



*Play at The Plate New Jersey
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2020 Team(s) Owner Contract

This is a contract between _____ (Hereinafter referred to as “**Team Owner**”), and **Play at The Plate New Jersey**. (Hereinafter referred to as “**PATPNJ**”).

The **Team Owner** is assigned to the (Teams Name) _____ for the **2020** Season. Players on said team may not be contracted with any other team for that season. The teams’ players are obligated to his team and extend until the league’s final playoff game. A Player may be traded provided the trade is approved by both managers and the league.

PATPNJ agrees to allow this **Team Owner** to participate, manage and represent his team in baseball games organized and administered by **PATPNJ** during the 2020 season. **PATPNJ** shall provide baseballs, fields, insurance, schedules, umpires, and all other means to maintain an effective adult baseball league. A minimum of 16 games are included in the league fee. A forfeit for whatever reason shall count as a game played.

In consideration of being allowed to participate in **PATPNJ** games, the **Team Owner** agrees to the following herein.

All **Team Owners** shall pay **PATPNJ** a non-refundable fee of \$150.00 per team before January 15, 2020. This non-refundable fee is to secure a team spot on the league website. This fee will be applied to the outstanding team season balance.

1. The **Team Owner** shall obey the latest rules of **PATPNJ** listed on the website.
2. Playing time, batting order, position played, substitution, etc., are determined by the **Team Owner**.
3. Each **Team Owner** agrees that all his players shall possess the official **PATPNJ** player identification during each game. The **Team Owner** understands that this league is for players who are 35 years old or older. Players may not pitch until the actual age of 39.
4. The **Team Owner** agrees to have his players refrain the use of smoking products on or near the field of play, gambling on games, consuming alcohol or drugs before and during the game. The **Team Owner** further agrees to ensure that his players refrain from unduly profane or abusive conduct and to respect the neighborhoods and property on and near the playing fields. The **Team Owner** further understands that fighting is strictly prohibited. The **Team Owner** understands that violation of any component of this paragraph may lead to ejection from the game, forfeit by his team, fines and/or suspension or banishment from the league.
5. The **Team Owner** acknowledges that no player will be allowed to play without having completed the online registration. Any **Team Owner** who allows an unauthorized player to participate will be subject to sanctions, including but not limited to forfeiture of the game.
6. The **Team Owner** agrees that all required fees will be paid on time via PayPal (kevinasmith@verizon.net), Cash or Check.

Team Owner: _____

Team Owner Signature: _____

Team Name: _____

Date: _____

Payment Fee Option: (Check 1, see box on right)

Option 1 **Option 2**

Season: (check one)

2020 Sunday **2020 Weeknight**

2020 Season Fee Schedule	
16 Game Season plus Playoffs	
Payment Schedule Option 1	
January 15, 2020	\$ 150.00
March 15, 2020	\$4,350.00
Total Cost:	\$4,500.00
Payment Schedule Option 2	
January 15, 2020	\$ 150.00
April 1, 2020	\$2,000.00
June 1, 2020	\$2,000.00
August 1, 2020	\$ 850.00
Total Cost	\$5,000.00



Play at The Plate New Jersey Payment Structure



Play at the Plate New Jersey provides a single season April – October team ownership fee structure. The team owner manages his teams’ financials and pays the league fees. The league only collects fees from the teams’ owner. It is the team owners prerogative on what to charge each of his players. For example, the team owner may charge players a slightly higher team fee to cover the cost uniforms or charge less for the person assigned as the team statistician or web manager. He may also base the players team contribution on the amount of games the player may play. Players must play 7 games to be eligible for playoffs in accordance with the league rules.

2020 League Fees

2020 PATPNJ League Fee \$4,500.00				2019 PATPNJ League Fee \$4,500.00			
Guaranteed Games	Roster Size	Cost Per Game	Cost Per Season	Guaranteed Games	Roster Size	Cost Per Game	Cost Per Season
16+	15	18.75	\$300.00	18	15	\$17.00	\$300.00
16+	14	\$20.08	\$321.42	18	14	\$18.00	\$321.00
16+	13	\$21.62	\$346.00	18	13	\$19.00	\$346.00
16+	12	\$23.43	\$375.00	18	12	\$21.00	\$375.00
2020 PATPNJ Payment Plan \$5,000.00				2019 PATPNJ Payment Plan \$5,000.00			
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16+	15	\$20.83	\$333.33	18	15	\$19.00	\$333.00
16+	14	\$22.32	\$357.14	18	14	\$20.00	\$357.00
16+	13	\$24.03	\$384.62	18	13	\$21.00	\$385.00
16+	12	\$26.05	\$416.66	18	12	\$23.00	\$417.00

