



# OYAA BASEBALL

## REGISTRATION BOYS GRADES PreK\* thru 8th

\* MUST TURN AGE 5 BEFORE MAY 1, 2010

### HOW TO REGISTER?

#### NEW FOR 2010 - LEAGUE DETERMINED BY GRADE LEVEL

#### **T-BALL (PreK\* & K) and COACH PITCH (1<sup>st</sup> & 2<sup>nd</sup> Grades) ONLY**

\* Must be 5 years old prior to May 1, 2010 to start T-Ball. Registration is online via the OYAA eReg System. Go to [www.OYAA.org](http://www.OYAA.org) and click the "OYAA eReg" link in the left margin. You will set up a family account if you have not already, register and pay online via credit card. REGISTRATION DEADLINE IS MARCH 19. T-Ball and Coach Pitch players are not evaluated and should not attend on March 7.

#### **KID PITCH (3<sup>rd</sup> & 4<sup>th</sup> Grades), LITTLE LEAGUE (5<sup>th</sup> & 6<sup>th</sup> Grades) and PONY LEAGUE (7<sup>th</sup> & 8<sup>th</sup> Grades)**

NEW – Players should register online via the OYAA eReg system prior to March 7 and attend mandatory player evaluations are Sunday, March 7, 2010 at the times listed below:

#### **OLENTANGY HIGH SCHOOL COMMONS**

675 LEWIS CENTER ROAD

#### **Registration/Evaluation Times (3<sup>rd</sup> thru 8<sup>th</sup> Graders ONLY)**

**\* KID PITCH - A THRU G (3<sup>rd</sup> & 4<sup>th</sup> Grades) – 11:00 AM – 12:15 PM**

**\* KID PITCH - H THRU R (3<sup>rd</sup> & 4<sup>th</sup> Grades) – 12:30 PM – 1:30 PM**

**\* KID PITCH - S THRU Z (3<sup>rd</sup> & 4<sup>th</sup> Grades) – 1:30 PM – 2:30 PM**

**\* LITTLE LEAGUE (5<sup>th</sup> & 6<sup>th</sup> Grades) – 2:30 PM – 3:30 PM**

**\* PONY LEAGUE (7<sup>th</sup> & 8<sup>th</sup> Grades) – 2:30 PM – 3:30 PM**

**\* MANDATORY SKILLS EVALUATION FOR KID PITCH, LITTLE LEAGUE AND PONY LEAGUE PLAYERS ONLY. PLAYERS SHOULD WEAR GYM SHOES AND BRING A BASEBALL GLOVE. ARRIVE AT ANY TIME DURING YOUR CHILD'S DESIGNATED TIME PERIOD. WE EXPECT 600+ PLAYERS FOR EVALUATIONS. IN CONSIDERATION OF OTHER FAMILIES, PLEASE TRY TO ATTEND DURING YOUR SON'S TIME SLOT.**

**YOUR SON WILL BE REQUIRED TO PLAY WITH HIS GRADE LEVEL.**

#### **REGISTRATION FEES**

- T-BALL (P & K) and COACH PITCH (1<sup>st</sup> & 2<sup>nd</sup>) \$80.
- KID PITCH (3<sup>rd</sup> & 4<sup>th</sup>) and LITTLE LEAGUE (5<sup>th</sup> & 6<sup>th</sup>) \$100.
- PONY LEAGUE (7<sup>th</sup> & 8<sup>th</sup>) \$125.

