

It is that time of year again, **Baseball** sign ups. The Burluson Youth Association would like everyone to have a great time playing Baseball this upcoming Spring 2008 season. Here are some tips to help make it more fun ALL KIDS! Please read prior to sign ups!

### **FundRaisers**

All registered players will be required to be involved with Fundraiser. Your Coach will have more details when you have team meeting.

### **Concession Stand Buy out**

All teams will be responsible for a concession stand buy out, each parent will need to talk over with your head coach as to pay a buy out fee of \$150.00 (75.00 for Grapefruit) or be scheduled to work the required amount of time in the concession stand. All team from this past season participated in the buy out. If a team chooses to work, they can, and must work minimum described in Baseball Rules and Code of Conduct.

### **Money Outstanding:**

If an outstanding family debt is due the BYA, you will be stopped for registering a player. If you are a coach you will not be in good standing, and will not be able to coach. To take care of outstanding payments, please contact Paul Friedman at [dpfriedman@yahoo.com](mailto:dpfriedman@yahoo.com)

### **League Eligibility**

**If your child is 4 years old before April 30<sup>th</sup>, 2008, you child may play either Grapefruit League baseball, or Shetland League Baseball**

The difference between **Grapefruit** and **Shetland** are as follows:

Grapefruit Cost \$35.00 if registered before Jan 20, 2008, Shetland cost \$80.00 if registered before Jan 20.

Grapefruit plays only AGE 4 Players where the 4<sup>th</sup> birthday prior to April 30, 2008. Shetland plays AGE 4,5,6 years olds.

Grapefruit plays 6 games only on Saturday, can only practice 1 hour intervals, Shetland plays 16 games throughout the week up to 2 hours practices.

***If you are not sure which league to sign your 4 year old with 4<sup>th</sup> birthday being before April 30, 2008, It is recommended by the BYA Baseball Committee to sign up for Grapefruit League baseball.***

**If your child is 5 years old before April 30<sup>th</sup>, 2008, or If your child is 6 years old before April 30<sup>th</sup>, 2008 your child will play Shetland League Baseball.**

**If your child is 7 years old before April 30<sup>th</sup>, 2008, or If your child is 8 years old before April 30<sup>th</sup>, 2008 your child will play Pinto League Baseball.**

**If your child is 9 years old before April 30<sup>th</sup>, 2008, or If your child is 10 years old before April 30<sup>th</sup>, 2008 your child will play Mustang League Baseball.**

**If your child is 11 years old before April 30<sup>th</sup>, 2008, or If your child is 12 years old before April 30<sup>th</sup>, 2008 your child will play Bronco League Baseball.**

**If your child is 13 years old before April 30<sup>th</sup>, 2008, or If your child is 14 years old before April 30<sup>th</sup>, 2008 your child will play Pony League Baseball.**

*If your child is 15 years old before April 30<sup>th</sup>, 2008, or If your child is 18 years old before April 30<sup>th</sup>, 2008 your child will play Colt/Palomino League Baseball. Sign ups are*

**NOT** *At this time. Watch [www.bya.org/baseball](http://www.bya.org/baseball) page in May for Sign ups!*

## **Returning Players**

If your child played in same League in Spring 2007, your child will be placed with that Returning roster automatically for this upcoming Spring 2008 season. If you do not want your child to be part of that roster you will need to select that you do not wish to have last season coach online or check it on the in person sign up form.

If your child is a returning player who wants to return to your previous roster, there is always a chance that coach may not be coaching for whatever reason. If the roster contains 3 or more players returning, those players will be placed automatically to a National League team where the players will remain together, if less than 3 players return, players will be drafted onto a National league Teams individually.

## **American League ONLY vs American/National League Drafts**

If you have concerns of your child's safety with where your child is in development of skills, You should consider checking YES to American League ONLY. What this does it makes your child eligible only for the American League Draft. ***It is better to be safe then sorry.*** The American League is teams that will be completely drafted, made up of players who was not drafted by a National League team, and also made of kids that are returning to the same league where parents opted American League only. If Opted NO to American League Only question at sign up online, or not checked on in person sign up form, players will be eligible for both American and National League Draft. National League teams are returning teams that will be filling Roster spots. All players not returning to a roster will be seen at Tryouts, This will give coaches a chance to see your child's capabilities.

## **Sibling Concerns**

Siblings in same league, can be split up, or kept on same teams. If your youngest is new to age league, and has a sibling already on a returning team, parents would have option to A: both kids stay on National League team. B: both can be made eligible for drafts and be drafted together, C: Split the kids up where 1 plays on returning team, and other plays on any other team including American League. D: sign up for both to play American League only.

***This is a hard decision, and you may want to discuss further with a baseball committee member.***

## Coach Not Wanted

There is a spot for coach not wanted. This is used for you to mark down some coach you wish **not** to draft your child. Many people have different reasons for not wanting a coach to draft their child, and this gives the opportunity for you as the parent to choose 1, and only 1.

## Comments

There is also a comment box, This is where you place brothers name if both are in Age **League**, so they can be recognized to be on same team if desired, leaving this blank may cause confusion and permit separation. This is the **only** comment that is recognized at draft procedures that we accommodate. Any other comment is just a comment and that there is no guarantee of what you write will happen for you.

## What to do? Where to turn?

*If you are not sure what to do, The Baseball committee suggest you contact your previous coach and ask them for any guidance to lend toward your decision. If this is something you wish to avoid contact with coach, please contact a Baseball Committee member by logging onto [www.bya.org](http://www.bya.org) and select the baseball page, then click on Baseball committee. A list will come up for you to choose from.*

## NEW TO BYA, PLAYED Before?

*If you are new to the BYA but has played elsewhere , The committee suggest you Check NO to American League Only.*

## How do I register to Coach? (Must be in Good Standing with BYA, no money outstanding, and Pass Background check)

Online: Create your own Login Profile and then login. You will see a register button, click on it, then click on Sign up to Coach where the baseball is.

In Person: Fill out Coaches application

**REMEMBER We want your child  
to have a most pleasant  
experience this baseball season.**

