



## 2016 Kansas Koyotes

**GM:** Bill Schwartz (9th season)

Minor League Affiliates: AAA - Wichita Wranglers, AA - Topeka Capitals, A - Rapid City Chiefs, Rookie - Winner Pheasants

Coaching Staff: Manager- Casey Stengel, Bench Coach – Yogi Berra, Pitching Coach- Whitey Ford, Bullpen coach: Elston Howard, Hitting Coach- Don Mattingly, 1st Base Coach- Mickey Mantle, 3<sup>rd</sup> Base Coach – Willie Randolph

**Kansas pre-season cuts:** **Uncarded:** T. Colvin, D. Huff, R. Pena, T. Redmond, P. Rodriguez, A. Swarzak. **Carded:** M. Muncy (OAK), C. Crisp (OAK), S. Delabar (TOR), L. Schafer (MIL).

**Waiver Wire:** TBA

**Game Type:** All Kansas home games will be played “the way that God intended it” with the boards and dice.

### Emergency Lineups:

VS. LHP (comp)	VS. RHP (comp)	VS. LHP (board)	VS. RHP (board)
1. Springer – cf-2	1. Pedroia – 2b-8	1. Springer – cf-2	1. Pedroia – 2b-8
2. Hernandez – 2b-7	2. Springer – cf-2	2. Hernandez – 2b-7	2. Granderson – cf-2
3. Gutierrez – lf-2	3. Granderson – lf-2	3. Puig – rf-2	3. Moustakas – 3b-5
4. Moustakas – 3b-5	4. Colabello – dh	4. Gutierrez – dh	4. Colabello – dh
5. Puig – rf-2	5. Smoak – 1b-4	5. Moustakas – 3b-5	5. Smoak – 1b-4
6. Reynolds – 1b-4	6. Moustakas – 3b-5	6. Reynolds – 1b-4	6. Montero – c-8
7. Gomes – c-7	7. Francoeur – rf-2	7. Francoeur – lf-2	7. Francoeur – rf-2
8. Granderson – dh	8. Montero – c-8	8. Gomes – c-7	8. Reynolds – lf-1
9. Segura – ss-8	9. Segura – ss-8	9. Segura – ss-8	9. Segura – ss-8

**Notes:** I will contact road managers by e-mail each month to give individualized lineups or the go-ahead to use the above lineups. **Very seldom will these lineups be used, though.** The chart showing those in the minors each month is included on the roster sheet, but may be revised, especially late in the year. Please contact me if you'd like to start early and I'll try to accommodate.

### Player Usage:

**C:** Miguel Montero will play all of his allowed 113 games and Yan Gomes will play the rest. With 208 combined games, even without a third catcher, we should be able to utilize a PR or PH at times in crucial situations late.

**1B:** Justin Smoak will cover first base for his 132 games with “King of Swing” Mark Reynolds filling out the remainder.

**2B:** Dustin Pedroia, with more injury problems this year, will be penciled in for his allowable 93 games. Valuable utility man Enrique Hernandez and 4<sup>th</sup> round draft choice Pedro Ciriaco will provide the remaining 69 games.

**SS:** Jean Segura will usually man the shortstop position with Hernandez and Ciriaco playing when he is on the bench.

**3B:** Mike Moustakas will play most days (147 g.) and will be a key to the Koyotes' success with his 3B-5 and decent power and Hernandez will start the remaining 15.

**OF:** The OF will not look the same from game to game, as only Curtis Granderson will play every day (and with his L-13 shift on the boards, he will sit at times vs. LHP). Jeff Francoeur (119 g.), George Springer (102 g.), Yasiel Puig (79 g.) & Franklin Gutierrez (59 g.) will all patrol the OF posts. In a pinch, even Reynolds and Hernandez may be found there. Lots of "mix and matching" again. Granderson, Springer, Hernandez, Puig and Leonys Martin are CF-eligible.

**DH:** Chris Colabello will be the primary DH, playing his 101 games there, with Reynolds filling that role for most of the remaining 61 games.

### **Defensive Replacements:**

Not a whole lot of defensive moves to be made. There may be possible options later in the year that will be covered by the monthly instructions.

