

# TAYBS

TOWNSEND ASHBY YOUTH BASEBALL & SOFTBALL

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**2026 Season Kickoff  
Adult Softball**



# Goal of the League

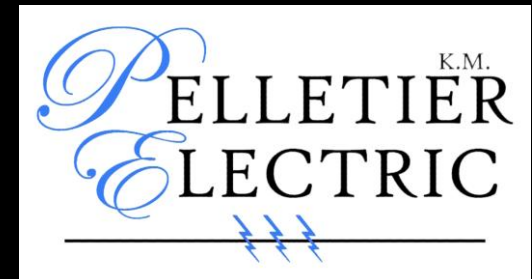
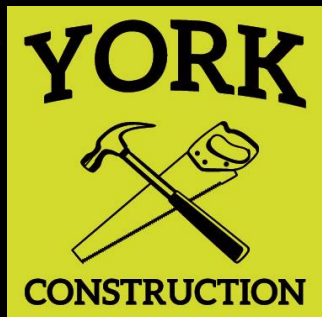


- This league is designed for people of all ages, genders and skillsets to go out and have fun time together.
- This league is not designed for high end competition.
- We have rules in place to try to minimize strong players impact on the overall outcome of the game. (home run limits, dead balls, low impact bats) – *our games are more strategic than muscle.*
- We want everyone to be able to come out and hit the ball and have fun playing.
- Win/loss records during the season do not impact the end of season tournament. This is to ensure games are not battles to the death as well as allows us to use substitutes from other teams.
- Raise some money for our youth programs. Registration fees, and purchases at the snack shack all go back into our kids' programs to keep our youth programs affordable and to improve our facilities.

# Construction Status



- This year we are putting in a brand-new Snack Shack!
- The construction is currently in progress, and our hope is that the Snack Shack is usable for this Saturday.
- If it is not, we will have concessions running inside of Tents, and you can expect that we will still have everything available.
- There is a potential that the Scoreboard will not be powered up by Saturday – we hope this is not the case but just be aware in case.
- We do expect some areas to be blocked off with caution tape. Please do not cross these lines as they are blocking some dangerous areas.



# Team Names & Player Captains



- Each team has been designated a color by the league.
- The team should decide together what name they want to be known as.
- Team names must be appropriate. *They can be suggestively inappropriate.*
- Remember that kids will be present and will cheer the team's name.
- Each team needs to select a “Player Captain”. This is the person who coordinates the roster/lineup and looks for substitute players.
- The team's player captain will have special permissions on the TAYBS site to be able to schedule practices/book fields.
- Please send me your Team Name and Player Captain as soon as you can.

## *Some Past Names...*

|                      |                    |                   |                  |
|----------------------|--------------------|-------------------|------------------|
| Sons of Pitches      | Bats Hit Crazy     | Blue Ballz        | Scared Hitless   |
| Too Old for this Hit | Hit Talkers        | I'd Hit That      | Moe's Pitches    |
| We've Got the Runs   | Balls to the Walls | Talk Smurfy To Me | No Love No Glove |

# Attendance



- If you are unable to attend, you must tell your Player Captain as soon as possible so that they can find a substitute player for you.
- You must state in the Crossbar App if you are attending or not. If you do not respond, the captain will have to assume you are not attending and will find a substitute. **You will not be eligible to play if a substitute was found for you because you did not respond, and then you just showed up.**
- You must have played in 4 weeks of games in order to be eligible to participate in the end of season tournament. Substituting for another team does not count towards this requirement.
- If you do not show up 4 weeks in a row for your own team, you will be considered withdrawn from the league.

# Substitute Players



- If a team needs a substitute player, the order of selection is –
  - A player on the official substitute player list
  - A player on another team who is not on the substitute player list.
  - A non-rostered adult who is at least 23 years old.
  - The league director can make rare exceptions if needed.
- A player's primary responsibility is to their own team. You should not be substituting for another team and then skipping your own game. Exceptions can be allowed, but they must be approved by the league director in advance.
- A non-rostered person who is substituting must sign a waiver at the field and must confirm that they read and understand our rules.
- If using substitutes, a team cannot have more than 10 players.
- If a rostered player arrives late, they should take the spot of the substitute at the end of the half inning – *not during*.

