

A MESSAGE TO OUR YAC PARENTS

February/March 2025

Dear Parents and Supporters:

Welcome to Gospel Projects YAC. We are a recreational program established to provide wholesome activities for the youth of our community. We desire to make your experience here a positive and pleasant one.

The packet you now have in your hands contains important information. As we state in all our literature, GPYAC is a Christian organization dedicated to children having fun in the realm of youth sports. Though no program is perfect, our purpose and desire is to provide a wholesome environment for all concerned. Fans with a different agenda can only spoil the fun for everyone. Please make every effort to read the information concerning fan courtesy included in this packet.

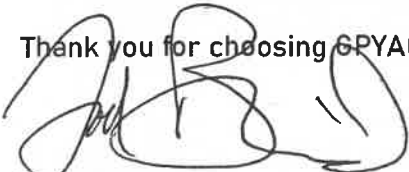
For communication purposes please friend us on Facebook.com/Gospel Projects Youth Athletic Club to follow us throughout the season. We will post weather related postponements or cancellations as well as park updates. Please DO NOT CALL the office of Santa Rosa Christian School regarding cancellations. In addition, we do not postpone or cancel games unless it is impossible to play due to storm conditions or lightning.

Regarding length of games: All girls' leagues have a one hour/15-minute time limit. 4U (Pre-Tee) has an hour limit and all other leagues (6U through 14U boys) have a one hour/20-minute time limit per game. One change this year, in 8U and above, the home team will be responsible to provide a scorekeeper/scorebox operator for games.

Our campus is a smoke and vape free zone. No smoking or vaping is permitted except in personal vehicles. In addition, please understand that you assume risk anytime you enter a ballpark. Gospel Projects Inc. is not responsible for broken windows, dents or stolen items related to your vehicle while it is on our campus. Take precautions by parking your vehicle away from fields and lock all doors.

We hope that you will stop by our concessions stand this season. We have a great selection of some of the best ballpark food in this area with the convenience of credit card (Master Card/Visa) purchases.

Thank you for choosing GPYAC!



Tod Brainard
President

Scorekeeping Responsibilities

This season, for 8U teams and above, the home team will have to supply a scorekeeper/ scorebox attendant for each game. We will continue to supply scorekeepers for Pre-Tee and Tee Ball games due to the complexity of the scoring, however, for all other leagues, the home teams must supply a scorekeeper.

Pitch counts for 10U Boys Kid-Pitch only will be kept by each team and reported to the Homeplate umpire each half inning and recorded.

The official scorebook and scorebox will be set in the score booth behind each field. Umpires will be responsible for returning the book and box from the last game back to the equipment room.

Thank you for your assistance with this change.

**Tod Brainard
Park President**

YAC CONCESSION STAND

Candy Side

Assorted Candy	Honey Buns
Candy Bars	Sunflower Seeds
Chips	Gum
Lollipops	Pickle Pops
Peanuts	Animal Crackers
Popcorn	Slim Jims
Coke/Bottled Water	

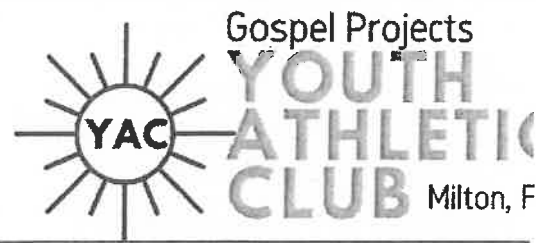
FOOD SIDE

Hamburgers
Cheeseburgers
Sausage Dogs
Corn Dogs
Hot Dogs
French Fries
Chili Cheese Fries
Nachos & Cheese
Popcorn
Onion Rings
Cheese Sticks
Coke/Bottled Water

We take Visa/Mastercard
& Debit Cards

Support our program by patronizing the concession stand. For efficiency and your convenience we have two sides to the main concession stand. On one side you order food and drink. On the other side you purchase candy, chips, and drinks.

What Equipment Do I Need for YAC Spring Ball?



1. **GLOVE: Mark player's name on/inside glove.**
 - 4U-6U Tee Ball (10.5" to 12" baseball glove)
 - Boys 8U and above baseball (11" to 12" max)
 - Girls 8U and above fast pitch softball (11" to 15" max).
2. **CLEATS: No metal cleats**
3. **PANTS & SOCKS** – Ask your coach for team color/style information before purchasing. Shirts and hats are provided by team sponsors.
4. **HELMET** - NOSCAE (National Operating Committee on Standards for Athletic Equipment) rated. Chin strap are required for Pre-Tee and Tee Ball.
5. **BAT:**

Baseball Bat Stamps

 - All Tee Ball bats must have **USA Stamp**. (24" to 26" length, 2 ¼ inch barrel) Big barrel bats are not allowed in Tee Ball.
 - All bats 27 inches and longer must have either **USA stamp or USSSA 1.15 stamp.**
 - Big barrel must have **BBCORE** stamp.

