

FAQs

Frequently Asked Questions

Q: What is Bethpage Baseball?

A: In 1952, a group of dedicated individuals with a common interest created a youth baseball league we now call Bethpage Baseball. The league started small, with fewer than a dozen teams. Today, Bethpage Baseball serves over 1000 children ages 4-18 with Spring, Summer and Fall leagues.

Q: What is the mission of Bethpage Baseball?

A: To promote the development of a strong character, sense of responsibility, and good citizenship in our youngsters.

Q: What is the BBAI conduct policy?

A: It is the policy of Bethpage Baseball to promote the development of a strong character, positive attitude, sense of responsibility, and good citizenship in its youngsters. It is the purpose of BBAI to achieve this goal through fair play, good sportsmanship, and congenial fellowship. The adult leaders of BBAI shall strive to serve as role models and examples, promote the aspirational goals of BBAI, and promote safety. It is strictly against the policy of BBAI for any person, either as a participant or a spectator, to engage in arguments, use abusive language, harass umpires, managers, coaches, players, Board Members, or other spectators, or to exhibit any behavior not in concert with the general intention of this policy statement.

Q: What is the BBAI sportsmanship policy?

A: It is the policy of BBAI that members of one team shall not ride, kid, heckle, poke fun at, or in any other manner do anything that in the opinion of the umpire or Field Director distracts players of the opposing team. The penalty for violation of this rule shall be removal of the guilty players and/or coach or manager from the game.

Q: What is the "Board of Directors?"

A: BBAI is governed by a group of volunteers elected by the parents and guardians of players at BBAI. The Executive Board consists of a President, Vice-president, Secretary, and Treasurer. The full Board of Directors consists of the Executive Board and eleven elected Directors. You are encouraged to speak with any member of the Board if you have questions, comments, or suggestions.

Q: What leagues are offered by BBAI?

A: BBAI offers Tournament and intramural baseball leagues for ages 3 and up and competitive fastpitch softball for girls ages 7-16. Intramural Ages are calculated using school grade guidelines while tournament teams ages are calculated using Youth Baseball Age guidelines. Tournament leagues are for players who want test themselves against higher competition, and the intramural leagues are for everyone. Rules for intramural leagues are based on Little League guidelines, with modifications for the instructional leagues.

Q: What is "Little League Age?"

A. League age is the age the player has attained prior to May 1 of the playing season. *Example:* A player who is ten years old at the beginning of the season but will turn eleven on or before April 30 shall be classified as League Age 11. Players may not "play up" (participate) in competitive leagues higher than their league age level, regardless of their skill level. Under extenuating circumstances, a player may be granted permission to "play up" in a noncompetitive division if, in the opinion of the Board of Directors, it is in the best interest of the child.

Q: Who needs to attend Try-outs?

A: In order to be eligible to be included in the player draft for a competitive (Dizzy Dean franchise) team, a player must participate in at least one complete scheduled try-out. Before being allowed to participate in a try-out, the player must have a paid registration on file. Some returning franchise team players are not required to try out. Please check with the League Secretary to determine if a player should try out.

Q: Who is eligible for tournament teams?

A: Players who have participated in at least 60% of the regularly scheduled franchise games are eligible for the teams.

Q: Does the league supply a uniform?

A: BBAI provides a team shirt, socks and hat. Players must supply their own pants, cleats, bats, and gloves.

Q: What equipment is supplied by BBAI?

A: fields, catcher's gear, and baseballs.

Q: How many games will my child play per week during the season?

A: Two, except for Minors and Majors, who could have three games on certain weeks.

Q: What times are the games and where are they played?

A: Weekday games start at 6PM. Saturday games can be at any time. All games are played on Bethpage Fields. We try not to interfere with other sports. Weekday games can be on any weekday. (Players will have one or two games in neighboring towns) Schedules Are written a few weeks before the season begins.

Q: Why are games played in neighboring towns?

A: BBAI schedules some games with other towns to give the intramural players a taste of travel baseball.

Q: When will we hear from the manager regarding practice, etc?

A: Late March. If you have questions, please call the League Director.

Q: Will my child have practices?

A: Your child's manager will establish a practice routine. Your child's attendance at practice is essential to improvement. As parent or guardian, your attendance at practice is also necessary, as you may be needed if a problem arises or an injury occurs.

Q: When does the Spring Season begin?

A: Opening Day is in early April.

Q: What is Opening Day?

A: Exhibition games, team pictures, raffles, auctions, and fun activities to start the season.

Q: When does the Spring Season end?

A: Late June.

Q: What is the all-star game?

A: Bethpage baseball has the most unique all-star game on Long Island. It is a game where the kids, manage, coach, umpire, announce, and maintain the fields. It is a day about the kids and we try to get everyone involved.

A: Late June.

Q: Where can I found the rules or other league information?

A: Please find League Safety / Rules / Picture information using the downloads link on the main page.

Q: Is there a Summer or Fall Season?

A: Yes. The Summer season starts the first weekday after July 4th and ends mid-August. The Fall Season runs September through October.

Q: When is registration for the Summer or Fall?

A: Summer registration will open in Mid-May. Fall Registration will open in late June.

Q: What happens if my child is injured?

A: Our insurance policy covers injuries for all organized, approved BBAI activities. There is a \$200.00 deductible, and this insurance is secondary to your own insurance coverage.

Q: Do I need to participate in any fund raisers?

A: No. We currently do not require our members to participate in fundraisers...our registration,sponsors, opening day, and concession income cover most expenses. Tournament teams have the option of conducting fundraisers to offset the cost of travel.

Q: How do I register?

A: Registration is online. You can pay in person or by mail, but you must preregister online. You can register at the following URL: www.bethpagebaseball.org. If you mail in your check you do not have to come down to registration.

Q: How can I check to see if my child is registered?

A: If you would like to know if you have already registered your child, please contact registration@bethpagebaseball.org.

Q: Where do I mail my check?

A: Bethpage Baseball Registration
P.O. Box 721
Bethpage, New York 11714

Q: How can I get more involved?

A: We need volunteers at all levels. We need coaches at all levels. We also need help at with, field maintenance, fundraising, website, marketing, and help with registration.

Q: Who do I contact for more information and questions?

A: You can email info@bethpagebaseball.org for more information.