2020 Sunday Season Fee Schedule 16 Game Season plus Playoffs

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2020 Weeknight Season Fee Schedule 16 Game Season plus Playoffs

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January 15, 2020 \$ 150.00
 March 15, 2020 \$4,350.00

Total Cost: (\$4,500.00)

Payment Schedule Option 2

January 15, 2020 \$ 150.00
 April 1, 2020 \$2,000.00
 June 1, 2020 \$2,000.00
 August 1, 2020 \$ 850.00

Total Cost (\$5,000.00)



2020 Schedule

COLOR KEY:
 MEETINGS
 SUNDAY LEAGUE
 WEEKNIGHT LEAGUE
 MU/AP = MAKEUP OR ADVANCE PLAY

January			February		March		April		May		June		July		August		September		October		November					
1	We	New Year's Day	1	Sa	1	Su	1	We	1	Fr	Week 2	1	Mo	Week 6	1	We	Week 10	1	Tu	MU/AP	1	Th	Finals	1	Su	
2	Th		2	Su	2	Mo	2	Th	2	Sa	Week 2	2	Tu	Week 6	2	Th	Week 10	2	We	Week 14	2	Fr	Finals	2	Mo	
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29	We		29	Sa	29	Su	29	We	Week 2	29	Fr	MU/AP	29	Mo	Week 10	29	We	Week 13	29	Sa	Week 16	29	Th	Finals	29	Su
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31	Fr				31	Tu			31	Su	Week 6			31	Fr	Week 13	31	Mo	MU/AP				31	Sa		



PLAY AT THE PLATE NEW JERSEY 2020 PROPOSED LEAGUE RULES



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A. Official Rules

1. Any rules not covered in the PATPNJ rules shall be governed by the official rules of NFHS
2. A manager can submit a new rule or modification of a rule for consideration by the Rules Committee at any time

B. League Meetings

1. Every team should have a representative at each league meeting

C. Player Eligibility

1. A player must be at least 35 years old by September 1st of the current season, with the following exception
2. Players must be 39 years old at the time to pitch
3. A team may have only one 34 year old on its roster at any point during the season
 - a. All player transactions must be completed on or before August 15th
4. Players must provide proof of age upon registration
 - a. Players must possess their league id at all games and present same upon request of the umpire
 - b. A registered player who is unable to produce their id card when challenged must present an alternative form of identification
 - c. Teams playing with ineligible players are subject to all terms listed in Section B. Ineligible Players
5. All players must be on the team roster on the league website
 - a. All players on the roster must be registered with the league and have executed a League Waiver
 - b. A player may be added to the roster any time up to the player transaction deadline of August 15th
 - c. A player must be added to the roster at least 24 hours before the next scheduled game in order for that player to be eligible to play in that game
 - d. A player is permitted to be on only one team roster, with the following exemptions:
 - i. A player can move to another team
 - ii. A player may not move back to the original team during the current season
6. Post Season eligibility for a player on a given team
 - a. A player must participate in any position in at least 7 or more regular season games
7. The team manager is exempt from these restrictions

D. Ineligible Players

1. A player found to be ineligible will be disciplined in accordance with the Rules Committee findings. It is the team owners' responsibility to know if their players are ineligible
 - a. A team using an ineligible player shall forfeit all games in which that player participated
 - b. A team owner who knew or should have known that he was using an ineligible player shall be subject to disciplinary proceedings
 - c. Any player who aids, abets, or otherwise conspires to facilitate play of an ineligible player shall be subject to disciplinary action
 - d. Opposing managers may at any time request proof of a player's eligibility through the umpires. If the question is not resolved at the time of the request, a protest must be filed within 24 hours of completion of the game
2. Players who have been ejected from a game shall be ineligible to play for the remainder of the ejected game, plus one additional game whether it be a weeknight or Sunday game, in addition to any additional penalty assigned by the league commissioner
3. A player ejected from a game has the right to appeal the automatic one game suspension
 - a. The player must file to the commissioner, within 2 days after the game, a written statement that includes the circumstances of the ejection and a reason why the appeal should be granted
 - b. A decision will be issued by the commissioner before the player's next scheduled game. If a decision cannot be made before the next scheduled game, the commissioner will notify the player that he can play in the next scheduled game. If upheld, the suspension will be applied to the following game
 - c. The commissioner can investigate and possibly impose a suspension for any action other than an ejection from a game. This would include repeated violations of any league rule or action determined to be harmful to the integrity and reputation of the league