Boys' League	Weight L	Max Barrel	Max Length
8U	Drop 11	2 ¾ inches	32 inches
10U	Drop 11	2 ¾ inches	34 inches
12U	Drop 8	2 ¾ inches	36 inches
14U	Drop 5	2 ¾ inches	36 inches
Girls Softball Bats: 8U and above must have ASA or USSSA Certified Stamp. See GCGSA and USSSA bat regulations for coach pitch and fastpitch play.			

6. **BALL:**
 - Tee Ball 4U-6U – 5 oz. baseball
 - Boys Baseball 8U-Middle School: 5 oz. raised seam ball
 - Fast Pitch Girls' Softball
 - 8U –10U: 11in. Optic Yellow low seam softball
 - 12U-16U: 12in. Optic Yellow low seam softball

Optional: Batting glove - please put player's name on the glove

Please label all equipment with owner's name (luggage tag/waterproof label/Sharpie etc.) and double check that you have everything with you before leaving the park. Thank you!

ChazAir Studios & Academy

will be at Gospel Projects Park on
Thursday, March 13th at 5:00 PM,
Thursday, March 27th, and Thursday, April
3rd at 5:00 PM at the Field House to
airbrush helmets. They have many designs
and airbrush styles available.

For more information go to:

Studio:

6501 Scenic Hwy Pensacola Florida or call
850-292-1667 or 850-490-6744 and go
online to chazair.com

Artist: Chaz Ogden

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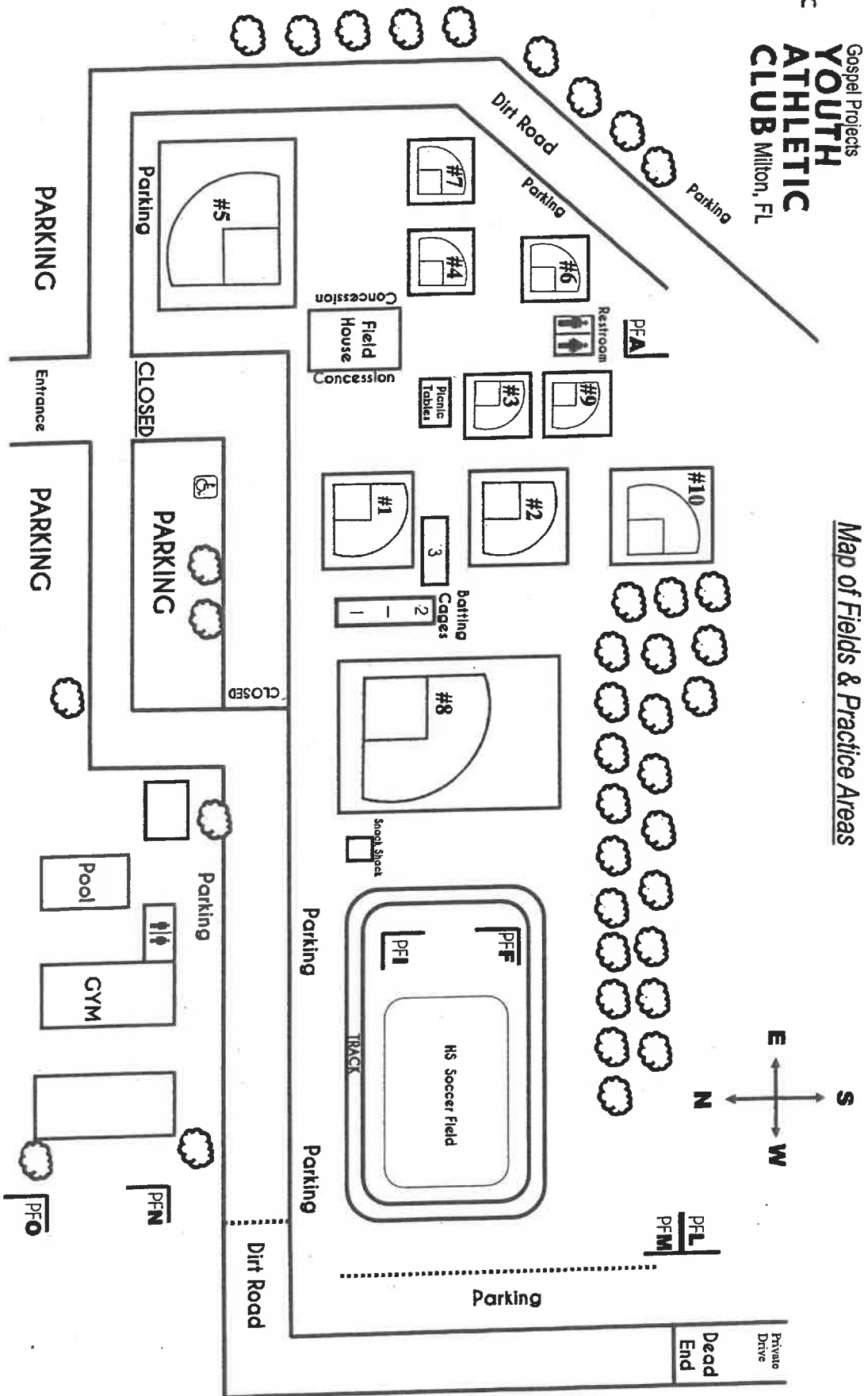
- 1) Friend us on FACEBOOK/Gospel Projects Youth Athletic Club.** That way you can keep up with announcements, alerts, cancellations as well as important dates and information about all our programs.

