



# OYAA BASEBALL

## REGISTRATION FOR BOYS AGES 5-14\*

\* AGE DETERMINED BY YOUR SON'S AGE ON MAY 1, 2009.

### HOW TO REGISTER?

#### **T-BALL (5 & 6 year olds) and COACH PITCH (7 & 8 year olds) ONLY**

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 17. There are no player evaluations in these leagues. You do not need to attend on March 8.

#### **KID PITCH (9 & 10), LITTLE LEAGUE (11 & 12), PONY LEAGUE (13 & 14)**

NEW – Players should register online via the OYAA eReg system. Mandatory player evaluations are Sunday, March 8, 2009 at the times listed below:

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

675 LEWIS CENTER ROAD

#### **Registration/Evaluation Times (9-14 year olds ONLY)**

**\* KID PITCH - A THRU G (9 & 10 YEAR OLDS) – 11:00 AM – 12:15 PM**

**\* KID PITCH - H THRU R (9 & 10 YEAR OLDS) – 12:30 PM – 1:30 PM**

**\* KID PITCH - S THRU Z (9 & 10 YEAR OLDS) – 1:30 PM – 2:30 PM**

**\* LITTLE LEAGUE (11 & 12 YEAR OLDS) – 2:30 PM – 4:00 PM**

**\* PONY LEAGUE (13 & 14 YEAR OLDS) – 2:30 PM – 4:00 PM**

**PONY LEAGUE PLAYERS TO BE EVALUATED THIS YEAR**

**\* 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 ATTEND DURING YOUR SON'S TIME SLOT.**

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

#### **REGISTRATION FEES**

• T-BALL	AGES 5 & 6 (MUST BE 5)	\$80.
• COACH PITCH	AGES 7 & 8	\$80.
• KID PITCH	AGES 9 & 10	\$100.
• LITTLE LEAGUE	AGES 11 & 12	\$100.
• PONY LEAGUE	AGES 13 & 14	\$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**

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## Frequently Asked Questions

### Registration

1. **What is the minimum age to play?** – Players MUST be 5 or older by May 1, 2009 to play OYAA T-Ball.
2. **What age groups can register online?** – For 2009, ALL registration is online via the OYAA eReg system. Kid Pitch, Little League and Pony League players must attend the skills evaluation on March 8.
3. **What is involved in the player skill evaluations?** – Player ages 9-14 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 8?** – T-Ball and Coach Pitch players do not need to attend. If your 9-14 year old 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.

### Team Assignment

5. **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.
6. **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.
7. **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

8. **Can my son play up into an older age group?** – A player can only play up a league IF the majority of his grade level falls in the older age group AND he is with 3 months of being in the older group. Example – a player that is in 1<sup>st</sup> grade who turns 7 after May 1 may request to play up into Coach Pitch since most 1<sup>st</sup> graders fall in that age group. The same goes for young 3<sup>rd</sup> graders wishing to play up into Kid Pitch, 5<sup>th</sup> graders into Little League and 7<sup>th</sup> graders to Pony League. TO REQUEST TO PLAY UP – Register online for the age appropriate league and send an email to Mike Rinkes at [rinkesfamily@juno.com](mailto:rinkesfamily@juno.com) stating your son's name, birthdate and grade.

### Miscellaneous

9. **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.
10. **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. OYAA Baseball will be selling pants and helmets at evaluations on March 9 as a fundraiser.
11. **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.
12. **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.
13. **Where are games played?** - Games will be played at multiple locations around the district, including Olentangy school fields, Liberty Park and Ro Park.