# Equipment



- The league provides all the bats & balls for use in our games.
- **Do not bring your own balls to the field**, these get mixed in with our balls and end up being moonshot to 119 when they are hit.
- The balls we use are specifically designed as “dead balls”. This keeps more balls inside the field.
- We use Bamboo/Maple mixed wood bats. They are the Brett Bros ASA Slow Pitch SST500 bats.
  - Or as CJ likes to refer to them as “The bats from shitty bats . com” 😊
- We did buy new bats this season but have the old ones in the shed for when these ones break. If you believe a bat broke, tell me and I will replace it.

# NO DOGS OR SMOKING



- **There is no smoking or vaping ANYWHERE on the grounds of our facilities. This includes the parking lot and the woods.**
- There are NO DOGS allowed at any of our facilities.
- There are NO EMOTIONAL SUPPORT ANIMALS allowed any of our facilities.
- Stated licensed and trained/certified guide dogs that are performing an act on behalf of a disabled person are the only exception. You must have your state license and training certificate on hand, and the animal must be wearing a certification vest. No license or No training certificate – NO ADMITTANCE – we will check, and you will be told to leave.
- Violation of these rules will be a stoppage to any games, and games will not be allowed to resume until the action has been corrected.
- **Make sure you tell any visitors you have coming to watch of the rules.**
- *We do have a single exception that is allowed, and that is Townsend Canine Police Officer Ruby. One of Ruby's core missions is community engagement, and we welcome her to visit our fields and visit with our families anytime.*



# Practices



- Teams are allowed and encouraged to schedule practices.
- The teams “player captain” has the permissions on the TAYBS site to book a field and email team.
- You can use any of our fields for practices, Craven or Spaulding Fields.
- Fields must be booked to have a practice, please do not just show up at a field.
- When you are done with your practice – you **MUST** cleanup the field. This means raking and dragging the field.
- Leave the field in better condition than when you arrived.
- Do not use Game Saver/Quick Dry for practices. Either use a dry area of the field or reschedule to another time.

# Batting Cage



- At Craven Field we have a batting cage available for all players to use.
- You do not have to book the batting cage; it can be used most anytime.
- Do not use the batting cage when there is a game/practice going on.
- There is no pitching machine in the batting cage, however there is power, so you can bring your own if you like.
- ***Make sure you close and lock the batting cage gate when you are finished. If not, it becomes a litter box for wildlife ☹️***

# Snack Shack



- You are required to work in the snack shack for 2 games during the season.
- There was a buyout option that if you selected, you do not need to pick any slots. There are no buyout options remaining.
- If you do not show up for your shift you will be charged \$75
- If you show up 15 minutes late for your shift you will be charged \$25
- If you cannot make a shift, **it is your responsibility** to find a replacement. **Do not call the league** saying you cannot work your shift.
- Official policy that you agreed to when signing up - <https://www.taybs.org/parent-resources/volunteer-hours-policy/35082>

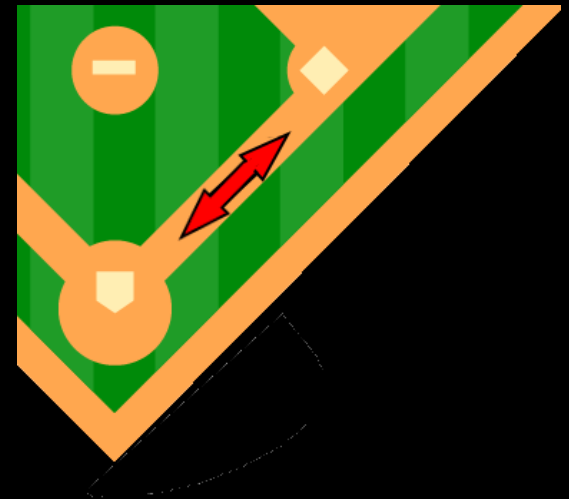
# Game Cancellations



- Games WILL be played in the rain.
- Games WILL be played on brutally HOT and freezing COLD days – dress appropriately.
- Unless there is a major event (hurricane, nor'easter, etc.), games will NOT be cancelled more than 2 hours before the scheduled start of a game.
- The league will make all determinations if a game is to be cancelled and will update the website and send email.

