

Cape Fear OPTIMIST CLUB

3222 N Kerr Ave / WILMINGTON, NORTH CAROLINA 28405

<http://www.capefearoptimist.org>

TO: PLAYERS, COACHES, PARENTS, AND FAMILIES:

Welcome to the **2017 Cape Fear Optimist Club's Baseball and Softball Season**. This year promises to be an exciting and fun year for everyone! The Optimist Club of Cape Fear appreciates your continued support for these two special programs. Our optimist members have been asked to "become more involved" with these important character-building programs and now I'm asking you; the managers, coaches, parents and family members to do the same. We also have a NEW ONLINE web site for baseball & softball, you can get schedules, team info, weather update & emails about notices or changes.

This program is not about winning or losing! As adults and possibly former ball players, we sometimes lose focus on goals of this program. They are for the enjoyment of the children, win or lose. My goal as an Optimist is for this program to help develop a strong sense of sportsmanship, team concept and increased skill levels. Please remember; **"We lead by example because we set the example"**.

All of our manager and coaches are volunteers, with the majority having many years of experience as team leaders. They give their time and energy to these programs so that your child will have an opportunity to participate. However, during this season, if you perceive a problem or have other concerns with any of our coaching staff, I ask you to please use the following procedures to rectify these situations:

1. Talk to the manager and/or coach. Communication is very important. Many misunderstandings can be resolved if you discuss the situation with the Manager or Coach.
2. If you are unable to resolve the problem at the managers / coaches' level, please present your concerns to the League Commissioner. Ask any club member for the name of the appropriate League Commissioner. It can also be found on our web site.
3. If you are unable to resolve the problem at the Commissioner's level, you should contact either the Baseball Commissioner or the Softball Commissioner to review your situation.
4. After these steps have been taken, you may inform the Cape Fear Optimist Club's Board of Directors **in writing** of your problem or concern. The decision of the Board of Directors is final.

Again, as adults we are role models for our children. Our participation either, as a coach, parent, family member or friend should present a positive and caring image toward each child.

Parents, family members and friends will also be asked to **STEP UP TO THE PLATE.....and HELP out**. This might be serving as team Mom or Dad, helping at practice and **specially by volunteering at the concession stand when it is your teams turn**. Please support the managers, coaches, umpires & Cape Fear Club members when they ask for your help.....We are here for our **YOUTH !!!!**

Have a great season....PLAY BALL!!

Curtis Keith President – Cape Fear Optimist

Donnie Pridgen Baseball & Softball Commissioner - Cape Fear Optimist

AFFILIATED WITH:



BASEBALL



SOFTBALL

2017 CAPE FEAR OPTIMIST BASEBALL

TRYOUT AND DRAFT INFORMATION

ALL TRYOUTS WILL BE AT THE Cape Fear Optimist Ball Complex

3222 N. Kerr Ave - Wilmington, NC 28405

Players should bring gloves to tryouts. DO NOT bring balls.

Be on time and be prepared to remain for the entire tryout time period.

No tryouts for Baseball T-ball

SOFTBALL TRYOUTS

AGE	DAY/DATE	Field Number	TIME
SWEETIES 6-7	Saturday March 11	FOUR	12:00 PM
DARLINGS 7-8	Saturday March 11	FOUR	10:00 AM
ANGELS 9-10	Saturday March 11	TWO	10:00 AM
PONYTAILS 11-12	Saturday March 11	TWO	12:00 PM
BELLES 13-14	Saturday March 11	TWO	1:00 PM
DEBS 15-18	Saturday March 11	ONE	1:00 PM

BASEBALL TRYOUTS

AGE	DAY/DATE	Field Number	TIME
BB COACH PITCH	Saturday March 11	FIVE	12:00 PM
BB Minor 9-10	Saturday March 11	FIVE	10:00 AM
BB MAJOR 11-12	Saturday March 11	FIVE	1:00 PM

Teams will be drafted at the end of the day March 11.

If a Manager has not contacted you by March 12, please call your Commissioner on the web site below.

For other information about Cape Fear Optimist Baseball go to the link at the following web site

<http://www.capefearoptimist.org>

OPENING CEREMONIES WILL BE FRIDAY, March 31 at 6:00 pm.

At the Cape Fear Optimist Ball Park - All teams in uniform by 5:30 PM

CAPE FEAR OPTIMIST NEEDS YOUR SUPPORT ON OPTIMIST DAY AT DICK'S SPORTING GOODS DAY SATURDAY MARCH 11, 2017 10 am – 3 pm

Shop at Dick' sporting goods with your team discount coupon on Optimist Day March 11, 2017.

Participants will receive 20 % off throughout the store at this time.



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