**INTERESTED IN COACHING? SIGN UP ONLINE ON YOUR FAMILY'S OYAA eREG ACCOUNT. HEAD COACHES ARE ALWAYS NEEDED!**

**FOR MORE INFORMATION SEE THE BACK OF THIS PAGE, VISIT [WWW.OYAA.ORG](http://WWW.OYAA.ORG), EMAIL [INFO@OYAA.ORG](mailto:INFO@OYAA.ORG) OR CALL 614-777-2222 x6926**

## OYAA Baseball Frequently Asked Questions

### Registration

1. **What is the minimum age to play?** – Players MUST be 5 or older by May 1, 2010 to play OYAA T-Ball. For the 2010 season, leagues are separated by current grade level.
2. **How do I register my son?** – ALL registration is online via the OYAA eReg system. Kid Pitch, Little League and Pony League players must attend the skills evaluation on March 7.
3. **What is involved in the player skill evaluations?** – Player grades 3-8 are evaluated as part of evenly pairing teams. Players should bring their mitt and wear gym shoes and comfortable clothing. Evaluated skills are throwing, catching, fielding ground balls, flyballs, pitching and hitting. Scoring is confidential and only seen by coaches in the player draft. Evaluations can take 15-90 minutes depending on crowd size. Please attend during your designated time.
4. **What if my son cannot attend on March 7?** – T-Ball and Coach Pitch players do not need to attend. If your 3<sup>rd</sup>-8<sup>th</sup> grade son cannot attend evaluations, contact Jacob Worrell at [jworrell@oyaa.org](mailto:jworrell@oyaa.org). Give your son's name, age group and the best contact number to reach you. A make-up evaluation will be scheduled. You must contact Jacob to pre-register for the make-up. If a registered player is not evaluated, he will be randomly assigned to a team.
5. **Can girls play?** - Girls can play however most girls opt to play in our OYAA Girls Softball program. Various league levels are offered, including T-Ball.

### Team Assignment

6. **How are T-Ball and Coach Pitch teams assigned?** – Teams will be assigned by school the player attends or will attend (T-Ball) AS IS POSSIBLE. Factors affecting team assignment include number and location of head coaches and total players. Neighborhood is not considered in team placement.
7. **How are teams selected in the Kid Pitch, Little League and Pony League?** – A player draft is held in early April where coaches select players. Evaluation scores are provided to each coach to equally assess each player's skill level. All registered players are drafted to a team. The cumulative score of the 3 coaches' kids determines draft order, with highest rated drafting last.
8. **Can specific coaches and/or teammates be requested?** – We try to honor requests in T-Ball and Coach Pitch but we cannot guarantee them. In the player drafted leagues (Kid Pitch, Little League and Pony League), NO special requests are allowed other than siblings and coaches requesting to coach together (max of 3).

### Playing Up

9. **Can my son play up into an older league?** – Consideration will be given to requests to play up if the child is within one grade level of the league, is old for his grade and his skills are determined to be noticeably advanced for his grade level. For the child socially, playing up is not encouraged. TO REQUEST TO PLAY UP – Register online for his grade appropriate league and send an email to Mike Rinkes at [rinkesfamily@juno.com](mailto:rinkesfamily@juno.com) stating your son's name, grade and reason to play up. There is an additional fee of \$20 to play up from CP to KP.

### Miscellaneous

10. **What is the season?** – T-Ball runs May through mid-July; Coach Pitch is late-April through the end of June; Kid Pitch & Little League is late April through early July; Pony League starts in mid-May, after middle school baseball and ends in mid-July. Teams usually play one weeknight and one Saturday game per week. See proposed calendars on the OYAA website.
11. **What equipment is needed?** – Players need a mitt at minimum. Most players wear cleats (soccer cleats are fine) and baseball pants. Many have their own helmets and bats.
12. **How can I sign up to coach?** – You can register to coach online for all leagues. Head coaches for T-Ball are always needed! From your family account simply click "Register a Coach". Contact Jacob Worrell at [jworrell@oyaa.org](mailto:jworrell@oyaa.org) with any questions.
13. **Can I specify who I coach with?** – Yes, but each head coach can only select 2 assistants in the drafted leagues. Parent involvement is especially encouraged in T-Ball.
14. **Where are games played?** - Games will be played at multiple locations around the district, including Olentangy school fields, Liberty Park, Ro Park and Big Bear Farm Park.