



City of Urbana  
**2010 Youth Baseball Program**  
 Registration Agreement

FOR LEAGUE USE	
<u>Sign Up Date</u>	
WHO RECD	DATABASE

Participant's Name \_\_\_\_\_ Date of Birth \_\_\_\_\_

Telephone \_\_\_\_\_ Age as of **MAY 1, 2010** \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_ City \_\_\_\_\_

Parent / Guardian \_\_\_\_\_ E-mail (optional) \_\_\_\_\_

Alternate Phone: # \_\_\_\_\_  Mobile  Work  Relative: who \_\_\_\_\_

Phone # to use for automated parent/coach call system \_\_\_\_\_

Played Last Year:  Yes  No Check if a sibling is in same Age Group  Name \_\_\_\_\_

Uniform Size:      Shirt:      \_\_\_YS \_\_\_YM \_\_\_YL \_\_\_AS \_\_\_AM \_\_\_AL \_\_\_AXL  
 (Select for All Leagues)      Pants: \_\_\_YXS \_\_\_YS \_\_\_YM \_\_\_YL \_\_\_AS \_\_\_AM \_\_\_AL \_\_\_AXL

**2010 Baseball Fees No Refunds – No Requests Please**

- Sign-up at the Park Office on Feb 27th or March 6<sup>th</sup> from 10-2 - **\$35**
- Mail-In received by March 6<sup>th</sup> - **\$40**
- Mail-In received after March 6<sup>th</sup> and by March 20<sup>th</sup> – add **\$20** late fee.

**AGE GROUP**

**Park League:**    \_\_\_ T-Ball (5U)    \_\_\_ Sparky League (7U)    \_\_\_ Minor League (9U)  
**Champaign County League:**    \_\_\_ Little League (12U)    \_\_\_ Pony-Prep (13) / Pony Leagues (16U)  
*The number of 13 year old sign-ups will determine extent of activity with Pony-Prep. 13year olds may be placed in Pony League.*

**Parent participation is a necessity for this program to be successful. If you are willing to be considered by the committee or the coach for one or more of the following, please check the appropriate lines:**

- \_\_\_ Head Coach    \_\_\_ Assistant Coach    \_\_\_ Base Coach    \_\_\_ Scorekeeper (except T-Ball)    \_\_\_ Snack Coordinator
- \_\_\_ Help With Raising Funds    \_\_\_ Help Manage Equipment    \_\_\_ Help Distribute Information/Make Phone Calls
- \_\_\_ Help Manage Concessions    \_\_\_ Help with Small Construction or Painting Projects

**Waiver**

I wish to have my child participate in the Urbana Youth Baseball program. I have been informed about the program's requirements and I certify that my child suffers from no physical or mental conditions that would affect his/her participation in this program. I further agree that the Urbana Youth Baseball program, Urbana Youth Sports, the City of Urbana or Urbana University will not be held responsible for any accident or injury occurring to my child while participating in this program, regardless of the game location. I understand that volunteers organize and operate this program, I understand that traveling to ball fields other than those at our own park are at my own risk and I agree that I will not make any claim or suit against the volunteers associated with Urbana Youth Sports, the Urbana Youth Baseball program, the City of Urbana or Urbana University, whether for injury or any other reason.

**Permission to Treat in the Event of an Emergency**

I hereby grant permission to the City of Urbana, and the representatives of the Urbana Youth Baseball program, to submit the above named participant to the proper medical treatment facility for treatment in the event of an emergency or life-threatening situation, only in the absence of a parent or guardian.

Parent/Guardian Signature \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

**Please make checks payable to: Urbana Youth Sports**

**METHOD OF PAYMENT:** Cash Amount \_\_\_\_\_ Check # \_\_\_\_\_ Check Amount \_\_\_\_\_

Registrations may be mailed with check or money order to: Urbana Youth Sports, PO Box 5, Urbana, OH 43078



*52 Years*

Dear Parents,

Welcome to the start of the 2010 Urbana Youth Baseball season. This is always a sign that before long, warmer weather will arrive and the snow will be a thing of the past. We will be out on the sunny warm ball fields having fun enjoying the game of baseball and enjoying time outside with our friends and families.

This is our 52nd year. This program has existed since 1958, and we try to build on it each year, making it better. It is our goal to keep the program strong and moving forward so that we not only enjoy it now, but we are all able to return some day down the road to watch our grandchildren play. We ask that all parents get involved with the program in some way to ensure we meet our goals. Some of the improvement items this year include building on the second year of re-balancing age groups to provide more Minor and Little League Teams, the introduction of Little League to some travel games within the county, the inclusion of Mechanicsburg to the leagues traveling and Minor League and the opening of our new outdoor batting cage.

