

## Frequently Asked Questions and Important Dates for Livingston 2024 Youth Baseball/Softball Season

**\*\*MANDATORY PARENT MEETING for ALL NEW PARENTS TO THE LEAGUE \*\***

**MONDAY APRIL 8, 2024 – Max Foster Picnic Shelter 6PM – CHILD MAY NOT PLAY IN GAMES UNTIL A PARENT OR FAMILY REPRESENTATIVE HAS ATTENDED THIS MEETING**

### **AGE CUTOFF IS MAY 1ST**

Age deadline should have been changed years ago. The old deadline is not accurate for our league dates. A child could never be the age they are playing in with the old deadline.

**\*\*\*Skills Assessment – Saturday March 9<sup>th</sup> & 16<sup>th</sup>**

**MANDATORY** Assessment for 9-year-olds and up. Evaluation will be 1.5 hours. Bring Mitt, water & be ready to practice. Assessments will be done by the Varsity Baseball and Softball Teams and Staff.

\* **SOFTBALL** March 9<sup>th</sup> –

**LHS Softball Complex at Lincoln and Peach.**

Minor Girls – 8:30am check in, 9–10-year-olds

Major Girls - 10am check in, 11-14 year olds

\* **BASEBALL** March the 16<sup>th</sup> - Baseball Alvernaz Field

Minor Boys 8:30am check in, 9–10-year-olds

Major Boys - 10am check in, 11–14-year-olds

**Players not in attendance will be given a refund.**

### **What Team am I on?**

Teams will be posted on the front doors at City Hall **MARCH 22<sup>nd</sup> after 5pm**. Please do not call the recreation office to find out what team you are on unless your name is not on a list.

### **When does practice Start and do I have to go to practice?**

Practices will start when your coach calls you. The date and time will be decided by your coach. Each player is required to attend practices. Practice is just as important as games. The Recreation Department recommends 2 to 3 practices a week before games begin and 1 practice per week once games begin. It is an important aspect of learning teamwork and discipline.

**Coaches have been told that players missing practice may be benched for the next game. If your child is going to miss practice please give your coach a courtesy call.**

### **Who is my coach?**

Coaches in Livingston must have a background check and fingerprints done prior to working with the children. Practices are scheduled according to the volunteer coaches' availability. Encourage them and be willing to lend a helping hand rather than a critical word. Without the volunteer coaches we would have no program. If you are interested in coaching, pick up an application at City Hall.

### **When do I get my UNIFORM and what else do I need to get?**

**PLEASE UNDERSTAND THAT JERSEYS ARE NOT ORDERED LOCALLY. IF YOU DO NOT ORDER THE RIGHT SIZE FOR YOUR CHILD THERE ARE NO REPLACEMENTS. SHIRTS WILL NOT BE ORDERED UNTIL MARCH 22ND. BE SURE YOU TRY ON THE JERSEY SAMPLES.**

We hope to get them back sometime during the second week of April. Coaches will be notified for uniform pickup and then they will distribute them to their team. The league fees will include a hat and a jersey. You may buy your child a pair of baseball pants and socks if you choose to. Talk with your coach to see if they have something in mind. Sliding shorts are highly recommended for Girls softball participants. Girls are required to slide in all softball divisions. Baseball/Softball cleats (non-metal) are helpful and athletic supporters are recommended for male players. Each child must have a mitt.

### **When does the Season Start?**

Opening Ceremonies – Friday April 12, 2024 - 5:45pm –  
Line up with your Team - 6pm – March In  
First Day of Games – April 13, 2024

**IMPORTANT IF YOU CHANGE YOUR PHONE NUMBER LET US KNOW!!!!**

### **When are pictures?**

**Picture Week – April 22<sup>nd</sup> – 27<sup>th</sup>**, Coaches will be given a schedule and picture packets. These must be completed and brought on your picture day. PICTURES ARE NOT INCLUDED in league fees. Pictures will come in 4 weeks after they are taken.

### **Mark your Calendar!**

**March 9<sup>th</sup> at 5:30pm \* Game for Joe  
At Alvernaz Field.**

## Will there be a snack bar?

Snack bars will be available at all Games – If you want to buy a meal for your snack day they will be available for \$3.00 per player. This includes a soda and a hotdog. Just order your meal deals prior to the start of your child's game and the snack bar staff will have them ready when your game is over. We now are offering a healthier options on our menu. (fruit, cheese, yogurt and more) **Snack Bar revenue HELPS support league needs**.....Please support the snack bar so we can keep costs down.

## Team MOMS Needed!

Each coach will need a team mom to help with the banner making, snack assignments and making phone calls ....Team moms are very important. Let your child's coach know if you are interested in being a team mom. Finger prints are required for this position.

## How many Games do we play a week?

Each team will play 2 games a week unless they are mites and they have a completely different schedule. Games will be played one day during the week and on Saturday. Each team will play at least 8 games. This will be determined by the number of teams per division and time permitting.

## Who are the umpires?

The umpires are community members that have applied for this position and are trained by city staff. Most of our umpires are youth and are learning to umpire. Buy hiring youth umpires we are able to keep our league fees as low as possible. We have found that 2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> year umpires keep getting better with their experience. Please give the umpires a break. We are always looking for umpires. Any parent interested in umpiring is welcome to fill out an application at City Hall. The pay is minimum wage.

## When does the season end?

Last day of games will be June 8, 2024. The City will no longer host a "Closing Ceremony" due to a lack of attendance over the past few years. We are encouraging each team to end the season with their own team party. Memorial Park, Arakelian Park and the Sports Complex picnic shelters and parks will be reserved on Sunday June 9<sup>th</sup> for any teams that would like to use them.

## \*\*Mite Giants Begin the Week of April 15th

Mite Giants is a 6 week clinic that is run by volunteer coaches. The clinics are held one day a week for 45 minutes. Children will learn VERY basic fundamentals of

baseball. Parents are required to stay with their child and participate during the clinic. Each mite giant team will consist of 10 -12 children. Mites will participate in Opening Ceremonies and will receive a hat, jersey and a medal.

## REFUNDS

If for some reason we do not have enough coaches for the number of children that sign up or there are not enough participants to make a division, we will have to refund the money of players we do not have coaches for. Teams will be formed on a first come basis; Refunds will be given to players in the same order after teams are made. There are **no refunds** to any participants **once shirt orders have been placed**.

## Raffle Ticket Sales

This is the league fundraiser to help offset costs to the players. They come in booklets of 4 tickets. Raffle tickets are \$5 each and the tear off portion is to be given to the person you sell the ticket to.

**The small portion of the ticket completed and is to be turned into City Hall no later than 5pm on Thursday, June 6, 2024. Tickets turned in to city hall after this date will not go into the drawing. Drawing will be June 7<sup>th</sup> at Noon at City Hall.** Once you have sold your tickets you keep the money you collect. More Tickets are available at City Hall if you are interested in helping the league.

## PARENT RESPONSIBILITY

It is the parent responsibility to sign a parent code of ethics. **It is the parent responsibility to find out the child's coach, days and times of practice and getting them to all practices and games ONTIME.** It is also the parent responsibility to communicate with their child's coach. Please REMEMBER all coaches are volunteers and the fee you have paid does not go to pay them. Please help them. If they are doing something you do not like...communicate with them and offer to help, please do not complain about them. If you have taken the above steps and have found no solution, the Recreation Department will schedule a conference with you and the coach to try to resolve any issues.

Recreation Office – 394-8830



Coming this Summer!