



# 2022 Coaches Information Packet

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## Welcome

Welcome to the 2022 Amherst season! Thank you for volunteering to help coach this year. Many hands make light work and it is because of you and other volunteers that we can make this season a success! Over the last few years, we have had some of the largest turnouts ever and want to provide as many resources to you as possible to start the season.

Roster and practice schedules will be provided to coaches on or soon after draft day with season schedule to follow shortly thereafter. Upon receipt, coaches should reach out to parents and provide them details for the season. More information on this can be found in the communication section of this packet.

Your team schedule will include practices and games with most practices occurring before actual games start. Some coaches have found success with scrimmages and joint practices with other teams before actual games begin; please feel free to coordinate with other coaches if that is something that interests you.

Again, thank you for volunteering! Coaching at any level can be difficult, but remember, we are here to help kids improve their baseball skills and knowledges, build confidence and character, and ultimately, have fun!

## Executive Summary

- Roster and practice schedules will be provided to coaches on draft day with season schedule to follow shortly thereafter
- A coach's group text will be created to disseminate information from the league and to facilitate coordination amongst coaches
- Establish a communication plan with your teams' parents and communicate early and often
- Equipment will be provided by the league and will need to be returned at the conclusion of the season; details on equipment pickup and return will be provided in the coaches group chat
- All teams will receive uniforms shortly before the season begins, no pants will be provided, and spikes/cleats are required for all levels above Tee Ball
- Rainout notifications will be disseminated by the league as early as possible
- Makeup game rescheduling is the responsibility of the coaches

## Communication

### **Between Coaches and League**

The Amherst Athletic Association utilizes several methods of communication throughout the season to include email, phone, and GroupMe. The preferred method is GroupMe which is a communication platform that can be accessed via your phone or computer. Before the season begins, a coach's text group will be created and information on how to join will be provided.

The group will be accessible to all coaches and league officials and provides a centralized place to disseminate information and facilitate questions. However, if you have a question for someone specific in the group, PLEASE GET THEIR NUMBER AND HANDLE OUTSIDE OF THE TEXT GROUP.

### **Between Coaches and Parents**

Communication between coaches and parents is vital to success with your team. Valuable information to send to your parents include your contact information, how you want to communicate throughout the season, your schedule, and general information on what to bring to practices and games.

While the league does not endorse one method over another, some coaches in the past have found success with emails, texts, or a communication platform such as **GroupMe or Game Changer**. A benefit of using a platform like Game Changer is the ability to centrally communicate to all parents and fans at once while also displaying such things as your schedule and roster.

## Equipment

The League will provide the following equipment for use throughout the season:

- Tee balls (for Tee Ball only)
- Tee (for Tee Ball only)
- Bat Bag
- 1-2 Bats
- 3-5 Batting helmets

## Uniforms

Uniform tops and caps will be provided by the League and will be made available as soon as possible. The uniforms must be ordered and typically arrive shortly before the season begins. No pants will be provided, and spikes/cleats are required for all leagues above Tee Ball.

## Rainouts

On days where rain is evident, please stand by and be as patient as possible while waiting for an indication whether your game is going to remain on the schedule. Every effort is made to provide timely rainout alerts, HOWEVER, our MAIN concern is trying to get all games in. What that means is that there are often last-minute notifications on cancellations. That is just the nature of the beast. Communicate as such to your teams' parents as well.

