

Healing Place Athletics

Baseball 2026

Welcome Parents!

We want to thank you for choosing to participate with us this season at Healing Place Athletics. As you go through the season, if there is anything we can do to make your experience with us better, please let us know. We will work hard to make sure that this season is enjoyable for you and your children. The mission of Healing Place Athletics is to create environments for children to know and experience Jesus, along with growing in their knowledge and skill of baseball and softball.

The staff of Healing Place Athletics hopes that you and your family enjoy this season. If at any time you have a question or concern, feel free to contact any of us for assistance while at the HPAC or by email at sports@healingplacechurch.org.

Important Dates:

SATURDAY, February 7

Practice begins for T-Ball, Transition Coaches Pitch, Boys Kid Pitch (9-10), and Boys Kid Pitch (11-12). These practices will continue to the start of games. Once games begin, Saturday practices will end.

MONDAY, February 9

Practice begins for all teams on your scheduled practice night.

SATURDAY, February 28

Last day of Saturday practices.

SATURDAY, March 7

Games begin; all regularly scheduled games will occur on Saturday, except for weeknight games that will be scheduled.

WEEKNIGHT GAMES, March 30 - April 3

No practices will be allowed this week.

EASTER BREAK, April 4 - April 10

There will be no practices or games during this time. Games will resume April 11.

SATURDAY, May 16

Last day of games.

Uniforms:

Uniforms provided by HP Athletics consist of a jersey, hat/visor, belt and socks. Parents are required to purchase pants for their child (make sure they have belt loops). Head coaches will decide what color pants the team will wear and it must be consistent for the entire team. No shorts or skirts are allowed.

*Uniforms will not be ready for pick up until the week before games begin. An email with specifics will be sent at that time. Coaches are not allowed to pick up their team's uniforms. Parents must sign for their child's uniform in order to avoid mistakes. Coaches are not allowed to ask parents to purchase additional items for a uniform.

Pictures:

The photography company will contact the coaches when the picture schedule has been made.

Game Schedules:

You can expect these after the second week of practices. Once completed, game schedules will be posted on LeagueApps. If you have multiple children, there could be a chance that their games will overlap/occur at the same time. Unfortunately, we cannot do anything if this happens.

Equipment:

All players are required to provide their own glove and batting helmet.

All players must provide their own water bottle. The player's name **MUST** be written on their water bottle.

Cleats are recommended, but not required. No metal cleats allowed.

Players are encouraged but not required to provide their own bat.

Rainouts:

Only when practice or a game is canceled will it be posted on the athletics website at www.healingplaceathletics.org. If nothing is posted by the time specified below, expect games and practices to be on as scheduled. It is the responsibility of the parent to check the website when weather is questionable. Cancellations for weeknight practices and games will be posted by 3:00 p.m. Cancellations for Saturday practices and games will be posted by 7:00 a.m. on Saturday. When the weather changes after the designated posting times, it is the responsibility of the parent to continue to check the website for updates.

*Disregard any automatic reminders you receive once a rainout has been posted.

Rainout notifications will be displayed on the ticker below the header picture. Example pictured below.

The image shows a screenshot of the HealingPlace Athletics website. At the top right, there is a "LEAGUEAPPS LOGIN" link. The navigation menu includes "ABOUT", "LEAGUES +", "COACHES CORNER", "FACILITIES", "CONTACT US", and "RESOURCES +". The main header features the "HealingPlace ATHLETICS" logo over a background image of children. At the bottom, a red ticker displays the message: "PRACTICES ARE CANCELED ON SATURDAY FEBRUARY 4TH. BASEBALL PRACTICES ARE CANCELED ON SATURDAY FEBRUARY 4TH. BASEBALL PRACTICES ARE CANCELED ON SATURDAY FEBRUARY 4TH."

Parent Expectations:

Our coaches are typically parents who volunteer their time to work with your children. For your child's coach to be most effective, we encourage you, as a parent, to give him/her your full cooperation and support. At the same time, the Healing Place Athletics staff asks that you contact us immediately if at any time you have concerns about how the team is being managed or what is being taught. Even though coaches are volunteers, we hold everyone within the athletics program accountable for the quality of care given to your children.

Each team will have a Team Parent Manager. The Team Parent Manager will be a parent from your team who is interested in taking the role to help aid the coach throughout the season, through communication with parents and scheduling parents to assist in completing team responsibilities each week. If you are interested in being your team's Team Parent Manager, please let your coach know.

Keys for Parents to be a Positive Role Model:

- Verify with the coach that your contact information is correct. **Check the email and phone number on your account to make sure you gave access for the league and coaches to contact you.**
- Be supportive and encouraging to your coach during practice and games. If at any time you have a concern or you are unsure of something said or done during a game or practice, communicate in a polite, respectful manner with the coach to get a better understanding.
- Be on time for games and practices. All game and practice times are scheduled with the purpose of allowing equal play for all teams. Coaches are required to play the children equally. Each child should play 1 inning in the infield and are to not sit more than 2 innings per game. However, if your child doesn't go to the practices, is frequently late or shows bad sportsmanship, it is then up to the coach to use his/her discretion about playing time with your child.
- Please understand the importance of arriving at least 30 minutes prior to game time. Coaches need this time to prepare their line-up and warm-up the players.
- Coaches are not allowed to bring a child to the restroom and players are not allowed to leave the practice field by themselves. We ask that parents please help us with this by taking your child to the restroom upon arriving for practice.

Code of Conduct

As a Parent of Healing Place Athletics, I hereby pledge to provide positive support, care, and encouragement for the mission of HP Athletics by adhering to the following:

- I will encourage good sportsmanship by always demonstrating positive support.
- I will remember that children participate to have fun, and that the game is for youth, not adults.
- I will not engage in any kind of unsportsmanlike conduct with any official, coach, player, or parent such as booing and taunting, or using negative language towards said persons.
- I will not confront coaches or officials during or immediately after games with anything other than support. All questions/concerns regarding players or coaches will be addressed the day after the game in an atmosphere conducive to problem solving
- I will respect the officials and their authority during games.
- I understand if I fail to abide by the code of conduct set by HP Athletics, I will first be asked to refrain from negative conduct. If the problem continues, I understand I may be asked to leave the premises.

****Team Responsibilities Include:****

- Cleaning team dugout and bleacher areas at the end of your game and practice.
- **Away teams on the 3 large fields (Children's Cup, Honduras, and Peru) are required to keep score in the press box. The Team Parent Manager should assign one parent before the game starts.**
- Help manage players while in the dugout.