E. Game Scores and Statistics

1. Managers shall exchange lineup cards at the pregame conference
2. Managers or their designated representative must enter game scores into the PATPNJ.COM website after each regular game. If player stats are not entered that team's players are not eligible for all-star games or awards
 - a. Scores must be entered by the winning team no later than 1 hour from the end of the game either by the mobile app, website or text to the website administrator
 - b. Statistics should be entered no later than 5 days following a completed game
3. Managers should submit an umpire rating (0 = unsatisfactory, 1 = satisfactory, 2 = exceptional) after each game. A rating of 0 should be followed with an email to the commissioner with an explanation
4. The league will use these stats as an indicator of sufficient play during the season to be eligible for post-season play

F. NFHS Exceptions

1. Batters and base runners are permitted to wear either double earflap, or single earflap helmets
2. Coaches helmets are not required but strongly recommended
3. Jewelry is permitted providing it is not distracting or a hazard in nature
4. There is no penalty should a helmet dislodge from a player

G. Uniforms

1. All teams must have full uniforms (hats, pants, numbered jersey) by June 1st
2. Each player's uniform must be of substantially similar design to his teammates' uniforms
3. No player out of uniform may play without the opposing manager's consent
4. On the roster and in the scorebook all players must be identified by name and uniform number
5. Uniforms without a number will be assigned #99

H. Equipment

1. Each team should provide 3 league balls for each game, if one team does not have balls available the other team shall provide the balls as needed. Teams low on balls shall let the commissioner know in advance of running out
2. Only league supplied balls are permitted for game use
3. All bats must comply with existing NFHS rules
4. All bats must be made of all-wood or wood composite that is BBCOR certified
5. A player found to have used an illegal bat (by the umpire, before a pitch is thrown to the next batter) will be declared out in the scorebook and any runner on base during the at-bat will be returned to their original base at the start of the at-bat
6. A bat whose legality is questioned, but not verified by the umpire, can continue to be used during that game. The manager raising the question can send an inquiry to the commissioner to determine its legality

I. Mercy Rule

1. Nine-inning games
 - a. A game is ruled complete after 7 innings of play if a 10 or more run differential exists at the bottom of the 7th inning
 - b. There is no mercy rule in a 7 inning game

J. League Divisions

1. In the best interest of the league, divisions shall be based on prior year's records. At the discretion of the league commissioner teams may be moved to another division to create more balanced competition at each level of play

K. Game Length

1. All games shall be nine (9) innings or three (3) hours. No new inning shall start after 2:45 of game play or less than 15 minutes prior to the end of regulation time. All double headers games shall be seven (7) innings or 2.5 hours, unless advised otherwise by the league
2. A game called due to inclement weather or field use restrictions shall be official after five completed innings in a 9-inning game and four completed innings in a 7-inning game
3. A game called during playoffs due to inclement weather shall be continued from where it was left off
4. All line ups must remain the same or the use of substitutions to the appropriate positions in the lineup
5. A game called that is not official shall not count in the standings and shall be replayed as a new game
6. Player and team statistics shall not be counted as official and will not be counted toward playoff eligibility

L. Tie Breaker

1. Games tied after the scheduled number of innings will continue if the 3-hour time limit has not been reached
2. Tied games will be decided by the "shootout rule" until the 3-hour time limit has expired
 - a. Each half inning starts with the last batter from the previous inning on second base
 - b. Each new batter up has a 2-2 count
 - c. It takes 3 outs to end the half inning
 - d. Each full inning continues within the time limit
 - e. If the 3-hour time limit expires the game shall end in a tie unless the managers and umpires agree to continue with the shootout rule

M. Standings and Tie Breakers

1. League standings shall be determined by a point system, as follows:
 - a. Playoff seeding shall be based on the total number of wins
 - b. A tie shall count as $\frac{1}{2}$ win and $\frac{1}{2}$ loss
2. Ties for playoff eligibility seeding will be broken in the following order:
 - a. Head to Head winner
 - b. Best division record
 - c. Run differential
 - d. Least runs Against (Only if Runs Scored are tied)
 - e. Most runs scored

N. Defensive Lineup

1. All players may be substituted defensively at any time without affecting the player's status in the batting order (Free Substitution)
2. Defensive players are not required to bat
3. A pitcher may be removed from the game and return to pitch, subject to the following rule:
 - a. The pitcher cannot return to the game until his replacement faces at least one batter
4. A removed pitcher may play any other position

O. Speed-Up Rule

1. At the discretion of the manager, only the last batted out may run for the catcher with 2 outs. This runner shall not count as a Courtesy Runner.