Don't be tempted to use Pedroia to replace a 2B-7 and "waste" a start, although that may happen some at home, especially later in the year.

### **Offense:**

**Pinch Hit/Run:** No PH'ing or PR'ing unless spelled out in monthly series instructions.

**Steal Attempts:** Only three real threats to steal. Segura and Springer will have the green light in the 9<sup>th</sup> if the game is tied or Koyotes are down 1. Granderson will also steal on occasion, but will get his attempts at home until later in the year.

**Hit & Run:** H&R anytime allowed with Segura on 1<sup>st</sup> & Pedroia up, Koyotes tied or within a run either way. **Steal instructions take precedence over the H&R's.** Any other options will be spelled out in the monthly instructions.

**Sacrifice:** VERY RARE. NEVER SQUEEZE!

### ***Offensive Runner Advancement:***

Board Game: Consult Adams Table.

**Computer Game:** always send runners who are "well around third", hold runners who are "rounding third", unless a Fast runner and OF arm <31. Be conservative going for third, more aggressive going home, especially with two outs. General Rule for computer: be aggressive with Fast runners and conservative with Slow runners. Also on the computer, if a batter gets an extra base hit and "hits second base with a full head of steam" do **not** consider going for the triple.

**Send Runner on Third:** With infield in, hold runner if combined 2b/3b/ss fielding rating >18. Any lesser combination, or runners on first and third, Go Go Go!

**Outfield Throws:** Make all throws <34 chances. Otherwise hold trailing runners. Throw for trailing runners attempting advancement if lead runner is not tie/lead run and trailer is 10+ chances lower.

**Computer Game:** Make all throws. If you try to advance a trailing runner along with a runner "well around third" cut the throw home and go for the trailer.

**Hold Runner on First:** For all 1B's hold runner if SSN >24 or a PL batter at bat. Otherwise let 'em roam.

**Intentional Walk:** Never.

**Pitch from Stretch:** Only pitch from stretch if 2 outs, 8<sup>th</sup> inning on, tying or winning runner on third base has an adjusted SSN > 9.

**Infield In/Deep:** Never play in with two outs or before the 7<sup>th</sup> inning. Only play infield in if the tying/winning run is on third base, 7<sup>th</sup> inning on and less than two outs. If the double play is a possibility, always play deep.

*For computer managers, when in doubt about any of these computer instructions, play it as you would your own team - I'm admittedly ignorant about the computer game (and intend so stay that way!)*

### **Pitching:**

**General Philosophy:** We have recovered from the epidemic of TJ injuries and are looking forward to seeing what promises to be the best starting rotation in Koyote history can do. **Dallas Keuchel** (grade 15), **Sonny Gray** (grade 14), **Max Scherzer** (gr. 14), **Matt Harvey** (gr. 14) & first round draftee **Luis Severino** (gr. 14) provide their 137 starts. **Steven Wright** (gr. 10) will try to baffle batters with his knuckleball for an additional 9 starts. Late pickup **Ivan Nova** (gr. 5), in his 16 starts, will try to keep the Koyotes in the game till he can turn it over to the pen.

High grade relief innings were shored up a little with trades for **Joaquin Benoit** (gr. 22) and **Ken Giles** (gr. 17). Benoit, with mediocre peripherals, will be the closer and Giles will be the 8<sup>th</sup> inning man. Three grade 15's will be asked to get the game to Giles and Benoit. There should be plenty of RIP's. If game is close in 6<sup>th</sup> on, one of the grade 11+ relievers should usually be in the game, but the general rule will be to try to get 6+ innings out of those top five studs unless reduced or fatigued. Nova will be asked to go till "pounded" out if he gets bombed early.

No starter should pitch more than 11.2 innings. Don't remove any starting pitcher if he's pitching a shutout.

### **Starting Pitchers Bio's:**

**Gray, Scherzer, Keuchel, Harvey, Severino** – 137 excellent starts, will normally go till fatigued.

**Wright** – 9 more decent grade but bad peripheral starts (10W).

**Nova** – Late pickup to fill the remaining 16 starts. Will often go to the pen early when he toes the slab.

**Bullpen:** With 530+ decent RIP's and 137 quality starts, there should be adequate relief to enable applying the hook fairly early in the 25 average to mediocre starts. A minimum of 6 relievers will usually be on the active roster. One key to the season: wise management of the pen. I will try to manage the minor league roster so that regardless of RIP allowable, all relievers except Benoit and Giles can be used equally in any particular month as need be.

