

Utah County Prep – Baseball League 2024 9th Grade Baseball

UPG Baseball
773 East 640 South
Salem, Utah 84653



League: We had a great season last year and look forward to providing a strong league for the **2024** season. We plan to offer the same product with a few minor changes. The League will run like in years past; One game a week (on Wednesdays) and a double header every Saturday. **Some Mondays!**

Number of Games: Teams will play an **18 game** schedule and also participate in a true double season ending tournament. The season will begin **Wednesday, March 13th** and conclude with the tournament the week of May 13th to 20th. Wednesday game times will be 5:00 p.m. (7 innings) and Saturday DH will start at 11:00am. Wednesday games will be 7 innings. DH games will be 2 hrs, timed. Participating teams will be required to supply a home playing field.

Umpires: Two umpires will be assigned to work each game. These umpires will be assigned by our administration. Most umpires will be high school certified umpires. Pay rate will be \$60.00 per umpire. All umpire pay will be done through arbiterpay. **You will pay \$1080.00 in umpires. No on the field payments.** Umpire fees will be sent to UPG.

Fees: Cost per team to participate in the league will be **\$620.00** paid to Utah's Premier Game. This fee will cover league insurance, arbiting, scheduling and the post season umpire fees and awards.

Coaches meeting: We are planning to hold a coaches meeting in January. This meeting will be to cover any league issues, questions and include a free meal. If you are planning to play with us please send us a responding e-mail, to let us know you're in, prior to **January 14th**. **Money (\$620.00 League fee) and umpire fees (\$1080.00) are due March 1th. Total is \$1700.00**

Topics and Rules: **This will be a 9th grade age group, league only.** Players in 8th grade or younger will have plenty of opportunities on the Super League level. Your team is invited to play with us if you are looking for a 9th grade league. We are well aware that some of your schools will have a hard time fielding a 9th grade team due to players playing up. If you cannot field a team this year we will look toward your participation in the future.

Boundaries, After seeing the issues involved in the past years in other 9th grade sports dealing with boundaries, we are not planning to put a boundary rule in place. We strongly encourage players to play for the team they will be with in high school. No super league teams will be allowed in this league. All teams must be submitted by a high school coach. If you have players looking to change schools, it will be up to the coaches involved to figure out the solution. **We are looking to offer a 9th grade league that is well organized and is about building future varsity players. We are not interested in dealing with boundary issues or younger player issues.**

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