While certain activities (i.e. contact sports, gymnastics, pole vault, cheerleading, etc.) involve greater risk, protective equipment, rule changes, advances in sports medicine, and improved coaching techniques cannot eliminate the possibility of injury in any sport.

I, the parent/guardian of _____ acknowledge that I understand and accept the risk of physical injury that accompanies athletic participation. I give my permission for him/her to participate in all respects in the Brookings Friends of Baseball Program.

Signed this _____ day of the month of _____, 2012.

Parent/Guardian Signature: _____

Brookings Friends of Baseball Code of Conduct

**** A separate copy of this form is required for each of your children. ****

Friends of Baseball encourages players, coaches, and parents to participate in FOB sponsored programs. FOB also recognizes the need to establish a Code of Conduct for these parties that reinforces behavior that reflects positively on the individual, coach, program and community. It consists of two parts, Expectations of Coaches, Players and Parents and Violations and Consequences.

THE POLICIES SET FORTH IN THIS CODE OF CONDUCT ARE IN EFFECT FROM THE FIRST DAY OF HIGH SCHOOL PRACTICE THROUGH THE FINAL DAY OF THE LAST STATE TOURNAMENT.

Coaches

1. Be a positive role model for your players, display emotional maturity and be alert to the physical safety of the players.
2. Be generous with your praise when it is deserved, be consistent and honest, and do not criticize players publicly.
3. Never physically or verbally abuse a player or an umpire.

Players

1. Be a team player – get along with your teammates.
2. Be on time for practices and games. Contact your coach in advance if you cannot attend.
3. Listen to your coach. Respect your coach, teammates, umpires, parents and opponents.
4. Never argue with an umpire's decision.

Parents/Guardians

1. Show a positive attitude towards the games, coaches, and all participants.
2. Do not embarrass yourself by yelling at players, managers, coaches or umpires.
3. Contact the coach of your team if your player is unable to attend a practice or game.
4. If you have an issue with the program or coach, contact the Team Coordinator, Coaching Committee or FOB Board of Directors.

Code Violations and Consequences

- I. The FOB Board of Directors, or its designee, shall be responsible for the fair and equitable administration of the code of Conduct.
- II. This Code of Conduct is in force beginning with the first scheduled practice through the last game of the season.
- III. The possession, use, or distribution of tobacco, alcohol, anabolic steroids, or the possession, use or distribution of marijuana or controlled substances, as defined Chapters 22 -42, SDCL 13-32-9, is a violation of the Code of Conduct.
- IV. Any violation of any city, state or federal law (excluding Class II Misdemeanors and all non-felony motor vehicle offenses) are a violation of the Code of Conduct.

Evidence of Violations

1. Information received from law enforcement or court services personnel providing reasonable cause to believe an infraction has occurred.
2. A coach or player is found guilty, pled guilty, or enters a no contest plea in a juvenile court or an adult criminal court.
3. A self-reported violation by a parent, coach or player.

Consequences

1. Any violation of section III above results in the coach or player being ineligible to participate for three events, including practices.
2. Any first violation of Section IV above results in a two event suspension, including practices. Any subsequent violation of Section IV will result in ineligibility for the remainder of the season.
3. Any violation by a coach that results in ineligibility for the rest of the season will also result in the forfeiture of any salary owed.
4. An event is defined as any date in which the suspended party's team is participating in organized and officiated game situations. One full tournament day will constitute one event.

Coach's Signature: _____

Date: _____

Player's Signature: _____

Date: _____

Player's Parent/Guardian Signature(s): _____

Date: _____

Player's Parent/Guardian Signature(s): _____

Date: _____

Consent For Medical Treatment

**** Multiple children can be combined on this form. ****

In the event of an injury, accident, or general medical condition which requires first aid/medical attention while my son is under the supervision of the Brookings Friends of Baseball, I hereby grant permission to the employees, physician, or other medical personnel to perform any necessary medical treatment (including but not limited to x-ray, anesthetic, surgery, dental, hospitalization). Furthermore, I understand that I will be held responsible for all of the medical expenses.

My child(s) is covered by: _____

Policy Number or Group Number: _____

Child(s) Name: _____

Signature of Parent/Guardian: _____

Date: _____

In Case of Emergency Please Contact: _____

Phone: _____

VFW Medical Information & Permission

*** This form applies only to children participating at the Bombers or Bullets level.
A separate copy of this form is required for each of your children.**

DEPARTMENT OF SOUTH DAKOTA
VETERAN OF FOREIGN WARS
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SIOUX FALLS, SD 57105

PLAYER MEDICAL INFORMATION AND PERMISSION FORM

Player Name: _____

Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ ZIP: _____

Home Phone: _____ Cell Phone: _____

Parent/Guardian Name(s): _____

Family Physician: _____

I/WE HEREBY GIVE PERMISSION FOR MEDICAL PERSONNEL TO ADMINISTER NECESSARY MEDICAL TREATMENT TO THE PLAYER NAMED ABOVE IN THE EVENT THAT I/WE ARE NOT ABLE TO BE CONTACTED IMMEDIATELY.

Parent/Guardian Signature: _____ Date: _____

Parent/Guardian Signature: _____ Date: _____

Brookings Friends of Baseball Points System

Instituted in 2010, the Points System was put in place to improve and acknowledge awareness of the need for volunteers throughout the year in the entire Brookings Friends of Baseball organization. Without volunteerism the program cannot function. The purpose of the system is to get all parents/guardians involved in the program to make it run as efficiently as possible.