- 2) GPYAC has an aquatics program for kids ages 4 through 14!** We are partnered with the Greater Pensacola Aquatic Club to offer swim team training and competition. **Registration begins first week in May !**

- 3) Summer Day Camp for 1st thru 6th grade is just around the corner. Registration begins first week in May.** We have field trips, swimming, gym activities, and special events days all throughout the summer. Don't miss out! We have Wee Camp for K3-K5 as well.

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YOUTH ATHLETIC CLUB Milton, FL
 YAC

Map of Fields & Practice Areas



COURTESY RULES FOR PARENTS, SPECTATORS AND COACHES

Rule No. 1: Keep POSITIVE support and encouragement to a maximum.

- When the players are working hard, they need and deserve everyone's best POSITIVE encouragement and support. They need to know you're there and that their effort is appreciated. Most teams have a tough enough time developing a sense of teamwork and achievement at the same time the players are gaining experience and skill. They DO NOT need to hear YOUR anxiety piled on top of their own when the game is going poorly. Leave your problems at the front gate and enjoy the game.

Rule No. 2: DO NOT DEGRADE officials or players of either team for any reason.

- Critical spectators and coaches are distracting and reflect on the team's overall sportsmanship.
- Publicly degrading players or coaches on your team hurts team morale. They will already have an EXCELLENT idea what their weaknesses are from previous games. They will not need reminders from their families, friends and other spectators.
- The players for the other team are also trying hard and in truth are probably no meaner or nastier than players from your team. Negative criticism is simply poor sportsmanship and leads to unnecessary bad feelings on and off the field. The unfortunate spectacle of a supposed adult shouting insults at a child on a field is disgusting and will not be tolerated at Gospel Projects Youth Athletic Club.

Rule No. 3: Don't coach players from the bleachers, or for that matter, while THEY are on the field.

- In most leagues coaching from the bleachers is frowned on, and rightly so. As parents occasionally discover, a player may be doing EXACTLY what the coaches have instructed. Either way, a parent can help a player's athletic development by working together with the coaches, and not independently.

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Rule No. 4: Remember, IT'S ONLY A CHILDREN'S GAME!

- Don't forget YOUR attitude on the field can affect the mood and the success of the team. If the coaches think that your activity is hurting team performance in any way, they should promptly advise you. Be tolerant. Emotions run high during games, and feelings are easily hurt. Nevertheless, any spectator, whether parent, friend, or player who persists in inappropriate behavior after being warned by the coaches will be asked to leave the vicinity of the field. Coaches should not argue with parents at the game. If YOU want to talk about the game, wait till the next day. Always let the emotions drain away first so that conversation among adults can be conducted on a reasonable level rather than on an emotional level.
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ADDITIONAL COMMENTS:

It is great when parents and fans are cheering for their children, but degrading children in any form is unacceptable. How about some other things:

- Parents and fans set an example for our youth; be positive in your demeanor.
- Encourage players on both teams. If a player on the other team makes a good play, let him know.
- Parents, help your coaches. Talking to your child while he/she is on the field is OK, but don't pull them away. The last thing the coach needs to do is look for a player when they want to make a substitution.

REMINDING YOU THAT WE ARE HERE FOR YOUR CHILDREN,

Tod Brainard
Program Director