



# OYAA BASEBALL

REGISTRATION FOR BOYS GRADES PreK\*-8

\* MUST BE AGE 5 OR OLDER BY MAY 1, 2011

## HOW TO REGISTER?

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

Registration is online. Go to [www.OYAA.org](http://www.OYAA.org) and click the "OYAA Registration" link in the left margin. REGISTRATION DEADLINE IS MARCH 18. T-Ball and Coach Pitch players do not attend player evaluations. T-Ball players must turn 5 years old prior to 5/1/11.

### KID PITCH (3<sup>rd</sup> & 4<sup>th</sup>), OLENTANGY BASEBALL LEAGUE (5<sup>TH</sup> & 6<sup>TH</sup> ), AND PONY LEAGUE (7<sup>TH</sup> & 8<sup>TH</sup>)

Players should register based on current grade level, online via the OYAA Registration system at [www.OYAA.org](http://www.OYAA.org). All 3<sup>rd</sup>-8<sup>th</sup> Grade players must attend one of the mandatory player evaluations on March 19 or April 3 at the times listed below:

**\*\* Evaluations to be held at SuperKick \*\***

409 Orangepoint Drive, Lewis Center (off Rt. 23)

### Evaluation Dates & Times (3<sup>rd</sup>-8<sup>th</sup> Graders ONLY)

**Saturday, March 19 – 9:30-12:30**

**Sunday, April 3 – 3:30-6:30**

**\* MANDATORY SKILLS EVALUATION FOR KID PITCH, OLENTANGY BASEBALL LEAGUE AND PONY LEAGUE PLAYERS ONLY. PLAYERS SHOULD BRING A BASEBALL GLOVE AND MAY WEAR CLEATS. BATS WILL BE AVAILABLE. ARRIVE AT ANY TIME DURING YOUR CHILD'S DESIGNATED TIME PERIOD.**

**YOUR SON WILL BE REQUIRED TO PLAY WITH HIS AGE GROUP.**

#### REGISTRATION FEES

• T-BALL	PreK & K	\$80.
• COACH PITCH	1 <sup>st</sup> & 2 <sup>nd</sup> Grades	\$80.
• KID PITCH	3 <sup>rd</sup> & 4 <sup>th</sup> Grades	\$100.
• OLENTANGY BASEBALL LEAGUE	5 <sup>th</sup> & 6 <sup>th</sup> Grades	\$100.
• PONY LEAGUE	7 <sup>th</sup> & 8 <sup>th</sup> Grades	\$125.

**INTERESTED IN COACHING? SIGN UP AT [WWW.OYAA.ORG](http://WWW.OYAA.ORG). 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, 2011 to play OYAA T-Ball.
2. **What age groups can register online?** – For 2011. ALL registration is online via the OYAA Registration system. Kid Pitch, Olentangy Baseball League and Pony League players must attend the skills evaluation on March 7.
3. **What is involved in the player skill evaluations?** – 3<sup>rd</sup>-8<sup>th</sup> Graders are evaluated as part of evenly pairing teams. Players should bring their mitt, athletic gym shoes or cleats and comfortable clothing. Bats are optional but will also be provided. Evaluated skills are throwing, catching, fielding ground balls, flyballs, pitching and hitting. Scores are confidential and only seen by coaches in the player draft. Evaluations can take 15-60 minutes depending on crowd size. Player may arrive at any time during the evaluation session.
4. **What if my son cannot attend evaluations?** – 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 Mike Rinkes at rinkesfamily@juno.com. Give your son's name, age group and the best contact number to reach you. 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 for the OYAA Softball program. See the OYAA website for information or email oyaasoftball@aol.com.

### 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 Kid Pitch, Olentangy Baseball 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, Olentangy Baseball 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 age group?** – We suggest players play in their grade level's league with their classmates. However, if you do wish for your son to play up he must be within one grade level of the league grades. Players requesting to play up to Kid Pitch will be required to attend player evaluations and his score will be reviewed. Register online for the grade appropriate league and email your request to Mike Rinkes at rinkesfamily@juno.com stating your son's name, birthdate and grade.

### 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. Each head coach can select up to two assistants in the 3<sup>rd</sup>-8<sup>th</sup> Grade leagues. Head coaches are always needed for T-Ball! Click the Online Registration link at [www.OYAA.org](http://www.OYAA.org) to register. Contact Mike Rinkes at rinkesfamily@juno.com with any questions.
13. **Where are games played?** - Games will be played at multiple locations around the district, including Olentangy school fields, Liberty Park, and Big Bear T-Ball Park.
14. **What is the difference between OYAA Baseball and other leagues?** – Olentangy children have participated in OYAA Baseball for 20 years. Our Kid Pitch is as the name implies in allowing young pitchers and hitters to develop while having fun. The Olentangy Baseball League allows 5<sup>th</sup> & 6<sup>th</sup> Graders to play real baseball rules including leading off and stealing while pitchers learn to hold runners and attempt pickoffs, as is played in middle school ball.