A family is required to earn points based on the number of children involved in our program, which encompasses youth ages 9-18. The maximum number of points a family must earn over the course of the points-earning period is 140. A point value has been assigned to each position throughout the organization that requires volunteers. Documents will be placed throughout the venues used by Friends of Baseball where volunteers will be used. Workers must note on these sheets the date, time arrived on duty, time off duty, and then sign the corresponding line. The Points Director will collect and record all points sheets throughout the season and submit them for display on the Brookings Friends of Baseball website - www.brookingsbaseball.com. Point totals will be posted on the 1st and 15th of the month.

**** New this year ****, the points-earning period for 2012 is January 1 through September 1.

Parents/Guardians must submit a points deposit check in the amount of their allotted points total, multiplied by the points fee of \$3.00 per point. **THIS IS A DEPOSIT CHECK AND WILL NOT BE CASHED IF ALL POINTS OBLIGATIONS ARE SATISFIED!** On September 3, 2012, all families whose point obligation has not been met will have their full points deposit check cashed. On September 17, 2012, statements will be mailed out along with refund checks in the amount of points that were successfully earned, made out to the person who originally wrote and signed the points check and points agreement. These statements and checks will be mailed out to the address on file.

For 2012, the option to immediately deposit a points check is available for anyone wishing not to work. Their check will be deposited upon receipt of the Points Participation Agreement Document saying to do so. Also, any family who have made no effort to earn any points will have their checks immediately deposited when invoices are created.

Below are the points required to be earned:

Level	Little League (ages 9-12)	VFW Bombers (ages 13-14)	VFW Bullets (ages 15-16)	Legion Bandits	High School (all levels)
Per Child Requirements					
Points Required	50 Points	70 Points	70 Points	70 Points	30 Points
Points Fee	(\$150.00)	(\$210.00)	(\$210.00)	(\$210.00)	(\$90.00)
Maximum Points Per Family: 140 Points					
Maximum Points Fee: \$420.00					

*** Please refer to the FOB website (www.brookingsbaseball.com) for a full list of points-earning opportunities.**

Brookings Friends of Baseball Points Participation Agreement

I have received a copy of the Brookings Friends of Baseball Points System Participation Agreement, and acknowledge and agree to abide by the system and its guidelines. I agree to earn the points as required below with a maximum of 140 points per family.

Level	Number of Players	Points Required
Little League (U10, U12)	_____ x 50 points	= _____
VFW 13-14 (Bombers)	_____ x 70 points	= _____
VFW 15-16 (Bullets)	_____ x 70 points	= _____
Legion (Bandits)	_____ x 70 points	= _____
High School (all levels)	_____ x 30 points	= _____

Total (if more than 140 points, please write 140):

Multiply Total by \$3.00 per point and write total in box:

Please check which applies:

I understand that if our family does not meet our required points, I will forfeit \$3.00 per point that is not met. Attached/enclosed is my points deposit check dated September 1, 2012.

I do not wish to earn our family's required points and have attached/enclosed a check in the amount of the above points total, dated today's date. This check will be deposited immediately upon receipt.

Deposit Check Number:

Parent/Guardian Signature: _____

Player Names: _____

Date: _____

Scholarship Application

Brookings Friends of Baseball provides registration fee scholarships to children, who without this financial assistance would not be able to participate in summer baseball programs provided by FOB. The FOB scholarship program focuses on providing opportunities for area youth to participate in recreational team sports because of the physical, mental, and character-training benefits these programs can provide. Currently, FOB scholarships are offered for participation in the following:

- Spring High School Baseball
- Summer Youth Baseball
- Summer VFW Baseball
- Summer Legion Baseball

Requirements for eligibility:

- Athlete must be in grades of 3-12, but also including children who are eligible to participate after completing one year of post-secondary education.
- Commitment to attend a minimum of 90% of scheduled practices and games.
- Participation by at least one (1) family member to earn the family's required points, as set forth at the beginning of the season.
- Application must be completed by a parent, guardian, or head of household, with all requested information provided. Incomplete applications will not be considered.

Priority will be given to eligible youth meeting one or more of the criteria below:

- Member of a multi-child family.
- Living in a single-parent home.
- Receiving assistance from programs such as: Food Stamps, Medicaid, SSI, Foster Care, WIC, etc. (Must provide written documentation of participation in these programs to receive priority status)
- Written recommendation by school counselors, social workers, youth community center workers, or other social services representatives.

**** Approval of a registration scholarship does not register the participant in the activity. Athlete must still register with the organization. Scholarship recipients are still subject to late fees and must register on or by the date set forth.**

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We are pleased you have chosen to register your child for activities associated with Brookings Friends of Baseball and we look forward to a great 2012 season.

FOB activities are intended for all of-age children in the Brookings area. We strive to keep costs down and to engage the greater community in coming alongside us to meet Scholarship needs. We are thankful you may benefit from these efforts.

Please review the application process for 2012 as listed below. If you are interested in applying for a scholarship, please contact the President, Vice-President, or Past-President at the options listed at left. They will provide you more information.

Once you've received the information on how to apply for a scholarship you must complete the following:

- Provide all requested information requested by the scholarship administrators.
- Register online as you normally would and select pay by check.

Please note the following:

- Register timely for your activities:
- Your portion of fees - if any - must be paid in full prior to practice beginning.
- Registrations are subject to all deadlines, late fees, and service fees.
- Late fees and service fees are not covered by Scholarship funds.

FOB Scholarships are a limited resource and are awarded on a "first-come, first-serve" basis.

Thank you!

Brookings Friends of Baseball Board of Directors