



### MISSION STATEMENT

**THE MISSION OF THE 3&2 BASEBALL CLUB OF JOHNSON COUNTY IS TO PROVIDE THE YOUTH OF OUR COMMUNITY WITH A QUALITY ENVIRONMENT WHICH PROMOTES SPORTSMANSHIP, INSTRUCTION, TEAMWORK AND THE ENJOYMENT OF THE BASEBALL EXPERIENCE.**

### GENERAL INFORMATION

Welcome to The 3&2 Baseball Club of Johnson County, a private nonprofit organization formed in 1951 by a group of civic-minded parents. It provides youth an opportunity to learn and play baseball and abide by the rules of good sportsmanship.

Team organization, player participation and special playing rules are published in the official 3&2 league rules manual which is available for each team manager. Rules and all other information are available on the 3&2 website at [www.3and2baseball.com](http://www.3and2baseball.com).

Questions can be answered by calling the 3&2 office Monday-Friday 9 a.m. - 5 p.m., (913) 888-8055.

### MULTIPLE LEVELS OF PLAY AT 3&2

In the coach pitch (kindergarten) and machine pitch (1st & 2nd grades) divisions, the emphasis is placed on learning how to play the game and every player bats and plays defensively. In the 3rd grade through the 6th grade divisions, rules require that teams bat through the entire roster, limit pitching appearances and each youngster plays a minimum number of innings defensively in each game.

As the players become older, starting with the 7th grade level, normal baseball rules and strategy are used. Players earn the right to have more playing time by working hard and improving their individual and team skills. Most managers try to play as many people as possible in each game, but it is not mandatory to do so.

Teams are seeded in all divisions to try to give balance to the playing schedule which provides all teams an opportunity for success in league play. First-league teams are usually stronger than the second-, third- or fourth-league teams in the same grade level.

The first divisions in each of the 3rd-8th grades are set up to accommodate teams that play in multiple tournaments. Weekends are left open for tournaments while league games are played during the week starting in early April. These teams are permitted to hold tryouts with players from the teams' high school boundary area.

### HOW ARE TEAMS FORMED?

Teams are formed within the boundaries of each of the Shawnee Mission, Olathe, Blue Valley, Bishop Miege, St. Thomas Aquinas, St. James and DeSoto/Mill Valley High Schools, and **by the current grade level** of the players. For example, 1st grade players in the SM East area will play on teams formed specifically in that high school area. 3&2 encourages teams that may be interested in playing in tournaments to form by age, with players not turning the next older age by May 1st of the current year.

New teams are permitted to enter the program with a complete team or just a nucleus of players from the same high school area. Players not on a team can register through the 3&2 website to be placed on a team in their high school area on a space available basis. (See instructions on back panel.) Additional teams will be formed as needed. There are no tryouts in the kindergarten through 6th grade divisions (except for 1st divisions in the 3rd-6th grade levels).

### WHAT ABOUT BASEBALL FACILITIES?

Few youth sports facilities can compare with the offerings of 3&2 Baseball. 3&2 has 27 age-appropriate sized fields for kindergartners on up to high school teams.

3&2's East Complex is located on 25 acres west of I-435 on 87th Street (18300 W. 87th St.) in Lenexa. It features nine fields with lights.

3&2's West Complex (8000 Monticello Rd.) features 18 fields, 11 of which are lighted. Both facilities have restrooms and concession stands.



### HOW LONG IS THE SEASON?

Teams are formed in January and February of each year. The regular season begins in late April for most teams (May for coach pitch & June for T-ball) and ends about the third week in July. Top teams in the 3<sup>rd</sup> grade through 8<sup>th</sup> grade and all teams in the 2<sup>nd</sup> grade machine pitch league advance to the season-ending division championship tournament. 3&2 plays host to USSSA qualifying tournaments played in the 2<sup>nd</sup> grade through high school divisions that can lead to regional and national competition. Call the league office for more information or visit the web site at [www.3and2baseball.com](http://www.3and2baseball.com).

Grade Level (2009-10)	Minimum Roster Size	Maximum Roster Size	Player Fee
Pre-School T-Ball (7 games)	10	12	\$80
Kindergarten Coach Pitch (10 games)	12	15	\$110
1 <sup>st</sup> & 2 <sup>nd</sup> Grade Machine Pitch (14 games)	13	15	\$185
3 <sup>rd</sup> & 4 <sup>th</sup> Grade (14 games)	13*	15	\$205
5 <sup>th</sup> & 6 <sup>th</sup> Grade (16 games)	13*	15	\$225
7 <sup>th</sup> & 8 <sup>th</sup> Grade (18 games)	13*	15	\$245
Senior & Federal League (21 games)	13	18	\$255

\* Teams in 1st Division only required to have an 11 player roster.

3&2 provides uniforms, t-shirts & hats for T-Ball through 2nd grade and equipment for T-ball and coach pitch teams. Teams at the 1st grade level and above are responsible for their own equipment and teams in grades 3rd-HS furnish their own uniforms. Official 3&2 baseballs (with logo) must be purchased by teams from [Nil Bros. Sports](http://Nil Bros. Sports).

Players provide their own gloves and shoes.



## 3&2 BASEBALL REGISTRATION

- ◆ Individual players that are not already on a team or are looking for a new may register on-line\*.
- ◆ Go to [www.3and2baseball.com](http://www.3and2baseball.com), go to "Registration" and then click on the appropriate link.
- ◆ Complete the on-line registration form (requires credit card). If you do not want to use the online option, walk-ins are welcome at the league office during office hours M-F, 9-5pm, at 18300 W. 87th Street.
- ◆ Players will be placed on a team based on grade and high school area and additional teams will be formed as needed.

**Registration Deadline is Friday, February 5th, 2010.**



\*On-line registration is for team formation. Players are not guaranteed a spot.