### **Bullpen Bio's:**

**Benoit:** The closer, and with 65.3 RIP can be used in most of the save situations. Discretion will be used as the season goes on in 3 run lead 9<sup>th</sup> inning situations. Don't let him go more than one inning unless the Koyotes take a lead in the 10th.

**Giles:** Eighth inning man when Koyotes are up 1 or 2.

**Soria, Matusz & Duke:** Primary seventh inning men in close games. Matusz & Duke are LH's, so mix and match. Duke's peripherals are not good so use him accordingly.

**Pinder, Hendriks & Quackenbush:** Interchangeable grade 10 to 12's to get game to 7<sup>th</sup> inning with lead or to eat up innings if starter is fatigued or "pounded". Hendriks has great peripherals, so can be used in more crucial situations. Pinder's are bad, and he has limited innings – when up, many times will be used to face one or two batters.

**Garcia:** Mopup man and inning eater in blowouts, or to face one batter in meaningful situations.

**Motte:** Another mopup man, but with good peripherals, so occasionally can be used in more meaningful situations.

## Pitching Rotation:

April	vs.	Pitchers	May	vs.	Pitchers	June	vs.	Pitchers
1-4 (5)	@	NBO G, Sc, Se, K	1-5	ZIO	K, G, H, Sc, N	1-4 (5)	STA	Se, Sc, K, G
6-8 (9)	@	STA G, Sc, Se	6-9 (10)	LV	K, G, H, Sc	6-8	MAR	Se, Sc, K
10-13	@	MAR K, G, Sc, Se	11-14	@	HOB K, G, H, Sc	9-11	NBO	G, H, Se
14-17 (18)	TAY	H, K, G, Sc	15-18 (19)	@	COL N, K, G, H	12-16 (17)	@	MID Sc, K, G, H, SeC
19-23 (24)	HUD	H, K, G, Sc, Se	20-23	@	WHI N, K, G, H	18-21	@	MLR K, G, H, Sc
July	vs.	Pitchers	August	vs.	Pitchers	September	vs.	Pitchers
1-5	@	KNOX W, K, G, H, Sc	1-4	CAY	K, N, G, H	(1,2) 3-5	@	NBO H, S, K
6-9 (10)	@	MUN W, K, G, H	5-8 (9)	NW	Sc, K, N, G	6-9	@	STA G, Se, H, Sc
11-14	RYE	W, Sc, K, G	10-13	GC	Sc, K, N, G	10-12 (13)	@	MAR K, G, Se
15-18	DET	H, W, Sc, K	14-17	@	BRO H, Sc, K, N	14-17	MID	H, Sc, K, G
19-22 (23)	CAL	G, H, W, Sc	18-21(22)	@	WAR G, H, Sc, K	18-22 (23)	MUN	SeH, ScK, G
October	vs.	Pitchers	November	vs.	Pitchers			
1-4* (5)	@	TAY N, H, Sc, G*, K*	(1) 2-6	@	LV Sc, K, W, N, H			
6-9	@	ZIO N, H, Sc, G	7-10	@	HUD Sc, K, W, N			
10-14	MLR	K, N, H, Sc, G	11-13 (14)	STA	H, Sc, K			
15-18 (19)	KNOX	K, N, H, Sc	15-18	MAR	N, H, Sc, W			
20-23 (24)	@	BH W, N, H, G	19-22 (23)	NBO	K, G, N, Sc			
*DH								

G – Gray, Sc – Scherzer, K – Keuchel, Se – Severino, H – Harvey, W – Wright, N - Nova

**Summary:** In 2015, the Koyotes overachieved somewhat with an 86-76 season, missing the playoffs by 4 games when an 8-12 November doomed them to also-ran status.

This year's version should exhibit more power than the Koyotes have had in years, with no less than twelve 66-1 cards, headed by Gutierrez' monster partial-season (59 g.) card (1-1-5-5-6).