# Post Game Cleanup

- At the end of EVERY practice and game. The field MUST be cleaned.
- When you drag/rake, make sure you go to the grass line.
- When raking the base paths, go up and down the path, not side to side. (this avoids the large lips of the sides of the base paths).
- **NEVER push dirt onto the grass.**
- Make sure the dugouts are clean after your game.
- Empty the trash barrels from the dugouts into the dumpster.
- Empty the trash barrels from the snack shack into the dumpster.
- Cleanup the trash around the bleachers. These are your spectators, please cleanup after them.
- **If there is a game immediately after yours, please do not erase the chalk line with the rakes.** Please do your best to clean around the chalk without pushing the dirt into the grass.



# Umpires



- Regular Season – *There are no official umpires*
  - 1<sup>st</sup> Base Coach – Makes calls at Home and First Base
  - 3<sup>rd</sup> Base Coach – Makes calls at Second and Third Bases
  - Catcher – Makes all fair/foul calls. Must be loud and quick. ONLY the catcher makes the fair/foul determination.
- If the offensive team does not put out a base coach, then the baseman covering the bag will make the call. You will likely be unhappy with their call, so make sure you get your base coaches out there 😊
- End of Season Tournament
  - We will have an officially patched umpire for the entire tournament. Right or wrong, their word is final – no protests are allowed – no exceptions will be made.

# Field Music



- During the entire day, we have music constantly playing, even during the games and yes during at bats too.
- We will not turn down the music if asked.
- We will not skip a song if asked.
- We will not take requests to play a specific song. We have an almost 15-hour playlist, and it will run in shuffle mode all day.
- Yes, some songs are adult in nature. This is an adult league.
- Please make sure you tell your spectators about this before they arrive as it may be loud for them and we will not adjust it because someone comes up to the snack shack and asks.

# Catchers Responsibilities



- As the catchers – **it is the catcher and only the catcher** – responsibility to call balls that are fair and foul.
- The catcher will make any calls for the Infield Fly – and the call must be made while the ball is still in the air. It cannot be called after it hits the ground or after the play has ended.
- It is very important that teams only put in a catcher who is willing to make these calls – and make them loud and immediately. Do not put in a catcher who does not understand how to call a fair or foul ball.
- As mentioned above, it is ONLY the catcher's responsibility to make the call, and their initial call is FINAL – right or wrong. Players attempting to influence the call can be ejected/suspended from current and future games.

# Base Coach's Responsibilities



- As a base coach, you are responsible for helping your teammates understand what is going on in the field, and to give them guidance on number of outs, and when to run or not.
- It is also the responsibility of the base coach to make out/safe calls at their respective bags.
  - First Base Coach will make all calls at Home Plate and First Base.
  - Third Base Coach will make all calls at Second & Third Bases.
- It is very important that teams only put in a base coach who is willing to make these calls – and make them loud and immediately. Do not put in someone who does not understand or is unwilling to make these calls.
- Base Coaches should try to remain non-bias. Players who repeatedly make clearly bias calls can be ejected/suspended from current and future games.
- As mentioned above, it is ONLY the base coach's responsibility to make those calls, and their initial call is FINAL – right or wrong. Players attempting to influence the calls can be ejected/suspended from current and future games.

# Captains Responsibilities



- It is your responsibility to make sure you have enough players to play each week. If players cannot make a game, you should start calling the people on the substitute player list as soon as you know.
- It is up to you to make the lineup each week.
- **At the end of every game, you MUST text me a picture of your lineup sheet with the score on it.** This is for both the team that won and the team that lost. This is how we track player attendance and tournament eligibility.
- We look to you to make sure your team understands and follows the rules.
- We look to you to make sure your team understand that this is a fun league and that the games each week do not matter.
- On Sunday night, September 27<sup>th</sup> at 8pm, there will be a short zoom meeting to determine the tournament seeding. If you are not able to attend yourself, you MUST make sure you send a delegate. This meeting will likely last only about 15 minutes.

