



Big League Summer High School League

A Better Way to Play Summer Baseball

2018 Big League Summer Timeline:

October 1, 2017: Team and Free Agent Registration Opens

April 1, 2018: Deadline for Coaches to Submit Schedule Requests

April 19, 2018: Coaches Meeting

May 23, 2018: Season Begins and runs Through Late July

July 7, 8 2018: Year End Big League Tournament (optional)

Fees:

Based on 12 player roster- Below find sample of fees based on number of games on team schedule. We have buy out options to reduce roster size with the fee dependent on number of games in the team's schedule.

10 Games - \$295/player

15 Games - \$370/player

20 Games - \$495/player

Fees include all team and umpire scheduling, two umpires/game, game balls, field prep and rental, weather hotline and year end Big League Tournament. Big League, with the coach's permission, may pay entry fees and register teams in appropriate local tournaments (games in the tournaments would count toward the teams schedule goals).

Coach Guidelines:

Coach will register his team and in collaboration with Big League develop a schedule. A coach can request any number of games and can for example schedule around tournaments, vacations, ACT testing, Proms and any number of other potential conflicts. We prefer at least a 10 game commitment but will entertain scheduling fewer games depending on our own league needs/goals. Big League will also incorporate fee reductions for teams with quality home field access (negotiated on a case by case basis). Coaches will have 24/7 access to Big League Director, Dan Briggs and the Big League Staff for any emergency situations and all weather related issues are handled with our weather hotline.

Big League Tournament July 7th and 8th:

All available teams (not in tournaments or otherwise not available) will compete in a single elimination tournament with seeding based on season records.

Season - Late May Through Mid-July

Teams with available rosters (players still in state tournament cannot participate until eliminated) can begin at the conclusion for their respective high school seasons. Last year games began May 20th but many did not start their season until after June 1st. Most teams will want to finish around mid July

Playing Venues:

League games will be played at some of the best high school fields throughout Central Ohio. Last year league venues included the following high schools/colleges:

Dublin Coffman

Dublin Jerome

Westerville Central

Grandview Heights

Hamilton Township

Newark Ohio-Don Edwards Complex

Fred Beekman Complex (OSU)

Otterbein College

Gahanna

Games will be played both on the weekends, Saturday and Sundays and during the week, Monday through Friday (affording a high degree of flexibility in scheduling). Grandview is considered our home field as we have complete access throughout the summer. We will make every effort to schedule as many games as possible in your home area. Most week day games are scheduled at 6:15PM.

Free Agents:

Individual players (not with an existing team) can register as a free agent, complete an evaluation with one of our Big League staff and be placed with one of our registered teams or with a free agent team (coached by one of the Big League Staff). In the 2017 season Big League fielded three free agent teams in the JV and Varsity divisions. The JV teams comprise mostly incoming freshmen and sophomores while the Varsity teams can include graduating seniors (playing their last high school ball before college)

Guest Teams:

Guest teams are recruited based on need. If for example we want to add more diversity in an age division we will add matchups with guest teams (guest teams play a maximum of four games and will share game and field rental expenses). In past years COBL, Travel, and High School teams have participated as guest teams in our Summer League.