



OHIO – District 9

Loveland Youth Baseball

Spring 2024

Coaches Meeting

Sunday March 3rd, 2024







AGENDA

- Board Structure
- Mission / Successful Season
- Our Vision / Story / History
- Umpires, Rules, Conduct
- Fundraising / Sponsors
- Opening Day
- LYBO Programs
- Development
- Generals, Travel ball, & All Stars
- Marketing / Communication
- Operations
- Safety
- Uniforms
- Questions & Answer
- Transition to break outs





BOARD MEMBERS (voting)

- **Group 1: 2022 – 2025**
 - President – Mike Wagner
 - VP Operations – Geoff Kuehn
 - VP 12 and under – Ryan Finnan
 - VP Marketing – Sara Kuehn
- **Group 2: 2023 – 2026**
 - Treasurer – Andrew Stultz
 - VP Development – Cassidy Tucker
 - Secretary – Brian Gilmore
- **Group 3: 2021 - 2024**
 - VP Fundraising – Chris Matzen
 - VP Umpires – Chris Medinger
 - VP Travel Baseball
 - 12U and Below – Scott Carr
 - 13U and Up – Rob Stineman

APPOINTED / VOLUNTEERS

- League Directors:
 - **13U+**: Rob Stineman
 - **12U**: Ryan Finnan
 - **10U**: Cassidy Tucker
 - **8U**: Mike Furey
 - **6U**: Logan Rose
- All Star Program – Scott Carr
- Equipment Manager – Geoff Kuehn
- Scheduling – Josh Heller & Devin Roesch
- Registration – Brian Mayer
- Field Coordinator – Mike Wagner
- Kid Glove – Chris Matzen
- Picture Coordinator – Brian Gilmore
- Umpire Coordinator – Chris Medinger
- Uniform Coordinator – Brian Nestico
- Coach Development – Lee Rossman
- Fall Ball Coordinator – OPEN



Mission Statement

The mission of Loveland Youth Diamond Sports (LYDS), including LYBO and LSA, is:

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To provide our youth with the opportunity to successfully learn and play the game of baseball. LYDS offers all levels of competition to encourage and assure the enjoyment, development and advancement of each participant. With the interests and welfare of our participants first and foremost, LYDS encourages its adult volunteers to model and teach the life concepts of character, self-confidence, sportsmanship, teamwork and commitment.

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Our Vision, Our Story

“Kids in baseball say they want to hit, catch, and run. Yet, what do adults do as soon as they take over? Eliminate the hit, catch, and run by maximizing the use of a pitcher who strikes everyone out. They eliminate the basis for fun.”



Baseball is a game.

It's best enjoyed on a sandlot with your friends, or at a big league ball park with your family. Or, even the local ball fields, where the Bears play the Indians in the 10 year-old rec league.

It's not meant to create a “straw man” of college and big league aspirations for any player willing to pay the fee.

[Homepage | Mike Matheny](#)

[10 Things Wrong with Youth Baseball and Softball \(And How We Can Fix Them\) - Little League](#)