[Download Sheet](#)

| LEFT FIELD |  | LEFT-CENTER |  | RIGHT-CENTER |  | RIGHT FIELD |  | BATTING LINEUP |  |
|------------|--|-------------|--|--------------|--|-------------|--|----------------|--|
| 1          |  | 1           |  | 1            |  | 1           |  | 1              |  |
| 2          |  | 2           |  | 2            |  | 2           |  | 2              |  |
| 3          |  | 3           |  | 3            |  | 3           |  | 3              |  |
| 4          |  | 4           |  | 4            |  | 4           |  | 4              |  |
| 5          |  | 5           |  | 5            |  | 5           |  | 5              |  |
| 6          |  | 6           |  | 6            |  | 6           |  | 6              |  |
| 7          |  | 7           |  | 7            |  | 7           |  | 7              |  |

| SHORTSTOP |  | 2ND BASE |  |
|-----------|--|----------|--|
| 1         |  | 1        |  |
| 2         |  | 2        |  |
| 3         |  | 3        |  |
| 4         |  | 4        |  |
| 5         |  | 5        |  |
| 6         |  | 6        |  |
| 7         |  | 7        |  |

| 3RD BASE |  | PITCHER |  | 1ST BASE |  |
|----------|--|---------|--|----------|--|
| 1        |  | 1       |  | 1        |  |
| 2        |  | 2       |  | 2        |  |
| 3        |  | 3       |  | 3        |  |
| 4        |  | 4       |  | 4        |  |
| 5        |  | 5       |  | 5        |  |
| 6        |  | 6       |  | 6        |  |
| 7        |  | 7       |  | 7        |  |

| CATCHER |  | HOME RUNS |  | HOME RUNS |  |
|---------|--|-----------|--|-----------|--|
| 1       |  | 1         |  | 1         |  |
| 2       |  | 2         |  | 2         |  |
| 3       |  | 3         |  | 3         |  |
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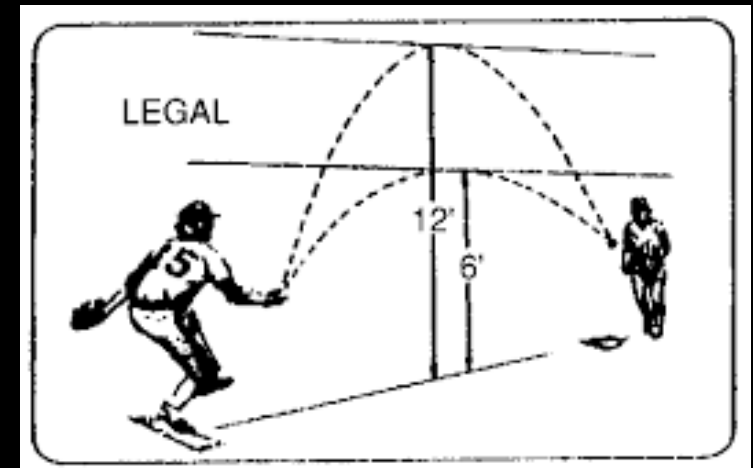
  

| TEAM COLOR |      |
|------------|------|
| HOME       | AWAY |

# Pitching



- Pitching distance is 46' – the rubber closest to home plate.
- Pitchers must start from the rubber. Pitchers are not permitted to step forward and pitch closer than the 46'.
- **Pitchers must try to use a standard slow pitch softball arc. This means throwing a pitch with an arc between 6 and 12 feet.**
- **When pitching your hand should be PALM UP AND FLAT from the start of the wind up to the ball being released.**
- Pitching should not be used as a method to win a game. Pitchers should not be putting “spin”, “backspin” or throwing “knuckle balls” on pitches. The goal is to provide hittable pitches that can be put into play.
- If your pitcher cannot get the ball consistently over the plate, please pull them. Games with good pitching are usually done in about an hour, games with bad pitching can take upwards of 2+ hours.



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# All Star Game



- Sunday October 18<sup>th</sup> at 4pm
- Each team sends their best 2 players – top 4 seeds will send one additional player each.
- Rules will match the end of season Tournament rules – except for the rule requiring two females in the field.
- Player selections must be turned in by Sunday October 12<sup>th</sup>.
- The game will have an Umpire officiating the game.