The defense is somewhat equivalent to last year's with Pedroia's dropping to a 2B-8 and a complete lack of OF-3's being balanced by Moustakas and Montero regaining their 3B-5 and C-8 ratings, respectively - although Montero's comes with a -3 arm. Puig's 38 rifle and Francouer's 37 in RF should still prevent baserunners from running wild. The Koyotes made the choice in the first round of this year's draft to take one of their favorite Yankees, Severino, instead of offensive help and pray against the Koyote jinx of TJ injury for him. And the salivation spoken about in last year's summary has become a reality with a rotation of grade 14 and 15's when Severino's 14 was added to Keuchel, Harvey, Gray & Scherzer. The future is looking brighter in Koyote land. The hope is that winning will become more than "the occasional thing".

**If you have any questions, use your best baseball judgment and do whatever gives Kansas the best chance at a win.**

*Have a Fun Season!*

**NOTE:** Please provide scoresheets from road board games and boxscores from computer games (scanned and attached to an e-mail will be fine). Last year, some computer road managers also supplied the play by play file. If it is not too much trouble, I'd appreciate that this year (but not mandatory). **I keep GWH's and GWR's in my personal stats, so I would appreciate it if those who only supply boxscores would list those stats when you send the boxscores.** Thanks.

**Do not use any automatic managers.**

2016 Kansas Koyotes													Fielding										Minors										
NAME	TEAM	BATS	BC-COMP	BC-MG	SSN	Spd	ARM	G	PA	SBA	U.g. SBA Rem.	Hits	14's	24's	31's	13's	C	1B	2B	3B	SS	OF	PB/Th	*AGE	Acquired	A	M	J	J	A	S	O	
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Montero, Miguel	CHC	L	SA-1	-2/-1	20	56	31	113	403	2	2	9 (1-6-7)	4	1	1	8	8							1,-3	32	'07 Draft (2)							
Gomes, Yan	CLE	R	PL-0	-5/0	0	7	32	95	389	0	0	9+ (1-6-6)	1+	2	1	8	7							2,+1	28	'13 Draft (4)							
Reynolds, Mark	MIL	R	PL-1	0/-2	16	56	33	140	432	5	5	8 (1-6-6)	4	1	1	8		4	5	3			1	32	Trade '14 WHI								
Smoak, Justin	TOR	B	SA-0	-1/-1	0	55	30	132	328	0	0	8 (1-5-5-6)	3	2	1	8		4							29	Trade '15 MUN							
Chris Colabello	TOR	R	SA-1	0/-2	31	56	29	101	360	2	2	12 (1-0-0-0-7-7)	2	3	1	7		2					1	32	'14 Waiver Wire								
Pedroia, Dustin	BOS	R	PL-1	+1/-2	20	11	29	93	425	4	4	11 (0-0-0-0-7-7)	3	0	2	3			8						32	'07 Draft (Bon)		x				x	
Segura, Jean	MIL	R	SA-1	+2/-2	31	F17	33	142	584	31	31	10 (0-0-11-10-7)	1	3	2	5						8		26	'13 Draft (2)								
Hernandez, Enrique	LAD	R	SA-5	+16/-13	9	F15	32	76	218	2	2	11 (1-0-0-0-7-7)	2	0	2	6			7	4	7	2		24	15 Draft (4)				x				
Moustakas, Mike	KC	L	PR-1	-2/-1	14	10	33	147	614	3	3	10+ (1-0-0-0-7)	3+	1	2	3									27	'12 Draft (1)							
Ciriaco, Pedro	ATL	R	SA-0	-5/+1	26	F18	33	84	151	6	6	10 (0-0-0-0-11-7)	1	0	2	8		3	7	4	8	1		30	'16 Draft (4)	x			x		x		