P. Batting Order

1. A team may bat as many batters as it wishes, batters may be added to the bottom of the batting order at any time
2. Once a batter is removed from the batting order via substitution (pinch-hitter, pinch-runner, injury, etc.), or been dropped from the order due to injury, or having physically left the game, he may not reenter the batting order
3. If a player is forced to leave a game due to any reason other than game strategy, a reserve player, not previously entered into the game as a batter, must be inserted into the vacated spot in the batting order
4. All lineups are allowed to use the A/B batting rule. This rule consists of assigning two hitters to bat in the same spot in the order. These batters are fully interchangeable and can alternate at bats or not alternate at bats as long as each batter gets one at bat during the game. The A/B batters can run for each other without counting as a Courtesy Runner in accordance with Courtesy Runner rule U.2a. The shared batting spot can occur in any spot in the batting order. A single-batter spot cannot be converted to a shared spot during the game
5. If a batter is removed from the lineup and not replaced by a bench player, an out will be recorded each time that vacant batting position is reached. The only exception to this are emergency situations covered by rule R.6
6. A player must bat at least once or play the field at least three innings, when practical in the manager's view
7. An automatic out in a batting order position cannot be the last out of the inning. If an automatic out position is reached with 2 outs that position is skipped and the next batter will bat. When the next inning starts for that team with the automatic out, that skipped automatic out will be applied at the start of the inning
8. A team fielding nine roster players must maintain at least a nine-man batting order
9. Only a team having eight roster players/fielders in a game can use an eight man batting order
10. A player batting out of order must be brought to the umpire's attention before a pitch is thrown to the next batter. The player batting out of order will be declared out in the scorebook, all runners returned to their base at the start of that at-

bat, and the correct batter or batting position will then bat. The player batting out of order will lose that spot (recorded as a “non-batted out” [NBO]) until it comes again the next time through the lineup

Q. Number of Players

1. A team must have a minimum of eight players to start a game
2. A team must have eight players within thirty (30) minutes after the scheduled start time, otherwise the game is a forfeit
3. The time limit still starts from the scheduled start time
4. A team may borrow a ninth player from the opposing team upon consent of the opposing manager
 - a. If a ninth player arrives after the start of the game, the borrowed player shall return to the lineup of the original team
 - b. If this returned player is added to the batting order, he must be placed at the bottom
 - c. If the opposing team has only nine players, then the team with eight players may not borrow a player for defensive reasons unless agreed to by the umpire
 - d. A borrowed player may play defense for the eight-player team and bat for the original team if agreed upon by the managers
5. If a team begins a game with eight players, and a ninth player arrives, that player must be inserted into the bottom of the lineup if one pitch has been thrown, even if the bottom of the batting order has not yet been reached
6. If a player leaves and goes home (agreed to during ground rules discussion) or is seriously injured as not to be able to continue playing, no out shall be charged to his future at bats. His spot in the order shall be skipped unless replaced by a substitute player
7. If there is a player that has not played offense on the bench, and the team has eight offensive players in the lineup (e.g., due to injury or players leaving), that player must bat in the order or an out shall be recorded in the open batters spot
8. A team with only eight roster players at game time has the following options:
 - a. Borrow a fielder with permission from the opposing team and have an automatic out in the 9th batter position
 - b. Play the game with eight fielders and eight batters and have an automatic out in 9th batter position

R. Pitchers

1. Pitchers may not wear light colored (e.g., white or gray) long sleeves, batting gloves, white, gray, or multicolored fielding mitt, wristbands, watches, jewelry, or other items, which are potentially distracting to a batter
2. Intentional walks are issued automatically. The manager or pitcher will tell the umpire that they want to walk the batter intentionally, and the batter will take first base without a pitch being thrown
3. If a pitcher hits four batters in a game, he must be removed upon hitting the fourth batsman
 - a. The pitcher is not permitted to re-enter the game as a pitcher if removed under this rule
4. Balks will be called per NFHS rules