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# Balls Hit Outside the Field

- If a ball is hit outside of the field inner fences and is caught by a fan that is not a rostered player on any other team, the batter will be called out. **This includes hits that would have been home runs.**
- The Fan who caught the ball will be rewarded with a free single item in the snack shack up to \$4 in value.
- A hit that would have been a home run, will not count against the teams per inning or per game home run limits.
- During the All-Star Game and End of Season Tournament, if a ball is caught it will NOT be an out, but the fan will still receive their free snack shack item.
- Why are we doing this? Well.. For fun! We want to try to get the kids back to the field and have fun while they are there.



# Major Rule Changes



- The person who is scheduled in the snack shack for Scoreboard, is also responsible for Concessions when scoring is not required.
- If someone is able to run at full speed to first base, or is able to run for additional bases, unless they get injured during the play, they are not eligible for a pinch runner.
- If a team is up by 15 runs or more any further home runs by the leading team are now considered outs. If you are up by 10+ runs – take the foot off the gas!
- A runner who has not yet reached first base cannot be thrown out on a direct throw from any fielder in the outfield beyond the 10' collapse line.
- In the end of season tournament, a lineup with less than 10 players is considered an advantage. The 10<sup>th</sup> slot must be left open, and every time that slot comes up to bat, the team will lose one of their available home runs.

# End of Season Tournament



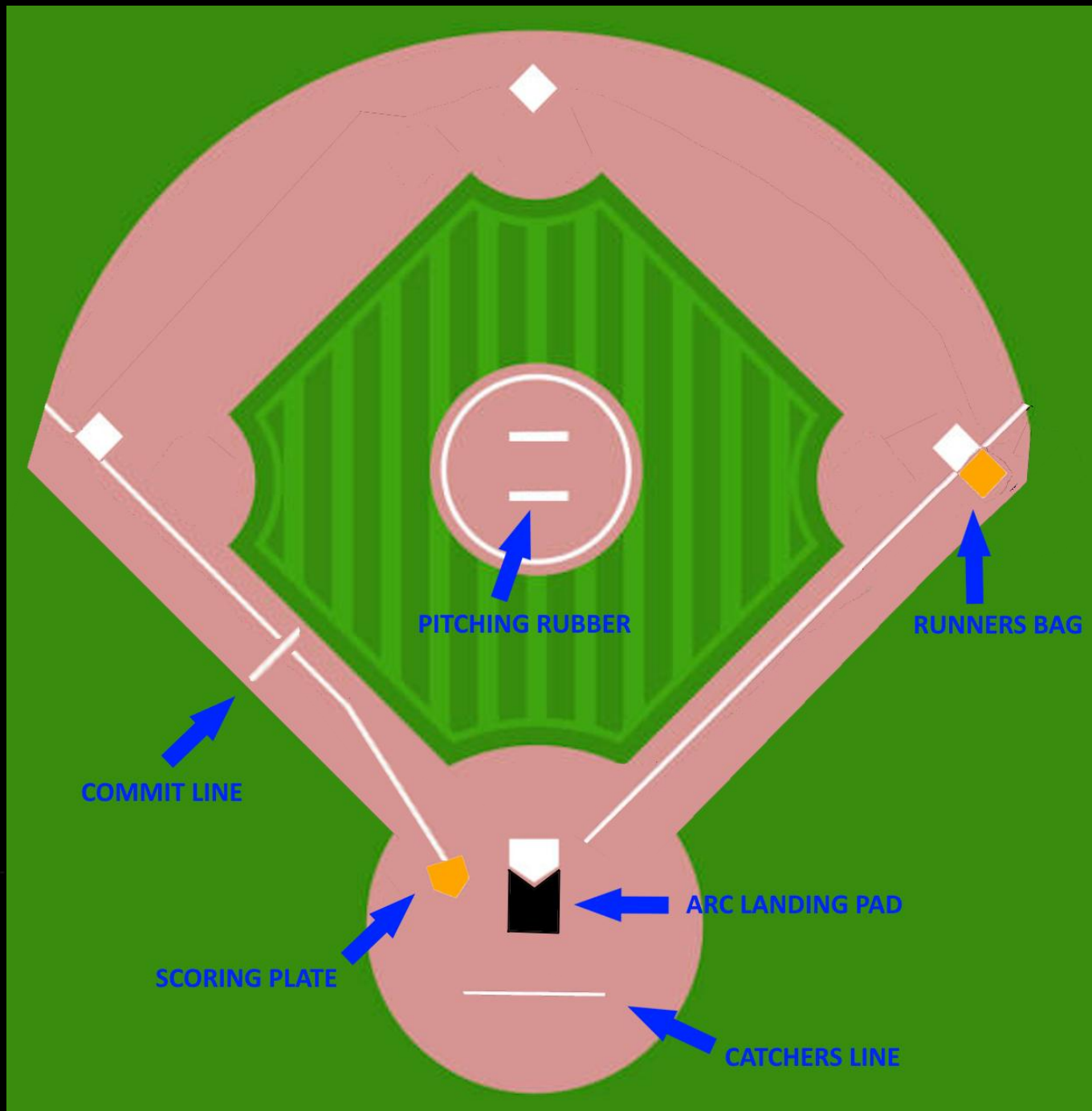
- Two-day Single Elimination Tournament on October 24<sup>th</sup> & October 25<sup>th</sup>.
- Season records DO NOT determine seeding.
- Games are full 7 innings, but have a time limit, with score rollback.
- Teams must have at least 8 rostered players to play.
  - If at any point, and for any reason, after the start of a tournament game, a team drops to below the 8 rostered players/2 rostered female minimum, in lieu of a complete forfeit, the team will only have 2 outs in each inning, and any remaining home runs will be considered used.
- Players must have played a minimum of 4 weeks for their rostered team to be eligible to play in the playoffs.
- On September 27<sup>th</sup>, all player captains (or a team delegate) will have a zoom meeting to vote on the seeding of teams based on their perceived strength.
- The tournament schedule will be released on September 28<sup>th</sup>.