Our age groups this year are: T-Ball: 4-5, Sparky: 6-7, Minor: 8-9, Little: 10-12, Pony-Prep: 13 and Pony: 14-16.

Our program is based on the instruction of the fundamental skills, but more importantly, to foster the development of **Sportsmanship, Teamwork, Commitment, Continuous Improvement and the building of Self-Esteem.**

### **Team Development Method**

In an effort to create teams that are somewhat equal in skill level and to have a system for fair placement, we use the following process for team development. All players are placed back into the player pool, meaning that teams will have no returning players. The only player a coach is guaranteed to have is his or her child. There are no requests, unless in special situations the baseball committee approves. Skill Evaluations submitted by last year's coaches will aid in the development of teams. The coaches in an age group will work to create teams with even skill levels, by placing players together based on personal knowledge, past experience and player skill level. Once all coaches agree that all teams are fairly equal, the coaches will draw to determine which team will they will coach. By doing this, there is no incentive for a coach to create a team stronger than the others since they will not know what team they will coach until they draw it. There will be no trades after a team is drawn, unless all coaches agree. Efforts will be made to evenly disperse pitchers, catchers and players whose parents wish to be assistant coaches. T-Ball teams are developed through blind draw and Pony and Pony-Prep teams are reviewed and adjusted if needed by the coaches to try to make each team as competitive as possible as they travel to surrounding communities.

Note: See **Pony** and **Pony-Prep** information on page 2.

### **"Homework Zone"**

Schoolwork is of utmost importance, and we understand that many families spend their nights at the ball field watching someone play. If you have a child that needs to work on homework before or during a game, they may work on it in the youth sports building by fields 4, 5 & 6. It will be unsupervised, but we will do our best to keep that area an environment which one can do work in.

### **SOME KEY DATES:**

**Calls from Coaches** – 5U: Week of April 12<sup>th</sup>. 7U, 9U, 12U: Week of March 29<sup>th</sup>. 13 & 16U: April 10<sup>th</sup>-11<sup>th</sup>.

**Practices Begin** - 5U: April 17<sup>th</sup>. 7U, 9U, 12U: Week of April 5<sup>th</sup>. 13, 16U Camp: April 5<sup>th</sup>-8<sup>th</sup>.

**Pepsi Pitch, Hit & Run Competition** – To Be Determined.

**Opening Day** – All leagues: Saturday, May 1<sup>st</sup>

**Picture Day**- Sunday, May 2<sup>nd</sup> at the City Park. (schedule to be released) In case of rain, in the Park Office.





# Urbana Youth Sports

## Parents, Fans and Spectators

### Code of Conduct

This program is for the children, for them to have fun and enjoy the game. It is designed to give them and our community a good, clean, healthy fun activity to participate in.

We strive to provide an environment that promotes responsibility, good sportsmanship, teamwork, dedication, honesty and loyalty. With that comes the responsibility for the adults to be good role models. Listed are some behavioral guidelines that are expected from parents, fans, and spectators.

- Our program is organized and operated entirely by volunteers. We do our best to provide the best program possible for our youth. Any concerns should initially be directed to a coach. If a coach cannot satisfy your concerns, contact an age group coordinator or a committee member.
- Our coaches volunteer their time, most of them at the end of a full workday, to enable this program to exist. The program works with coaches to improve coaching skills and to promote consistency, yet, we understand they are all unique in some way. If you disagree with their teachings or coaching style, be understanding of this and consider volunteering as a coach in the future.
- Depending on the age group, we utilize volunteers, coaches and paid personnel as officials. The official's decision is final. They are faced with making judgment calls that may or may not go in favor of the team you wish. Generally, one team's fans disapprove of every call and official makes. This situation happens in all levels of sports. Remember that this is youth sports, not professional, college, or even high school. Someone must officiate these games or there would be no game. Decisions are not to be argued. No Exceptions. Contact an age group coordinator or a committee member if you must report a problem with officiating.
- Do not confront any coach or official in front of the children. It's not the time or the place.
- Cheer for your team, not against the other team. That is someone's child that you would be insulting. How would you feel if it was yours? Also remember, someday in the future, they may be playing on the same team together.
- Be sure your child attends practices. They are an important element of the program.
- Have your child at games early enough to be prepared.
- Players must stay in the designated team areas at all times, not in the bleachers.
- A great deal of effort goes into providing uniforms. Full uniforms are to be worn at all times during the games. No defacing of uniforms are permitted. (Example: Cutting off shirtsleeves.)
- If you can, ask your coach if you can be of assistance in some way.
- Do not go out on the field unless invited by the coach or league official.
- Do not coach your child from the stands. Too many people talking to them at once may frustrate them, and your advice may not be the same as they are being coached.

**Failure to abide by this Code of Conduct may result in suspension or removal from the program.**