S. Forfeits

1. A forfeit may be declared if a team is unable to field the minimum number of eight players within thirty (30) minutes of the scheduled starting time of the game
2. When a public emergency prevents a team from being able to field at least 8 players, the game will be postponed and rescheduled on a makeup or advance play date on the schedule
3. If a team begins a game with 8 or more players then loses a player to fall below 8, the team will be charged with a loss regardless of the score or inning the game is stopped
4. If a team has 2 inexcusable forfeits the team will be ineligible for participation in the playoffs
5. In the event of a forfeit, the players on the team that did not create the forfeit shall be credited with a game played
6. Once a forfeit is declared the forfeit stands

T. Courtesy Runners

1. A team may insert a courtesy runner for any runner upon reaching base before the next pitch is thrown, otherwise the runner must run for himself
2. After a pitch is thrown the runner must run for himself for the remainder of the inning
 - a. For a shared A/B batting spot, the non-batter can be used as a substitute runner without the team being charged a Courtesy Runner but the change must take place before a pitch is thrown to the next batter
3. Each team is allocated five (5) Courtesy Runners per 9 inning game or three (3) courtesy runners in a 7 inning game
 - a. A Courtesy Runner is defined as the last batted out player before the runner being replaced
 - b. If the last batted out is not used, the previous batted out may be used.

- c. For each player skipped it shall count as 1 courtesy runner used
- 4. Pitchers and catchers must run for themselves unless an official courtesy runner is used
- 5. In an extra inning game each team shall be allotted one (1) courtesy runner in the first extra-inning and one additional runner every two innings thereafter
- 6. In the event that a courtesy runner is needed due to an in-play injury, the last batted out only may be used and not counted towards the allotted runners. The injured player may not return to the game on offense or defense. If the player does return, then the runner shall be counted
- 7. If for medical reasons, a player is unable to run for himself, a pregame agreement between both managers and the umpire may be made to exempt the player from running
 - a. The opposing team may choose one of their players to do the same
 - b. Only one player can be exempt per team in a game
 - c. Only a Courtesy Runner as defined above may run for the exempted player
 - d. The Courtesy Runner is not counted against the team allotment.
 - e. If the Courtesy Runner is skipped for the next Courtesy Runner, then this skip counts against the team allotment.

U. Slide or Avoid

- 1. General Rules
 - a. The umpire has final ruling and discretion on all elements of the rules in this section
 - b. Any contact or collision deemed by the umpire to be flagrant, intentional, and avoidable shall be cause for ejection from the game of the offending player
 - c. Any contact or attempted contact that is deemed by the umpire to be an attempt to injure an opposing player shall be cause for ejection, suspension, and review by appropriate committee
 - d. All players must avoid a collision if possible
 - e. If a collision occurs, any decisions on his being out or safe or whether he remains in the game will be decided by the umpire at the time of the occurrence
- 2. Runners Responsibility
 - a. Runners must slide to avoid collisions at all bases and on the base paths
 - b. Sliding is considered avoiding a collision
 - c. Incidental contact is not considered colliding
 - d. Runners are required to slide through the bag
 - e. Attempts to obstruct the defenders actions will result in the other runner to be called out based on the following criteria
 - i. Making contact with the defensive player
 - ii. Disrupting the defensive players ability to move
 - iii. Sliding outside the base
 - iv. Running outside the base path
 - v. Standing up normally on the base after sliding to the base is not considered obstruction
- 3. Defensive Player Responsibility
 - a. A fielder may not purposely block the base
 - b. A fielder may obstruct the runner's path only if he possesses the ball
 - c. The catcher may block the plate only if he has the ball
 - d. The catcher may move towards the plate only when ball arrival is imminent

V. Protests

- 1. A manager who wishes to protest must advise the opposing manager and the home-plate umpire of his decision to protest the game prior to the next pitch thrown or before a runner is retired
- 2. A protest arising from a game-ending play must be lodged on the date of the incident
- 3. Protests shall be submitted to the league administration via the protest form found on the league website
- 4. In the event that a replay is ordered, the game is picked up at the point of the protest if the protest is upheld
- 5. A protest must be indicated in the scorebook with the inning, outs, strike/ball count and batter, the team initiating the protest and the signature of the umpire. The manager initiating the protest must complete a protest form (on website) and submit to the commissioner within 24 hours of the end of the game

W. Umpires

1. It is the responsibility of the league for payment of the umpire fees
2. In the event that only one umpire arrives to officiate a game, the game shall proceed to be played and shall be official. The umpire assignor must be notified by working umpire
3. In the event that no umpires arrive to officiate a game a call to the umpire assignor must be made
4. Umpire complaints must be made in writing (via email) to the league and the head umpire assignor who shall review and remedy the complaint
5. Umpires shall remain at the field for 30 minutes in accordance with the minimum player rule