# Safety Information



- Each team will have a medical kit hanging on your dugout fence when you arrive, loaded with ice packs and some band aids.
- Single use Tylenol & Advil are available for purchase at the Snack Shack.
- The snack shack has a fully loaded medical kit, containing; Band-Aids, sterile gauze, sterile cling, rubber gloves, medical tape, a tourniquet, emergency blanket, ice packs, a flexible splint, and a compression bandage.
- The snack shack has an AED device. This can be used in the case of an emergency.
- Any questions on safety, medical devices or kits, please contact the TAYBS Safety Officer, Jessica Fellows at 978-852-0311.







# WEBSITE AND RULES WALKTHROUGH



# Magic By Jay Fundraiser

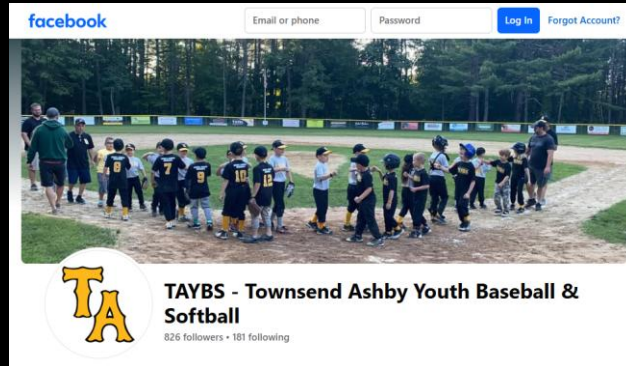


- Fundraiser to raise money for our league – specifically to add **LIGHTS** to our field next year!
- September 26<sup>th</sup> – Doors open at 7:30, Show starts at 8pm.
- Townsend VFW will be hosting the event with a cash bar open.
- You are welcome to buy additional tickets for significant others, friends or adult family members.
- Tickets are \$25 per person. We also have 12 table sponsorship opportunities available for \$100 each.
- There will be raffle baskets and a 50/50 ticket raffle that entire day.

