



ROCKHOUNDS BASEBALL

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Graduation Day ... On the Diamond

RockHounds Announce "Senior Series" for Graduating Permian Basin High School Baseball Players

The Coronavirus has affected every walk of life across the country, including baseball. The Major Leagues are attempting to play a truncated season and Minor League Baseball's season (including the RockHounds) was officially cancelled last week.

For high school players in the Permian Basin, the season ended almost as soon as it began (the last games were played in March). The "lost season" was especially impactful for players in their senior seasons.

The RockHounds have today unveiled plans for the "High School Senior Series," a two-day event designed to give graduating high school players one more chance to take the diamond. The event will be a round-robin tournament, July 24-25 at Momentum Bank Ballpark.

The event will feature four teams, each comprised of area high school seniors, with the players divided into four teams, each playing three games.

To date, a dozen Permian Basin high schools will be represented (see list, below, right).

"The RockHounds have a unique understanding of having a baseball season taken away due to circumstances way beyond our control," said club assistant general manager and event co-developer Ray Fieldhouse.

"Our goal is to give these kids a chance to take the diamond one more time to cap off their senior seasons," Fieldhouse said. "It's a chance to experience the camaraderie, have some fun, and put the finishing touches on their high school careers."

Coaches for the four-team field will be Bobby Alvarez (Lamesa High School), Daniel Carrillo (Big Spring High School), Robert Morris (Andrews High School) and Jeremy Mueller (Midland High School). Seminole High School's Vince Lavalee will also be part of the coaching staff.

The Event

The High School Senior Series is a two-day, round-robin, tournament featuring four teams comprised of graduating high school seniors from schools across the Permian Basin (each team will play three games).

Schedule

- Session 1: **Friday, July 24** Beginning at 6:00 p.m.
- Session 2: **Saturday, July 25** Beginning at 9:00 a.m.
- Session 3: **Saturday, July 25** Beginning at 6:00 p.m.

Team Composition

Each of the tournament's four teams will be made up of players from multiple schools.

Venue

- Momentum Bank Ballpark (Scharbauer Sports Complex), home of the RockHounds
- Social distancing ... and all other local safety guidelines ... will be observed
- Face masks will be required in ALL areas except when in your seats
- See www.midlandrockhounds.org for a copy of the RockHounds' COVID-19 Safety Plan

Admission

- Adults: \$8 per session - or - \$20 pass for entire tournament
- Kids / Students: \$5 per session - or - \$12 pass for entire tournament



Participating Schools:

- Andrews Mustangs
- Big Spring Steers
- Crane Golden Cranes
- Coahoma Bulldogs
- Lamesa Golden Tornados
- Midland Christian Mustangs
- Midland High Bulldogs
- Midland Lee Rebels
- Monahans Loboos
- Odessa High Bronchos
- Odessa Permian Panthers
- Seminole Indians

Player(s) from schools not listed (above) who would like to participate are encouraged to call the RockHounds for more information.

- Contact Ray Fieldhouse (rfieldhouse@midlandrockhounds.org)
- Players must be graduating seniors from schools within the Permian Basin



HIGH SCHOOL Senior Series

JULY 24 & 25

