



2019 Kansas Koyotes

GM: Bill Schwartz (12th 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, 3rd Base Coach – Willie Randolph

Kansas pre-season cuts: **Uncarded:** S. Drew, M. Montero, J. Motte, M. Garza, L. Hendriks, **Carded:** J. Guerra (MIA), P. Tucker (ATL),

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. Segura – ss-8	1. Segura – ss-8	1. Segura – ss-8	1. Segura – ss-8
2. Taylor – lf-2	2. Puig – rf-3	2. Springer – cf-3	2. Puig – rf-3
3. Reynolds – dh	3. Hernandez – 2b-7	3. Taylor – lf-2	3. Hernandez – 2b-7
4. Smoak – 1b-5	4. Moustakas – 3b-5	4. Reynolds – 1b-4	4. Moustakas – 3b-5
5. Moustakas – 3b-5	5. Taylor – lf-2	5. Moustakas – 3b-5	5. Taylor – lf-2
6. Hernandez – 2b-7	6. Smoak – 1b-5	6. Hernandez – 2b-7	6. Smoak – 1b-5
7. Puig – rf-3	7. Gomes – c-8	7. Osuna – dh	7. Granderson – dh
8. Springer – cf-3	8. Granderson – dh	8. Field – lf-2	8. Springer – cf-3
9. Gomes – c-8	9. Springer – cf-3	9. Gomes – c-8	9. Sucre – c-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 no doubt will be revised, especially later in the year. Please contact me if you'd like to start early and I'll try to accommodate.

Player Usage:

C: **Yan Gomes** (105 g. of C-8, +5) is the primary catcher with **Jesus Sucre** (C-8, +1) there for the remaining games or when Gomes is PH for. Only 185 g. and 633 PA's between the two, so will require diligent oversight.

1B: **Justin Smoak** (147 g, of 1B-5) will be the regular first baseman, with **Mark Reynolds** supplying the other 15 starts.

2B: **Kike Hernandez** (145 g. of 2B-7) will give the Koyotes a new look second baseman while **Dustin Pedroia** sits out the year after potentially career ending knee surgery. Third round draftee, **Jose Rondon**, will play the remaining 17 games, although **Chris Taylor** may be seen there on occasion. Both are ugly 2b-6's.

SS: Jean Segura will be the fulltime SS (144 g.). Taylor (SS-7) will be found there in the other 18 games.

3B: Mike Moustakas (152 g.) is the everyday 3B again with Rondon filling out the other 10..

OF: All three “regular” OF’ers are shy of fulltime status – Taylor, after filling in at SS will have about 135 g. left. George Springer (140 g.) & Yasiel Puig (125 g.) are the other two. Curtis Granderson will fill out the remaining games, playing vs. RHP’s. Jose Osuna or Reynolds with their OF-1’s may occasionally be found there.

DH: Granderson, Reynolds, Rondon, Osuna & 6th round draftee, Johnny Field, will be mix & match DH’ers.

Defensive Replacements:

Fairly good defensive starting lineup and not much available on the bench, so no defensive subs at this point.

Offense:

Pinch Hit/Run: PH for Sucre in the 8th or 9th if PH represents the tying or winning run.

Use best OF/DH type available (Granderson, Osuna, Reynolds, Field, etc.).

Steal Attempts: Only two real threats to steal (Segura & Puig) with two additional occasionally (Taylor & Springer). The former will have the green light to steal 2nd in the 9th if the game is tied or Koyotes are down 1 and adjusted SSN is 25+. There are a few others with decent SSN’s who will get their steal attempts later in the year or at home.

Hit & Run: H&R anytime allowed with Segura on 1st & Puig or Springer up, Koyotes tied or within two runs 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: Only in extra innings and game tied, first base open, one out, to set up DP, lesser hitter due up.

Pitch from Stretch: Only pitch from stretch if 2 outs, 8th 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 7th inning. Only play infield in if the tying/winning run is on third base, 7th 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 to stay that way!)

Pitching:

General Philosophy: The rotation will only need 6 starters this year to cover the 162 starts, but there will be a significant dropoff from last year’s playoff team staff. Koyotes will again be headed up by Max Scherzer with 33 starts of gr. 16. He is backed by a couple of decent starters, Luis Severino (32 starts of gr. 11) and C.C. Sabathia (29/10), Dallas Keuchel will provide 34 gr. 8 starts. Unfortunately that leaves 34 starts to be handled by mediocre grades – Sonny Gray (gr. 6 – 22 starts) and Brett Anderson (gr. 5 – 12 starts). The latter two will sometimes get an early hook, but more often be allowed to be pounded.

A lights out closer in Jose LeClerc (gr. 29) and one decent 8th inning guy in Brad Hand.(gr. 16), so late inning leads should be OK. After that it gets pretty dicey. Grade 12’s, Joakim Soria and Adam Warren are decent and both will be

available most months. One of the wildmen, **Neil Ramirez** (11) and **Chasen Shreve** (10), will always be active (and will often pour fuel on fires). Three grade 9's, **Luis Avilan**, **Hector Velazquez** & **Matt Bush** round out the usable relief with two being available every month. That leaves **Ken Giles** (gr. 5) and **Matt Harvey** (gr. 4) to mop up lost causes. The general rule will be to allow the starters to go till fatigued, as there are only 242 RIP of gr. 12 and above. Gray and Anderson will often be asked to take one for the team and be pounded.

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

Starting Pitchers Bio's:

Scherzer – The ace at gr. 16 – should go deep in most starts

Severino, Sabathia – The other decent (gr. 11 and 10) starters.

Keuchel – Some days a diamond, some days a stone (gr. 8)

Gray, Anderson – 34 mediocre grade 5 and 6 starts, will get the hook early fairly often, but could be allowed to be pounded occasionally to save the bullpen innings.

Bullpen: With 34 mediocre starts and only 460 RIP of grade 9+ and only 242 of those grade 12+, the pen will require diligent management. Seven relievers will always be on the active roster. The roster will be managed so that regardless of RIP allowable, all non-closer relievers can be used equally in any particular month as need be.

Bullpen Bio's:

LeClerc: The closer, and with 57.7 RIP can be used in most of the save situations. Discretion will be used as the season goes on in 3 run lead 9th inning situations to conserve innings if necessary. He won't go more than one inning unless the Koyotes take a lead in the 10th.

Hand: Eighth inning man when Koyotes are up 1 or 2. Will also be used as the closer at times.

Soria, Warren: Primary seventh inning options in close games.

Ramirez: RH with bad peripherals, but it is what it is for those middle inning stints.

Shreve: One of the two LH relievers in the pen (other than Hand) – but will often need to go more than one batter.

Avilan: The other LH'er – will be used for up to an inning when LH batters are expected.

Velazquez: Good peripherals – will use his starting innings at the reduced rate and no upgrade when RIP exhausted.

Bush: Only 23 innings of grade 9 wildness,

Giles, Harvey, Araujo: The mop up trio.

Grade 9's and 10's will try to get game to 7th inning in close games, but will often have to eat up innings if starter is fatigued or "pounded". All of them are basically interchangeable – pay attention to the LH/RH matchups and times when the bad peripherals are more problematic.

Araujo added after waiver draft – will probably only be used in November as mopup if needed.

Pitching Rotation:

April	vs.	Pitchers	May	vs.	Pitchers	June	vs.	Pitchers
1-4 (5)	LV	Sa, Sv, K, S	1-5	@ WAR	K, S, Sv, Sa, G	1-4 (5)	MLR	Sa, G, K, S
6-8 (9)	@ MLR	Sa, Sv, K	6-9 (10)	@ MUN	K, S, Sv, Sa	6-8	CAL	Sv, G, K
10-12 (13)	@ CAL	S, Sa, Sv	11-14	BRO	K, S, Sv, G	9-11	@ LV	S, Sa, Sv
14-17 (18)	@ HUD	K, S, Sa, Sv	15-18 (19)	WHI	Sa, K, S, Sv	12-16 (17)	@ CAY	G, K, S, Sa, S
19-23 (24)	DET	K, S, Sa, Sv, A	20-23	BH	G, K, S, Sv	18-21	ZIO	K, S, Sa, Sv
July	vs.	Pitchers	August	vs.	Pitchers	September	vs.	Pitchers
1-5	COL	G, K, S, A, Sa	1-4	@ KNOX	Sv, S, G, K	(1,2) 3-5	LV	Sa, Sv, S
6-9 (10)	NBO	G, K, S, A	5-8 (9)	@ NW	A, Sv, S, G	6-9	@ MLR	G, K, Sa, S
11-14	@ MAR	Sa, K, S, G	10-13	WAR	K, Sv, S, A	10-13	@ CAL	S, G, K, Sa
15-18	@ MID	A, Sa, K, S	14-17	HOB	G, K, Sv, S	14-17(18)	@ DET	Sv, S, G, K
19-22 (23)	@ RYE	G, A, Sa, K	18-21(22)	STM	A, G, K, Sv	19-23	MUN	Sv, S, Sa, K, G
October	vs.	Pitchers	November	vs.	Pitchers			
1-4 (5)	@ COL	Sv, S, Sa, K	(1) 2-6	@ NBO	K, Sv, A, Sa, S			
6-9	@ GC	Sv, S, Sa, K	7-10	CAY	K, Sv, A, Sa			
10-14	@ ZIO	G, Sv, S, Sa, K	11-13 (14)	MLR	S, K, Sv			
15-19	HUD	G, Sv, S, Sa, K	15-18	CAL	Sa, A, K, Sv			
20-23	RIV	G, Sv, S, Sa	19-22 (23)	@ MLR	S, Sa, A, G			

S – Scherzer, Sv – Severino, Sa – Sabathia, K – Keuchel, G – Gray, A – Anderson

Summary: In 2018, the Koyotes won 102 games, the most under current management, the most since 2004, and third most in franchise history. But all that fell short of the World Series goal, even after trading away their first two 2019 draft choices in the futile effort, thanks to the 112 win Strong City Statesmen,. This year's version has no such expectations – a .500 season would be considered a success. But with an ever-optimistic attitude and never in the “tear down” mode, we will try to milk out as many wins as possible.

The defense (outside of Hernandez' 2B-7) is decent. Justin Smoak (1B-5) and Mike Moustakas (3B-5) will supply excellent defense at the corners. Both catchers are C-8's with plus arms. Puig's 3B arm and the OF-3's of Puig and Springer supply excellent OF defense. A September trade acquired Brad Hand, a needed bullpen arm, as the rest of the pen is fairly marginal.

If you have any questions, use your best baseball judgment and do whatever gives Kansas the best chance at a win. We are looking to have fun, even though anything more than a .500 season will be considered a success.

Have a Fun Season!

NOTE: Please provide scoresheets from road board games and boxscores **and** play by play files from computer games (scanned and attached to an e-mail will be fine). I have a lot of fun following the play of the game and that is impossible with only the boxscore. **I also keep GWH's and GWR's in my personal stats**, and they are usually impossible to identify without the scoresheets or computer play by play file. Thanks.

Do not use any automatic managers.

2019 Kansas Koyotes													Fielding										Minors																						
NAME	TEAM	BATS	BC-COMP	BC-MG	SSN	Spd	ARM	G	PA	SBA	SBA	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													
Gomes, Yan	CLE	R	PL-2	+3/-3	0	S6	32	112	435	0		10 (1-0-0-0)	2+	0	2	8	8							2,+1	31	'13 Draft (4)																			
Sucre, Jesus	TB	R	SA-1	-5/0	26	S6	31	73	198	1		8 (0-0-7)	1	1	1	4	8							2,+1	31	'18 Draft (4)																			
Smook, Justin	TOR	B	PB-0	-7/+1	14	S5	30	147	594	1		8 (1-0-0-0)	5	1	1	8		5							32	Trade '15 MUN																			
Reynolds, Mark	WAS	R	PL-2	+4/-4	0	S6	33	86	235	0		9 (1-5-5)	4	3	1	8		4	5	3		1			35	Trade '14 WHI																			
Hernandez, Enrique	LAD	R	SA-0	-2/0	33	F15	32	145	462	3		9 (1-4-5-10)	4	0	1	5		3	7	3	8	2			29	15 Draft (4)																			
Segura, Jean	SEA	R	SA-1	+1/-2	25	F17	33	144	632	31		11 (0-0-0-11-7-7)	2	2	2	3					8				27	'13 Draft (2)																			
Moustakas, Mike	MIL	L	PR-2	-4/0	31	7	33	152	635	5		9 (1-0-0-0)	3	1	2	4		3		5					30	'12 Draft (1)																			
Rondon, Jose	CWS	R	SA-0	-5/+3	26	11	33	42	107	3		9 (1-1-6-10)	2	2	1	8		2	6	3	7				25	19 Draft (3)																			
Puig, Yasiel	LAD	R	SA-0	-9/+3	29	F15	38	125	444	20		10 (1-0-0-0-10)	3	3	2	6						3			28	'14 Draft (1)																			
Springer, George	HOU	R	SA-1	+1/-2	24	F16	33	140	620	10		9 (1-0-0-7)	4	2	2	6						3			29	'15 Draft (1)																			
Taylor, Chris	LAD	R	SA-0	-2/-1	24	F17	34	155	604	15		9 (0-0-0-0)	3	0	2	9			6		7	2			28	'18 Draft (1)																			
Granderson, Curtis	MIL	L	SA-4	-8/-1	26	10	30	123	403	3		8 (1-6-6)	5	0	1	8						2			38	Trade '11 CAY																			
Osuna, Jose	PIT	R	SA-5	+7/-11	0	S5	30	51	111	0		9 (1-6-6-6)	1	1	1	6		2		3		1			26	'18 Draft (4)			x	x		x	x												
Field, Johnny	MIN	R	SA-2	+3/-4	34	12	28	84	233	4		9 (1-0-0-0)	1	0	1	9						2			27	19 Draft (6)				x			x												
Valaika, Pat *	COL	R	SA-2	+2/-5	0	11	31	68	133	0		6 (0-0)	3	2	1	7		2	6	3	7				26	'18 Draft (2)			x	x	x	x	x	x											
Pedroia, Dustin	N/C	R																							35	'07 Draft (Bon)																			
A "+" in the hit column above indicates a "42" on the player's card.																						^ Legacy rating		CF Eligible		24.3		6						5		5		5		5		5		5	
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																					
Scherzer, Max	WAS	R	16	KZ	26	13	-	26	2	1	-	-	0	33		34	'09 Draft (1)																												
Severino, Luis	NYN	R	11	XZ	23	22	-	24	1	3	-	0	1	32		25	'16 Draft (1)					x																							
Sabathia, C.C.	NYN	L	10	Y	11	14	-	23	1	1	-	0	0	29		38	'18 Trade(Sept)-LV					x																							
Keuchel, Dallas	HOU	L	8	Z	16	31	G	26	2	3	-	0	3	34		31	'13 Draft (6)																												
Gray, Sonny	NYN	R	6	Y	-26	23	G	24	2	3	-	-	1	23		29	'14 Draft (1)																												
Anderson, Brett	OAK	L	5	Z	36	12	-	21	1	3	-	0	1	17		31	19 Draft (7)																												
LeClerc, Jose	TEX	R	29	KY	-36	61	H	6	1	3	-	0	0	57.7		25	'18 Draft (BON)																												
Hand, Brad	CLE	L	16	K	-14	14	-	6	1	2	-	0	2	72.0		29	'18 Trade(Sept)-LV																												
Soria, Joakim	MIL	R	12	XZ	23	36	G	6	2	2	-	0	0	60.7		34	'08 Draft (1)					x																							
Warren, Adam	SEA	R	12	Y	-14	15	-	7	2	3	-	0	0	51.7		31	Trade '17 RIV					x																							
Ramirez, Neil	CLE	R	11	X	-24	-32	-	6	2	0	-	0	0	41.7		29	19 Draft (8)																												
Shreve, Chasen	STL	L	10	YW	-45	-26	L	6	2	3	-	0	0	52.7		31	'17 Draft (9)					x																							
Avilan, Luis	PHI	L	9	Y	11	36	G	5	2	3	-	0	1	45.3		29	Trade '17 MUN																												
Velazquez, Hector	BOS	R	5/9	Z	15	33	G	18/8	1	3	-	0	1	8	54.7	85 Total IP	30	19 Draft (5)																											
Bush, Matt	TEX	R	9	W	-62	15	-	7	1	3	-	0	0	23		33	'17 Draft (2)					x	x	x																					
Giles, Ken *	TOR	R	5	YZ	43	14	-	6	1	3	-	0	0	50.3	75 RIP including Innocuous	28	Trade '16 WAR					x																							
Harvey, Matt	CIN	R	4	Z	26	-24	L	26	2	1	-	-	1	28	6.0	155.0 Total IP	30	'13 Draft (1)					x																						
Araujo, Pedro *	BAL	R	2	YW	-62	-55	M	9	2	3	-	0	0	28.0	64 RIP including Innocuous	25	19 Waiver Draft					x	x	x																					
Hernandez, Ariel	N/C	R														27	'18 Draft (7)					x	x	x																					
* Innocuous																	27.1																												

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Rotation

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