Puig, Yasiel	LAD	R	SA-3	+6/-4	20	13	38	79	311	6	6	9(1-4-6-10-7)	3	0	1	6						2		25	'14 Draft (1)							x	
Granderson, Curtis	NYM	L	SA-5	-13/+2	25	13	30	157	682	17	17	9 (1-5-6-10)	5	0	1	7						2		35	Trade '11 CAY								
Springer, George	HOU	R	SA-2	+3/-4	31	F16	33	102	451	20	20	9+(1-5-6-11-10)	4	0	1	7						2		26	'15 Draft (1)					x			
Francoeur, Jeff	PHI	R	SA-0	-4/0	9	9	37	119	343	2	2	10 (1-5-6-7)	1	2	1	7						2		32	'16 Draft (5)			x					
Gutierrez, Franklin	SEA	R	SA-1	0/-3	0	13	33	59	189	0	0	11 (1-1-5-5-6)	3	2	1	9						2		33	'16 Draft (2)		x						
Brown, Domonic	PHI	L	SA-1	-2/-1	29	13	33	63	204	4	4	8 (0-6)	3	0	1	5						1		28	'11 Draft (1)	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	
Martin, Leonys	TEX	L	SA-1	-2/-1	29	F18	33	95	310	19	19	8 (0-0-11-10)	2	1	2	7						3		28	Trade '16 HUD	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	
A "+" in the hit column above indicates a "42" on the player's card.																																	
^ Legacy rating																																	
CF Eligible																																	
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NAME	TEAM	Th	Grade	Sym	CTL	HRA	Sym	FAT	Def.	WP	HB	BK	MF	GS	RIP	AGE		Acquired		A	M	J	J	A	S	O							
Keuchel, Dallas	HOU	L	15	XZ	22	26	G	28	2	3	-	0	1	33			28		'13 Draft (6)														
Scherzer, Max	WAS	R	14	XYZ	36	-13	-	27	2	3	-	-	1	33			31		'09 Draft (1)														
Harvey, Matt	NYM	R	14	XZ	31	13	-	26	1	1	-	0	0	29			27		'13 Draft (1)														
Gray, Sonny	OAK	R	14	Y	0	24	-	27	2	3	-	0	0	31			26		'14 Draft (1)														
Severino, Luis	NYY	R	14	Y	-23	-16	L	23	1	2	-	-	2	11			22		'16 Draft (1)			x		x	x	x							
Wright, Steven	BOS	R	10	W	-24	-23	L	26/15	1	2	-	0	1	9	20.3	72.7 Total Innings	31		'16 Draft (6)	x	x	x		x	x	S/R							
Nova, Ivan	NYY	R	5	-	-15	-13	-	28	1	3	-	0	0	17			29		Trade '16 HUD	x		x	x		x								
Benoit, Joaquin	SD	R	22	X	-24	-11	-	6	2	2	-	0	1	65.3			38		Trade '16 STM														
Giles, Ken	PHI	R	17	XY	-14	53	H	6	1	1	-	0	0	70.0			25		Trade '16 WAR														
Soria, Joakim	PIT	R	15	X	13	-12	-	6	2	3	-	0	0	67.7			31		'08 Draft (1)							x							
Matusz, Brian	BAL	L	15	XY	-22	14	-	6	2	3	-	0	1	49.0			29		'10 Draft (1)			x											
Duke, Zach	CWS	L	15	XW	-52	-16	L	6	1	0	-	0	0	60.7			32		'15 Draft (3)			x	x										
Pinder, Branden	NYY	R	12	YW	-45	-14	L	7	2	0	0	-	0	27.7			27		'16 Draft (7)	x			x	x	x								
Hendriks, Liam	TOR	R	11	XYZ	35	43	H	7	2	3	-	0	0	64.7			27		'15 Draft (8)					x		x							
Quackenbush, Kevin	SD	R	10	X	0	11	-	6	2	0	-	-	1	58.3			27		'15 Draft (BON)	x		x				x							
Garcia, Luis	PHI	R	9	YW	-35	35	G	6	2	3	0	-	1	66.7			29		'14 Draft (8)	x	x		x			x							
Motte, Jason	CHC	R	8	Z	43	22	-	6	1	3	-	0	1	48.3			33		Trade '11 CAY	x		x		x	x	x							
Feliz, Neftali *	DET	R	1	YZ	21	15	-	6	2	3	-	0	2	48.0			27		'10 Draft (1)	x	x	x	x	x	x	x							
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Keuchel has 12 speed rating.