X. Fields

1. Field Playability
 - a. It is the host team's responsibility to check playability on the field that they acquire
 - b. All efforts should be made to cancel a game as early as possible when it is obvious the field conditions do not warrant play
2. Team conduct at all fields
 - a. Dugouts and surroundings near the dugouts must be cleaned before leaving the field
 - b. The pitching mound, batters boxes, catchers box, and bases must be raked before leaving the field
 - c. Pitcher's mound and home plate covers must be in place before leaving the field
 - d. Lights must be turned off before leaving the field, unless separate arrangements have been made
 - e. No alcoholic beverage is permitted on any field or dugout during a game
 - f. Pursuant to law, alcohol is not permitted on any school property
 - g. Fines or disciplinary action will be taken against teams and managers for not complying with these rules
3. When the game field is unplayable, and the opposing team has access to their home field, that is playable, the game will be switched to the opposing team's home field
4. No manager or players are to contact any town, school or recreation department without the consent of the league commissioner, unless that person is the initial field contact for that field

Y. Insurance

1. The league shall provide \$1,000,000.00 Liability Insurance and an additional excess secondary medical policy for each active player
 - a. In the event of a player injury, the manager shall report the injury to the league President or his designee via email or other written correspondence
 - b. The league President or his designee shall follow up with the injured player within 24 hours of the reported injury.
 - c. The league shall provide Insurance riders for each allocated field

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SCORE BY INNING

FINAL SCORE



VISITORS										FINAL SCORE	
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Quick Rules
see rules section for complete rule details

- * Player must be on roster 24 hours before game (C)
- * Winning team reports scores within 1 hour (F)
- * No new inning 15 minutes prior to end time (L)
- * Must have eight players within thirty minutes (R)
- * 5 courtesy runners / 1 medical runner (U)
- * Each team should provide 3 game balls (I)
- * Fake to 3rd to 1st from pitcher NOT allowed (S4)
- * Intentional walks are automatic (S)
- * Tied games after 9 shoot out (M)
- * Batting for injured player (Q)
- * Player leaves game early (R)
- * Slide or avoid (V)
- * No alcohol (Y)
- * Turn off field lights
- * Rake / cover plate and mound
- * League score app HTOSports

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About Us

Introducing Play at the Plate New Jersey, North Jersey's newest entry in men's baseball. PATPNJ is led and managed by an executive committee with a combined 100 years of playing, coaching, managing and league leadership experience. We know what it takes to provide you with a better playing experience as you get maximum value for your investment of time and money.

Our offering includes a competitive Sunday and weeknight league for men ages 35 and up along with the added opportunities of playing tournaments in professional stadiums. 2019 a AAA entry level less competitive division is being implemented.

We accept individual players or teams and do our best to place you in divisions where your abilities are best suited.

Sunday game times are conveniently scheduled at 9 AM and end by noon time, giving you time to spend the rest of your day with your families. Weeknight games are 8 PM and end at 11 PM.

Some of What We Offer

- Fully integrated website with live stats, schedules, roster and more
- Video streams of select games
- Team Photos
- Division All-star games
- Full insurance
- Pre-season meeting with open dialog to discuss rules, committees and charitable causes
- Bulletin Board to offer employment, services and ideas
- Post season awards dinner
- All levels of play
- Convenient game times
- Periodic emails and newsletters informing players about league news and important information
- April – October single season format
- Dedicated tournament director

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Play at The Plate

New Jersey



*Northern New Jersey's
Over 35 Adult Baseball League*



Our Mission

All PATPNJ members play under a common set of rules designed to be consistent, fairly run, and responsible. PATPNJ baseball is designed to be recreational, but competitive. The goal of PATPNJ is to provide players over the age of 35 with fair, well-organized and enjoyable baseball in the Northern New Jersey area. No arbitrary distinction or discrimination due to a player's gender, race, color, religion, national origin, or disability shall be inferred or permitted.

Where We Play

All Games are played within a 30-mile radius of Bergen County, New Jersey.

“PATPNJ prides itself on its responsiveness to its players, managers and coaches and on its openness and availability to any adult who wishes to play baseball.”

Fees

PATPNJ fees are based on a manager(s) owned set fee with an unlimited roster size. Each manager pays a fee which includes fields, umpires, insurance, membership card, playoffs and more. Individual players may join the league and be placed on a team by the league.



