

SMITHFIELD RECREATION ASSOCIATION

Fees

Smithfield Recreation Association is a nationally sanctioned PONY youth baseball and softball organization. We are also a Virginia non-profit 501(3)(c) corporation. Unlike youth organization in other areas, we do not receive funding from our local municipalities. We have to rely solely on funds raised through registration and membership fees, concessions, fundraising, and donations. Below is a breakdown of the various fees required to participate in our program.

MEMBERSHIP

Each family with a child who wishes to participate in youth baseball or softball must first join Smithfield Recreation Association. The membership fee is currently \$80 per family and provides membership from Jan. 1 – Dec. 31 each year. Families participating in our Spring season must pay \$80 while families who register for our Fall season, and who did not participate in the spring, will pay a pro-rated \$40 Membership fee to participate in the Fall season. Membership fees are necessary to help cover the costs associated with operations and facility management.

SPORTS FEES

Unlike Membership fees (which are only charged once and cover the entire family), Sports fees are assessed per person/player. Currently our sports fees are \$25 per player ages 4-6 playing in our Shetland (T-Ball) division and \$40 per player for children ages 7-16 or for any player playing in any division other than Shetland. These fees help cover the costs of uniforms and umpires.

FUNDRAISING

Because we do not receive funding or assistance from local or county government as many other youth organizations do in other areas, we have to rely heavily on fundraising. In order to be successful, a fundraising program needs the participation from its entire membership. **Due to past fundraising efforts falling short and the lack of participation, this method assures 100% membership participation, which is a better for the entire organization.** In 2010, Smithfield Recreation introduced a new fundraising initiative that would guarantee 100% participation from its membership and the program was successful and helped us meet our budgetary goals.

The Fundraising Program charges each member \$50 for each registered player during the Spring season with a maximum of 2 per family. Each registered player will received a book of 10 raffle tickets worth \$5 ea. The player/member is to sell the raffle tickets and keep the money for themselves to offset the cost of registration. If the 10 tickets are sold, the player/member will have been reimbursed the \$50 paid at registration for Fundraising. If the player/member opts not to sell the tickets, the tickets are theirs and they are eligible to receive prizes from the raffle drawing. The Board of Directors believes this is a great alternative to simply raising fees across the board. We are mindful of the cost associated to participate in

youth sports and wanted to find a way to help SRA achieve it's Fundraising goals without raising fees or asking more from the parents in the form of donations, other forms or fundraising such as door-to-door selling, or volunteering more of their time.

Each member has the opportunity to offset 100% of their fundraising costs resulting in no increase in fees!

If you have any questions or comments, please visit our website at www.SmithfieldRec.org and contact any Board member. We will do our best to respond to your questions, comments and concerns in a timely manner. Thank you for your support of Smithfield Recreation.

Sincerely,

Danny Hughes

President

Smithfield Recreation Association