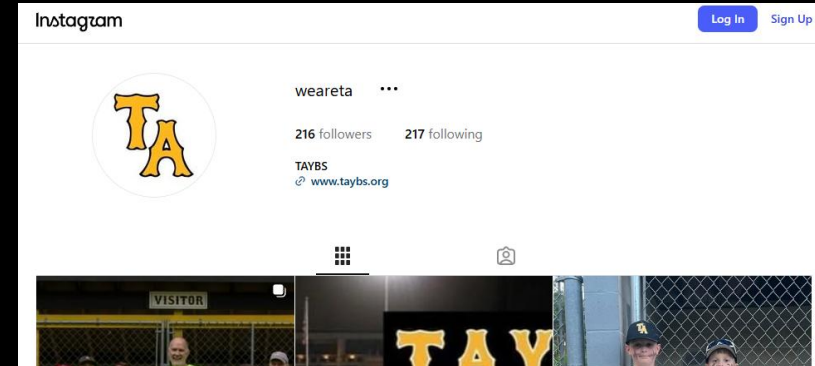
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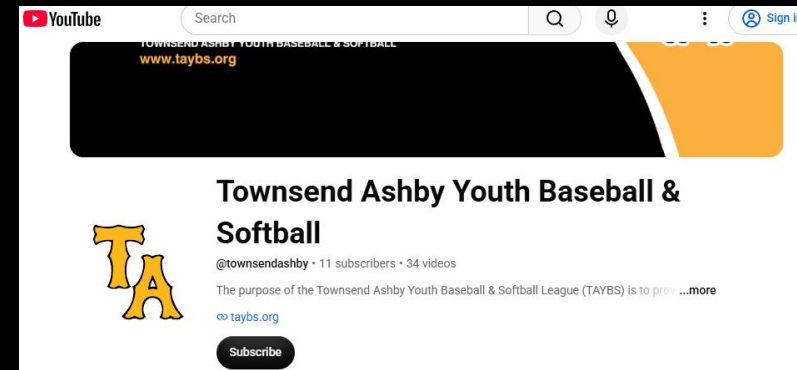
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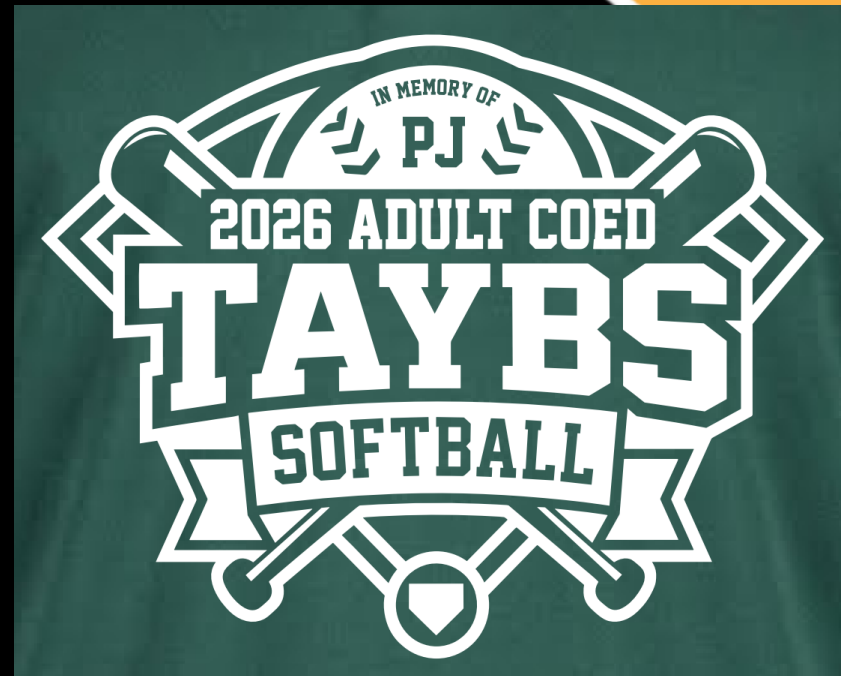


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# Season Dedication



**Deputy Chief Patrick James "PJ" Roy**  
October 30, 1980 – July 9, 2026



# STRETCH!!!!

*Save yourself a trip to the emergency room!*





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