

Parks and Recreation High School Baseball League Coaches Comments

Asked three main questions:

1. How important do you think City's Park and Recreation high school baseball league is for the community.
2. What is the benefit of the city league compared to an organizational league such as Little League or Pony League.
3. What are your feelings about the city giving up the Westside fields to a sanctioned organization.

(Moody Magic) – City League, It's the highlight of the summer. Coaches get to observe up and coming underclassmen as well as get work in with underclassmen. City league is non-biased, caters to teenagers and puts on a fair program. Others line pockets for profit. Not great idea to give up fields. We would lose kids that need baseball as an avenue to stay busy and off the streets.

(Sinton Pirates) - City League is only league that caters to H.S. baseball during summer. Would have to travel to San Antonio to play otherwise. There are numerous leagues in town for the younger kids but none for H.S. Not great idea to give up fields

(King Mustangs) - There is a demand for H.S. summer baseball and Parks and Recreation is the only league in town. Convenient, in town centralized. Other leagues cater to youth Oso, Southside, IWS, Northwest, Padre to many to name. Why give away Westside fields?

(Moody Sophomores) - Brings the high school community together. Keeps them busy. Allows player development. Non-Sanctioned means no extra fees besides registration. Against giving up fields, no other H.S. league in town.

(Ray Texans) – It's the only H.S. league in town, so we enjoy seeing/playing rivals and fine tuning the players. I think it is important.

(Flour Bluff Hornets 16 Under) – City League is Vital to the community. Provides a complex that is centralized, and brings friends and foes together for a fun & competitive games. There are not restrictions, frozen rosters or sanction fees. Giving up fields would hurt H.S. Division.

(STX Southside Team) – City league is very important. City league does H.S. and keeps teams together. Other Leagues Don't. Not good to give up fields for other people to benefit.

(Kingsville) – Very Important, get to play a lot of baseball. City H.S. ball, they can bring in a whole team and don't have to be put on a different team, it's good for school kids to play together. Against giving up city fields. City does a good job.

(Ray, Moody, IWA) – Very important keeps kids busy and out of trouble. Can play with school and get ready for school ball on all levels. Who would it benefit to give up fields. Fields look good and have improved very much and good conditions make it safer from injury..

(Southside and Flour Bluff) - Very important for kids to grow and learn good things. City provides a higher level of competition because you play against different kids and not just kids in your district. It will be a shame for

city to give up the fields, so other people can benefit their pockets and not in it for the kids.

(G.P.) - Important, gives kids a chance to play ball especially H.S. Team. Keeps them active and out of trouble. It's a benefit for high school level. Not a good idea to give up fields to a private or other league.

(Miller Bucs) - Keeps kids out of trouble. The older they are the more trouble they get in. Especially at the high school age. The city league provides for the high school level other leagues don't do this. Not good to give up fields. Our kids want to play H.S. ball and stay on the Westside.

(San Diego Power House) - Very important, continues development for kids, keeps kids out of trouble. City league helps build kids team work and be better person. Hope fields are not given away. We have to travel but like playing in H.S. Division.

(Storm) – City League is very important. Off season makes them work on fundamentals, especially the 16 & under. Keeps them together during off season. This league benefits those kids that want to play H.S. baseball. Gives them a chance to improve their game. Kids that are devoted need this league to improve their game. Do not need to give up fields. This allows the 18 & under and 16 & under to always have fields to play on. Give up the fields and they would use them for other reasons.

(Dirty Dawgs) – City league keeps 15 – 18 year olds busy and keeps them out of trouble. People forget about this age group. City league charges a price that is reasonable compared to having to pay sanction fees and other cost. City league is not as expensive for parents. It would be the wrong move to give up the fields. No benefit for the city. Fields would be used mainly for tournaments.

(Flour Bluff 18 & Under) - City Parks and Recreation League is a must. City league benefits are flexible scheduling, open baseball and great umpires. Do not give up fields.

(G.P. Most Wanted) - City League keeps us busy, allows the kids an option outside of school ball. "I think it's very important". City league has open rules, no sanctions and entry fee is reasonable. Giving up the fields would be a big loss. We enjoy playing in Corpus Christi and at Westside with Parks and Recreation.

(Portland Stars) - City league important. There are few leagues that focus on H.S.. There are many little leagues and pony leagues in the area. Parks and recreation are one of the few for High School. If you give up the fields then we would lose the high school division.

(Bishop Badgers) – City league plays a vital role – very important and allows opportunity to play H.S. level baseball. City league is non-sanctioned, so no extra fees or sanctioned fees. Straight H.S. baseball with no hidden agenda. Not good idea to give up fields, other organizations are self-serving

(John Paul) - The city's Park and Rec League for High school baseball players is probably one of the main reasons our school teams play at the level that gets them deep into the play-offs year in and year out. The ability to play together as a team is very important to getting to know each other's strengths and weakness. Each team has it's spots in the lineup that every kid thinks they ought to be in, city league gives them that chance to show what they can do against the same pitching that they would see in the spring. The same goes for pitchers, kids want to pitch against good hitters to show that they can compete against the same kids they would see in the spring. Bottom line I think it is one of the reason our baseball here in south Texas is ranked on a national level. I hope it stays a long after my coaching days are over. Believe me the kids will continue to play

somewhere, some league or some park, every ball player always want to play one more season.

It has always been a joy for me and my son Dominic to participate in the city league, to continue playing after the spring season finished was priceless as the commercial goes. Now for summer ball he will travel to the Collegiate league in upstate New York for the summer.

(King Mustang) - I have always appreciated playing in the league in Corpus Christi! We enjoyed more when it was Connie Mack and Mickey Mantle League! There was advancement in the summer! Umpires were strict with discipline and Billy and John ran a tight ship

(Hornet Thunder) - Benefits of Little League or Pony only adds to that of the City League. Teams in town want games to play against other competitive teams. The City league provides that extra edge of games that LL and Pony cannot provide. The local teams of Corpus Christi need to be able to play against local and non local teams. LL and Pony can provide some of this however the City league can add that extra source of play by adding games to what exist. The City should really consider taking over more of the local leagues and help manage their league boards so that the city is aware of all the financial advantages and disadvantages of the leagues. I know there are leagues/fields out there that use their facilities for tournament play only in order to raise financial profits. Baseball should be an opportunity for the children of CC to play a game they love and financial gains should not be a part of it. All the money raised should go to the city to provide finances to make improvements or maintain the fields.