

OLA ATHLETIC ASSOCIATION

Spring 2012 Baseball Registration

Parents, please initial the box for the league in which you are signing your child up to play at the bottom of this form. The different leagues are defined below:

Recreation League

This is traditional youth baseball. Players sign up and pay the same base fees as other teams. Players are evaluated in tryouts and are placed on a team through a controlled "draft" that is overseen by the OAA Board and Commissioner. Coaches may "freeze" up to four players for each team prior to the draft - usually their own child and the children of their assistant coaches. Players in this league (up to age 14) usually receive the same level of coaching as other leagues. Traditionally, Ola Athletic Association recreation league teams play a 12-16 game schedule, including a pre-season tournament known as the NIT and an open area tournament at the end of the season. All players in recreation leagues are eligible to be selected for All Star tryouts at the end of the season. Recreation baseball will have varying degrees of talent from beginning players to more experienced and talented players. The focus in recreation baseball should always be on teaching each and every player the fundamentals of the game of baseball.

Registration Fee: \$130 (\$60 for ages 3-4) **Additional Uniform Costs:** \$25-\$45 **End of Season Party/Trophies:** approximately \$25
Travel Expenses: Minimal travel, most games held on Ola fields, some games may be held in Hampton, Locust Grove or Stockbridge depending on scheduling. Tournament entry fees, if any, will be minimal.

Division 1 League

Division 1 is considered to be just a step below Select League play. Here, one team may dominate a season because of the caliber of that team's makeup. Division 1 is intended for those baseball players who have demonstrated baseball skills that exceed those of a typical Recreation League player. These teams will likely be playing Select teams in league play and the skill level expectation should also be the same or just slightly less than Select. Rosters are hand-picked by coaches and each player must be "frozen" on a freeze form that must be signed by the player's parent. However, OAA does not want Coaches thinking that this is the path to keep a group of kids together. Because of the skill-level expectation, a Division-1 team may practice much more than a Rec team, usually 4-5 times a week. Typically the Coach may decide not to travel and play in tournaments. In the 7U and 8U age division, halfway through the season the play may switch from Coach pitch to Kid pitch.

IMPORTANT NOTE for all Coaches and Parents wishing to sign up for Division 1: If, for whatever reason, a Division 1 League is not formed for a particular age group, any teams with frozen rosters for Division 1 play will be required to play Select League baseball. **THEY WILL NOT BE ALLOWED TO COMPETE AGAINST RECREATION TEAMS IN THE REGULAR SEASON.**

Registration Fee: \$130 **Additional Uniform Costs:** \$25-\$45 **End of Season Party/Trophies:** approximately \$25
Travel Expenses: Can be substantial if the team competes in tournaments when considering gas, meals, sometimes hotels, and tournament entry fees.

Select League

Select League baseball is considered to be more competitive, but frequently one team may dominate a season because of the caliber of that team's makeup. Select League is intended for those baseball players who have demonstrated baseball skills that far exceed those of a typical Recreation League player. For example, pitchers as young as 9-10 years old playing in Select baseball may have a commanding curve ball or be able to throw an accurate fastball 10-20 MPH faster than a Recreational League player. In Select League play, even in the 8U level, fly balls hit to the outfield often result in outs, whereas they would normally be dropped for base hits in Recreation leagues. Rosters are hand-picked by coaches and each player must be "frozen" on a freeze form that must be signed by the player's parent. Traditionally Select Leagues will have teams from Henry and neighboring counties. To make up a full season, most Select teams enter and compete in tournaments that can be up to 80 miles away. Often times these tournaments have registration fees that the teams must pay to enter. Select League baseball is intended for those players who have the skills to play at a higher level. Parents must understand that in order for their son to play at this level, they must be willing to travel to tournaments, raise funds or pay tournament entry fees throughout the season.

Registration Fee: \$130 **Additional Uniform Costs:** \$25-\$45 **End of Season Party/Trophies:** approximately \$25
Travel Expenses: Can be substantial when considering gas, meals, sometimes hotels, and tournament entry fees.

My child will be playing:

RECREATION LEAGUE BASEBALL

DIVISION 1 LEAGUE BASEBALL He is currently on the freeze roster for Coach: _____

SELECT LEAGUE BASEBALL He is currently on the freeze roster for Coach: _____

Waiver: I, the undersigned, being the lawful custodial or the parent of the participant, do hereby agree to allow my child to participate in the baseball program sponsored by the Ola Athletic Association. I will assume all risks and hazards incidental to the conduct of the program and will abide by the rules and regulations thereof.

I acknowledge that I have valid insurance covering the participant as delineated above. I hereby give my permission to any Ola Athletic Association representative to seek and obtain medical treatment for my child in the event an emergency occurs while my child is attending this program.

I further acknowledge and agree that for and in consideration of the use of such park and all facilities in connection with the program and further in consideration of my child's participation in same, I individually and on behalf of my child, release and discharge, indemnify and hold harmless the Ola Athletic Association, its successors, assigns, agents and representatives, and any sponsor, supervisor or owner of any property or equipment used in the program from any and all liability, claims and causes or action of whatsoever kind and nature resulting from my child's participation in the aforementioned program, including transportation to and from the program, so long as any injuries or damages are not the result of the willful or malicious failure to guard or warn against a dangerous condition, use, structure or activity or willful or wanton injury (provide that this limitation shall not apply against Henry County, Ola Athletic Association, agents and representatives, which together, reserve any and all immunity which they have).

Additionally, I hereby grant to Ola Athletic Association my absolute and unconditional permission to use, without charge, any and all photographs, video reproductions or other like kinds of imagery production taken during the event in which my child or his/her likeness or image may appear as the subject matter for publicity or any other purpose. I understand that his/her name may be included with the photograph or other image.

 SIGNATURE OF PARENT OR GUARDIAN

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 MONTH DAY YEAR

Refund Policy: Participants registered for any team that is canceled by the Ola Athletic Association will be refunded their registration fee in full. Your cancellation of registration requires advance notice in order to receive a full refund. Please allow time for refund processing.

There is a \$25 fee for all returned checks.

Payment: Cash Check # _____ Money Order # _____

4U 6U 8U 10U 12U 14U 16U **OAA Agent:** _____