Our Goal

Provide a well-organized and well-run League that is administered in a fair and impartial manner that keeps the player in mind and provides a forum for adults over the age of 35 to play baseball.

Provide teams that are designed to accommodate ability levels for the purpose of eliminating the fear of intimidation.

Offer opportunities to part take in tournaments that represent PATPNJ.



Look, Compare, Participate, We Have It All



- **Over 35 Years Old**
Anyone over the age of 35 may participate. No player may pitch until the age of 39
- **Player ID**
Never question another player's eligibility with the use of league issued player membership cards. The card may also be used for discounts at participating merchants, baseball facilities and tournaments
- **Team or Player Entry**
Any player may join and be placed on a team based on the players rating. Team entries are also accepted and encouraged
- **League Options**
We offer both a Sunday and Weeknight single season league
- **All Levels of Play**
To the extent possible teams are assigned to divisions within their abilities
- **Convenient Game Times**
Sundays start at 9am and must end by 12pm and Weeknight games start at 8pm and must end by 11pm
- **30 Minute Field Locations**
All fields are located within 30 minutes or less from Bergen County
- **Certified Umpires**
Every game has two NFHS certified umpires that are paid by the league in advance, with online critique reporting
- **Pro Baseball Rules/NHFS Rules**
With some minor exceptions, all games are nine innings and are governed by the NFHS Rules
- **Live Stats App**
Along with our fully integrated website which includes schedules, rosters, results stats and much more, games can be reported and monitored directly from the field via smart phone technology
- **Live Video Streams**
Let your friends and family enjoy your baseball experience by watching special premium games live on line, along with team photos and cameos of the season
- **Team Website**
Each team manager is provided a unique team website with modification management
- **Newsletters/Emails**
Each member will receive periodic Emails and Newsletters informing them of pertinent league and membership information
- **All-Star Game**
All-Star games based on league stats and milestones
- **Fully Insured**
All players and fields are insured to a maximum of \$1,000,00.00, exceptions apply
- **Pre-Season Meetings**
Preseason general meetings and open dialog to review the upcoming season rules, committees and tournaments
- **Awards Dinner**
Annual awards dinner to reward those teams and players for their seasons accomplishments
- **Committees**
Committees of players and managers to concentrate on rules, good and welfare, sponsorships, discipline



End of Year Dinner

This year, our End of Year Dinner will be on Sunday January 12th 6-9 PM, at the Fair Lawn Athletic Club where we held our dinner last year. The dinner will be buffet style and includes dessert, beer and wine. The cost per person is \$70.00

This dinner is a combination celebration of the 2019 season and also our kickoff meeting for the 2020 season. Allot is happening so we encourage every team to have at least one or two representatives.

Good and Welfare

Thanks to the donations during the AL All-star game, and the winner of the Home Run Derby, Charlie Tarna donating his winnings back to the cause. PATPNJ will be making a \$250.00 donation to each the the [The Tommy Kid Foundation](#) (Jack Oliver: White Sox), and [Alzheimer's New Jersey](#) (John Lauria; Marlins)

Over 48 Division

If you have been reading the home page of our website, you would have seen that we are exploring the addition of an over 45 or 50 division for our Sunday offering. After doing some research, we feel the best way option is an over 48 division. To make this work for 2020, we have developed the following criteria which actually is based on several teams in our AL West division. Those criteria are:

1. Teams must have at least 10 players currently 48 or older.
2. Any players on the 2019 roster of existing teams in the AL West under 48 may continue to play on their teams.
3. All new players recruited for the 2020 season must be at least 48.

2019 Season in Review

Thanks to everyone for another successful PATPNJ season. This past year saw the addition of a third Sunday division and the addition of four teams to our family. We started with 20 teams in 2017 and upon completion of our third year, we expanded to 28 teams.

For next season, we have already had discussions with other teams and we are looking at adding possibly four or more for the 2020 season. In addition, we are exploring the possibility of an over 48 division. We are also exploring the possibility of splitting our weeknight league into two more competitive divisions and scheduling most games if not all within each division.

Future plans include tournaments and we are looking into the possibility of adding at least one for next year. We would like your input and ideas for any tournaments. Ultimately we would like to sponsor our own Cooperstown tournament moving forward. Thanks again to all who participated in the league this past season.

Sponsorship Information

We encourage you to take a moment or two to visit our sponsors page and check out their offerings.

For 2020 we are offering our members 50% off on sponsorship costs. If you own a business or provide a service that you would like to advertise on our site, the member cost for the coming year will be \$125. This cost includes displaying your business card on the home page and it will provide a link to your website.