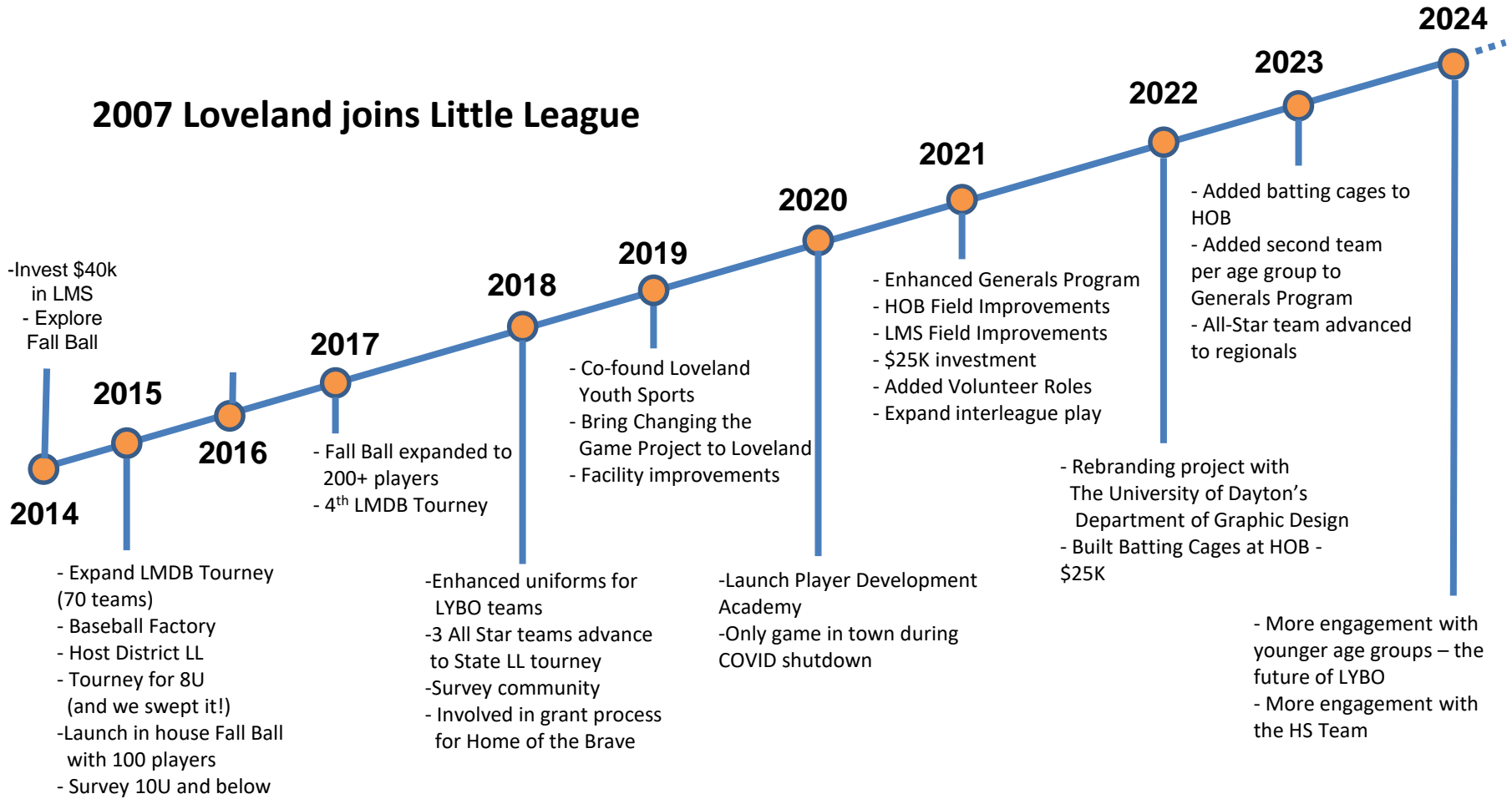


3 Rules for a Successful Season

1. DID THE KIDS HAVE FUN?
2. DID THE KIDS GET BETTER?
3. ARE THE KIDS GOING TO SIGN UP AGAIN NEXT SEASON?



2007 Loveland joins Little League





UMPIRES

- LYBO will once again use in-house umpires for the 2024 Little League Season. If your son or daughter (age 12 and older) is interested in learning Little League rules, calling balls and strikes, practicing important communication skills, and earning extra spending money, come join the LYBO Umpire Team!
- Your child must be age 12 or older as of May 1st
- Register at the meeting. Details below.
- **Umpire training will take place:
Sunday, March 10 at 1:00pm @ St Columban**
- Questions? Please contact
- Rob Stineman - rstineman99@gmail.com
- Scott Carr - scarr1998@gmail.com







WHY DO WE FUNDRAISE?

- Keeps costs low for families
- Provides exposure to local businesses
- Offsets costs of expenditures
 - We pay for field space at:
 - Loveland City (McCoy, Kiwanis, Stottman, Phillips)
 - Symmes Township (Home of the Brave)
 - Miami Township (Miami Riverview)
 - We manage 100% of the field maintenance at LMS and HOB
- Big expenses are
 - Umpires
 - Uniforms
 - Balls
 - Baseball Equipment & Gear
 - Port-a-lets
 - Chalk, etc.





SPONSORS

Sponsorship Opportunities

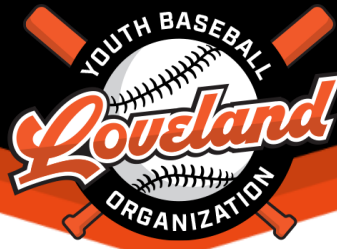
- Dicks Sporting Goods- Equipment and Gift Cards
 - Dicks Day March 1st – 3rd - STILL TIME TO SHOP
- Loveland Dairy Whip - \$1,000
- Kona Ice - 25% back to LYBO
- Time Savers Heating & Cooling
- Paxton's and Ramsey's Trailside

Sponsors receive a banner at LMS, exposure on website, opening day participation and recognition.



TIME \$AVERS
HEATING & COOLING





FUNDRAISING OPPORTUNITIES

- Kroger Community Rewards Helps LYBO
 - Doesn't affect your fuel points
 - Organization Name: Loveland Youth Baseball
 - Organization Number: KV230
 - Very simple process from website or app – Click on Rewards-> Community Rewards->Search: Loveland Youth Baseball -> click Enroll

- SchoolHouse Photos – Picture Day
- LYBO Registration Donations



LYBO OPENING DAY CEREMONIES

- What we used to do...
 - Local leaders
 - League Sponsors
 - High School Coaches
 - Community Leaders
 - First Responders
- What we are doing now...
 - Make it about the kids...
 - LHS Involvement







LYBO PROGRAMS

- LYBO Recreational League
- LYBO Player Development Academy
- Loveland Generals



4/5/6U

- No Score / No Outs
- Every Kid Bats Every Inning
- