



2021 Kansas Koyotes

GM: Bill Schwartz (14th 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:** C. Sabathia, T. Cole, Mark Reynolds, T. Beckham, H. Velazquez **Carded:** M. Harvey, K. Giles (xc)

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)
Same as boards	Same as boards	1. Segura – 2b-8 2. Osuna – 3b-3 3. T. Taylor – cf-2 4. McBroom – dh 5. Gomes – c-7 6. Springer – rf-3 7. Valaika – lf-1 8. C. Taylor – ss-8 9. Smoak – 1b-5	1. Segura – ss-8 2. Knapp – c-7 3. C. Taylor – rf-2 4. Springer– cf-3 5. Walsh – 1b-3 6. Moustakas– 3b-4 7. Mathias – dh 8. Hernandez – 2b-8 9. Tauchman – lf-3

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. **Computer managers, do not use any automatic managers.**

Defensive Replacements:

Defense is subpar this year, but the only replacement will be Tauchman for an OF-1 in 8th or later if he is on bench and Koyotes lead by 3 or less.

Offense:

Pinch Hit: None

Pinch Run: No PR

Steal Attempts: Tauchman is the only SB threat and his SBA's will be handled by the monthly instructions.

Hit & Run: No H&R

Sacrifice: VERY RARE. NEVER SQUEEZE!

Offensive Runner Advancement:

Board Game: Consult Adams Table.

Computer Game: Play it as you would your own team, as I don't know anything about the computer game (and intend to keep it that way). Be conservative going for third, more aggressive going home, especially with two outs. General Rule: be aggressive with Fast runners and conservative with Slow runners.

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: Only hold runner if adjusted SSN >27 and game is +1/-1. 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 to end the inning, 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!)

Player Usage:

C: Platoon situation with **Yan Gomes** (81 g. of C-7, -4) starting vs.all LHP's and selected RHP's with **Andrew Knapp** (C-7, +0) there for the remaining games. Only 170 g. and 601 PA's between the two, so will require diligent oversight and no freewheeling PR'ing for them. Nobody wants to see Francisco Mejia – possibly the worst hitting card in Koyote history, but he might be a November option.

1B: **Justin Smoak** (1B-5) will supply 97 g., with 2nd round draftee, **Jared Walsh**, and his 1-1-1-0-0 card providing the other 65.

2B: **Kike Hernandez** (2B-8) will play his 130 g. here with **Jean Segura** (2B-8) and **Chris Taylor** (2B-7) playing the remaining 32.

SS: **Jean Segura** (SS-8) will play 124 of his 146 games here and the remaining 22 at 2B. **Chris Taylor** (SS-8) will play the remaining 38 games.

3B: Injury-plagued **Mike Moustakas** (3B-4) is limited to 119 g. and **Jose Osuna** (3B-3) will supply the remaining 43 g..

OF: A lot of mix and matching in the OF, with only **George Springer** being semi-fulltime (138 g.) and **Chris Taylor** next, using 103 of his allowable games in the OF. Fourth round draftee, **Tyrone Taylor**, contributes 59 games of his 1-5-5-6-6 card. Michael Tauchman (OF-3), Pat Valaika (OF-1) & Jose Osuna (OF-1) will fill in the rest of the games.

DH: Handled by a committee with **Ryan McBroom** the chief (65 g.) and **Mark Mathias** (43 g.), **Valaika** (33 g.) & **Walsh** (21 g.) filling out the rest of the games.

Pitching:

General Philosophy: Decent rotation with 133 starts of grade 9 and above, A solid closer in Brad Hand (gr. 20) and 357 additional RIP of grade 14 and above should be sufficient when combined with 115 RIP of grade 8 and 9 for mopup duty and use in semi-lost causes.

The general rule will be to allow the starters to go till fatigued.

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

Bullpen: With 29 very mediocre starts and several low starter fatigue numbers, management of the bullpen will be crucial. With that in mind, 202 RIP of grade 14,15 & 16 were drafted. Seven relievers will usually be on the active roster. The roster will be managed so that regardless of individual allowable RIP's, all but the closer, **Brad Hand**, will be used equally in any particular month as need be.

Starting Pitchers Bio's:

Keuchel – The ace with 30 gr. 16 starts. Should go fairly deep in most starts, although his fatigue number is only 23.

Javier – Grade 15 first round draftee with 27 starts.

S. Gray – 30 starts of a quality grade 14.

Smyly – 14 starts of a solid grade 13 with good peripherals, but a fatigue rating of only 18, so will seldom go more than 4 or 5 innings.

Scherzer – Should be the workhorse of the staff with his 32 starts of grade 9 and fatigue of 25.

Brett Anderson – 27 starts of marginal to mediocre grade 6 efforts.

Civale – Two starts of a mediocre grade 5 – will also provide mopup relief innings.

Bullpen Bio's:

Hand: The gr. 20 (C+35, H+62) closer with 59.3 innings will be used in all 9th inning situations with a lead of 1 or 2. He won't go more than one inning if he blows the lead unless the Koyotes take a lead in the 10th.

O'Day: A quality grade 16 (C+16, H+43) - eighth inning man when Koyotes are up 1 or 2.

Garcia: Grade 15, (C+12, H+62)- another eighth inning man. Used interchangeably with O'Day. One or the other will be up every month.

Shreve: A grade 15 wild LH alternate to the 16's - mix and match with them depending on the situation. Two of the three will be up in any series.

Soria, Hernandez, Montero: 199 RIP of a group of 14's, all with good peripherals, to be used to get to the above three. Two of the three should be up in any series.

Smyly: Should have a few innings of grade 13 after his 14 starts to insert where rest requirements make it possible.

Ramirez: 31.3 of LH grade 9 RIP – to be used early if starter is bombed.

Nelson: Another 59.7 RIP of grade 9 with bad peripherals

Avilan: 24 more mediocre RIP of LH grade 8 for use in losing causes.

The latter three will try to get game to the 6th or 7th inning and will often have to provide 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.

Pitching Rotation:

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

A – Anderson, C – Civale, G – Gray, J – Javier, K – Keuchel, Sc – Scherzer, Sm – Smyly

Summary: In 2020, the Koyotes, picked to win 79 games and secretly hoping for a +.500 year won 86 games and missed the playoffs by only four games. Management felt like it was a successful season. This year's version has similar expectations but a weaker defense and a less powerful team than many in this year of the longball in MLB will lead to a .500 season being considered a big success. But with an ever-optimistic attitude and never in the "tear down" mode, we will once again try to milk out as many wins as possible.

The defense is not up to the usual Koyote standards. Only light-hitting Justin **Smoak** (1B-5) and **Mike Tauchman** (OF-3), along with 2B-8 cards of **Hernandez, Segura, Moustakas & Vargas** are above average at their posts, For the first time in recent memory, the outfield will be manned by several games (88) of OF-1 and below average arms.

The draft filled several holes (a future star in the making at 1B in Walsh, a second catcher in Knapp, a grade 15 starter (Javier), 202 RIP of grade 14 to 16 relief, and a couple of good carded OF-2's in Taylor and Mathias.

However, one of the biggest fears is the possibility of an overworked pen due to every starter with the exception of Scherzer having a fatigue rating in the 18-21 range.

Have a Fun Season!

NOTE: Please provide **scoresheets from road board games** and **box scores 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 box score. 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.

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.

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Rotation

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

In the unlikely possibility of the Koyotes being in the playoff hunt, consider revising November rotation to allow Keuchel to start in g. 1 and Gray in g. 2 of playoffs.

30	16(23)(54)	Keuchel	30	0
27	15(12)(-32)	Javier	27	0
30	14(-32)(36)	Gray	30	0
14	13(13)(35)	Smyly	14	0
32	9(16)(11)	Scherzer	32	0
27	6(34)(15)	Anderson	27	0
2	5(33)(0)	Civale	2	0
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162			162	0