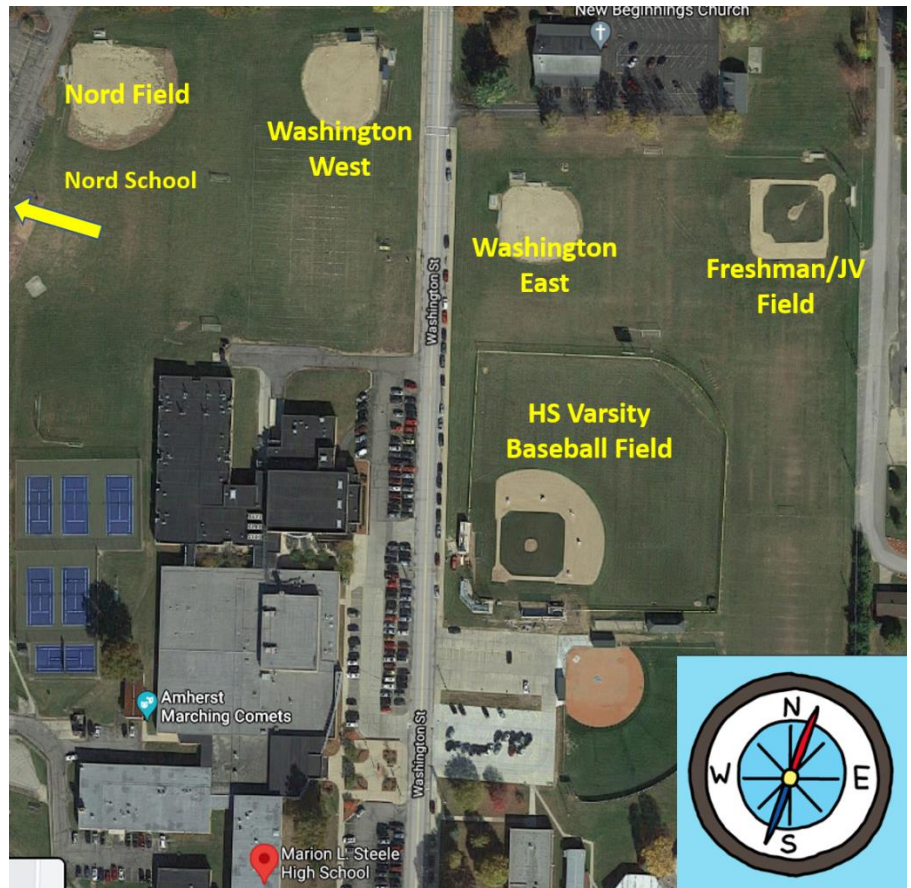
## Makeup Games

If a game is rained out, it is the responsibility of the coaches to coordinate a makeup game. Please work with the other coach and review the online master schedule to find a date, time, and field that works for both teams. **Please try to stick to standard start times and the field you normally play on. If another location/date/time is needed, we will work with you on that.** Once agreed upon to, please send an email to [amherstball@gmail.com](mailto:amherstball@gmail.com) with the following details so the game can be officially added to the master schedule:

- Copy the other coach on the email
- What league you are in
- Date of original rainout game
- Date of rescheduled game
- Start time and finish time
- What field you are requesting to play on

# Field Locations

**Amherst Steele  
High School  
Area Fields**

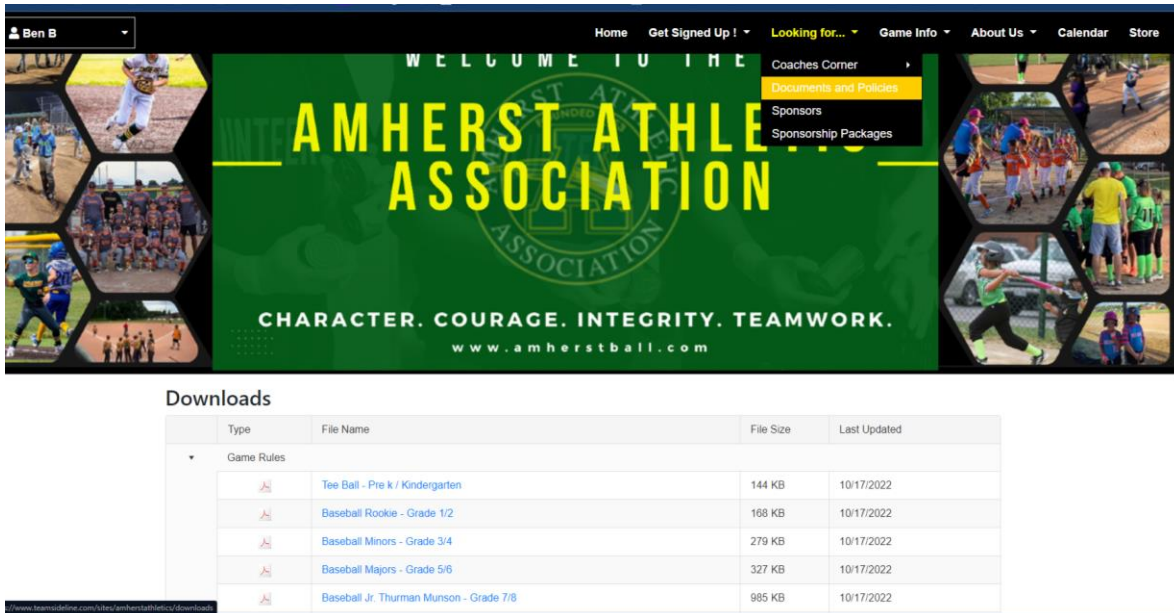


**Amherst  
Junior High  
Fields**

# Rules

## General

- Can be found on the Associations website using the following path
  - <https://www.teamsideline.com/sites/amherstathletics/home>
  - **MENU** – Looking For...
    - Documents and Policies



The screenshot shows the Amherst Athletics Association website. The header includes a navigation bar with links: Home, Get Signed Up!, Looking for..., Game Info, About Us, Calendar, and Store. A dropdown menu is open under 'Looking for...', showing options: Coaches Corner, Documents and Policies (highlighted), Sponsors, and Sponsorship Packages. The main banner features the text 'WELCOME TO THE AMHERST ATHLETICS ASSOCIATION' and the motto 'CHARACTER. COURAGE. INTEGRITY. TEAMWORK.' with the website URL 'www.amherstball.com'. Below the banner is a 'Downloads' section with a table of game rules.

Type	File Name	File Size	Last Updated
Game Rules	Tee Ball - Pre k / Kindergarten	144 KB	10/17/2022
	Baseball Rookie - Grade 1/2	168 KB	10/17/2022
	Baseball Minors - Grade 3/4	279 KB	10/17/2022
	Baseball Majors - Grade 5/6	327 KB	10/17/2022
	Baseball Jr. Thurman Munson - Grade 7/8	985 KB	10/17/2022