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\*Opening Day Age

S/R- Can relieve in certain games  
x In Minors

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Rotation

				1	2	3	4	5
1-1	Apr. 1-4	at	Northboro	Gray	Scherzer	Severino	Keuchel	Off
1-2	Apr. 6-8	at	The Statesmen	Gray	Scherzer	Severino	Off	
1-3	Apr. 10-13	at	Maracaibo	Keuchel	Gray	Scherzer	Severino	
1-4	Apr. 14-17		Taylorville	Harvey	Keuchel	Gray	Scherzer	Off
1-5	Apr. 19-23		Hudson	Harvey	Keuchel	Gray	Scherzer	Severino
2-1	May 1-5		Zion	Keuchel	Gray	Harvey	Scherzer	Nova
2-2	May 6-9		Las Vegas	Keuchel	Gray	Harvey	Scherzer	Off
2-3	May 11-14	at	Hoboken	Keuchel	Gray	Harvey	Scherzer	
2-4	May 15-18	at	Columbus	Nova	Keuchel	Gray	Harvey	Off
2-5	May 20-23	at	Whitman	Nova	Keuchel	Gray	Harvey	
3-1	June 1-4		Statesmen	Severino	Scherzer	Keuchel	Gray	Off
3-2	June 6-8		Maracaibo	Severino	Scherzer	Keuchel		
3-3	June 9-11		Northboro	Gray	Harvey	Severino		
3-4	June 12-16	at	Midwest	Scherzer	Keuchel	Gray	Harvey	Severino
3-5	June 18-21	at	Melrose	Keuchel	Gray	Harvey	Scherzer	
4-1	July 1-5	at	Knoxville	Wright	Keuchel	Gray	Harvey	Scherzer
4-2	July 6-9	at	Munich	Wright	Keuchel	Gray	Harvey	Off
4-3	July 11-14		Rye	Wright	Scherzer	Keuchel	Gray	
4-4	July 15-18		Detroit	Harvey	Wright	Scherzer	Keuchel	
4-5	July 19-22		Calusa	Gray	Harvey	Wright	Scherzer	Off
5-1	August 1-4		Grand Cayman	Keuchel	Nova	Gray	Harvey	
5-2	August 5-8		New West	Scherzer	Keuchel	Nova	Gray	Off
5-3	August 10-13		Gotham City	Scherzer	Keuchel	Nova	Gray	
5-4	August 14-17	at	Brobdingnag	Harvey	Scherzer	Keuchel	Nova	
5-5	August 18-21	at	Warrenton	Gray	Harvey	Scherzer	Keuchel	Off
6-1	Sept. 3-5	at	Northboro	Harvey	Scherzer	Keuchel		
6-2	Sept. 6-9	at	The Statesmen	Gray	Severino	Harvey	Scherzer	
6-3	Sept. 10-12	at	Maracaibo	Keuchel	Gray	Severino	Off	
6-4	Sept. 14-17		Midwest	Harvey	Scherzer	Keuchel	Gray	
6-5	Sept. 18-22		Munich	Severino	Harvey	Scherzer	Keuchel	Gray
7-1	Oct. 1-4*	at	Taylorville	Nova	Harvey	Scherzer	Gray	Keuchel
7-2	Oct. 6-9	at	Zion	Nova	Harvey	Scherzer	Gray	
7-3	Oct. 10-14		Melrose	Keuchel	Nova	Harvey	Scherzer	Gray
7-4	Oct. 15-18		Knoxville	Keuchel	Nova	Harvey	Scherzer	Off
7-5	Oct. 20-23	at	Blue Hill	Wright	Nova	Harvey	Gray	Off
8-1	Nov. 2-6	at	Las Vegas	Scherzer	Keuchel	Wright	Nova	Harvey
8-2	Nov. 7-10	at	Hudson	Scherzer	Keuchel	Wright	Nova	
8-3	Nov. 11-13		The Statesmen	Harvey	Scherzer	Keuchel	Off	
8-4	Nov. 15-18		Maracaibo	Nova	Harvey	Scherzer	Wright	
8-5	Nov. 19-22		Northboro	Keuchel	Gray	Nova	Scherzer	Off

\* DH on Oct. 4