We always say we are a community that loves baseball and these sponsorship opportunities are ways for our members to get your services out to each other. So please check out our

4. All pitchers in this division must be at least 48.

Based on this current criteria, at least 7 current teams qualify for this proposed division. Before making this official, we certainly would like your thoughts on this and using your feedback, we will make a decision based on the best interests of our league. Please direct your questions, interest or comments to Mike Dittamo at miked@patpnj.com.

Upcoming Tournaments Players Wanted

The PATPNJ Railriders will be having a 45 year old team in Viera Florida (Orlando) January 17-20 MLK weekend. Also we will be doing a 45 and 50 Sunshine Classic in Fort Myers starting February 14th. Interested players can call Ricky at 646-322-5845.

The Fantasy Camp Team Mid-Summer Classic: Field of Dreams JULY 29- August 2, 2020

Palm Beach Classic – 2020: April 2-5, 2020

*2020 New Teams

The off-season has barely begun but we are already at work talking to teams who want to join us for the 2020 season. As of this writing, we have at least one new weeknight team and potentially at least four new Sunday teams.

As we are still in the early stages of developing the Over 48 Division, we are looking forward to hearing from teams and players about joining. As always, we encourage your thoughts and ideas so please feel free to reach out to us.

sponsors and take advantage of their services.

2020 Proposed Schedule

The 2020 plan is to move forward with a 16 game season plus all teams making the playoffs based on 2 divisions in each league besides the current NL Division. [Click Here to see the 2020 Proposed Schedule](#)

2020 Rule Changes

Every year PATPNJ reviews any rules issues that may have come up during the previous season. As a result of this review certain rules are changed, added or deleted. 2020 will bring several minor changes but are believed to enhance the baseball experience for our members. If you have any suggestions for the 2020 rules after reviewing the proposed rules please reach out to the league commissioner. [Click Here for the 2020 Proposed Rules](#)

Help Wanted

Midland Park Board of Education is seeking a full time maintenance worker [Click Here For Details](#)

2020 League Fees

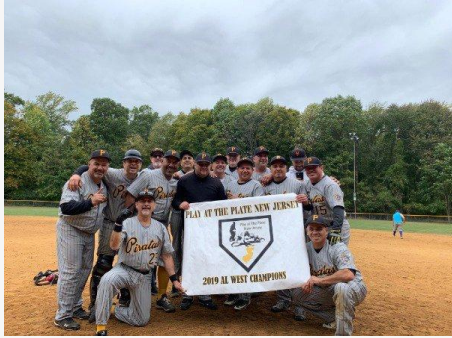
The 2020 league fee will remain the same as the 2019 season. The only change is if a player registers for a team after opening day there will be a \$25.00 player registration fee.

OUR 2019 LEAGUE CHAMPIONS



2019 AL East Champions

Congratulations to the Kinnelon Mets on their second consecutive league title. The Mets finished the regular season with a record of 11-7. In the playoffs they first defeated the Red Sox 6-5 and then swept to the title with wins over the Yankees.



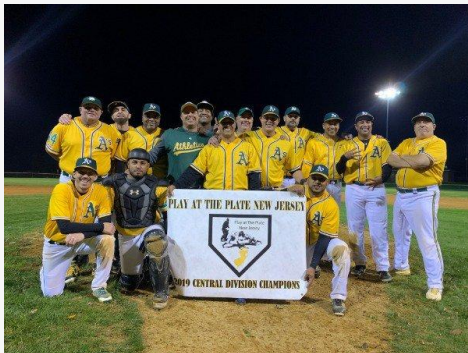
2019 AL West Champions

Congratulations to the AL Newark Pirates who celebrated their first season in the AL by defeating the Dodgers in a best of three final that went the distance. The Pirates finished the regular season 7-9-2 and then topped the Rangers in the first round before taking three games to best the Dodgers.



2019 NL Champions

Congratulations to the NL Newark Pirates who defeated the Tigers in three epic games to take their second league title. The Pirates finished the regular season 12-6 and eliminated the Rangers in the first round before taking on the Tigers. The series went three games and the Pirates were the last ones standing at the end.



2019 CD Champions

Congratulations to the CD A's on winning the CD Division Championship. The A's finished the regular season with a 12-6 record. In the first round of the playoffs they defeated the Black Bears 20-4 and then swept to the title with wins over the Nationals by scores of 11-1 and 8-1
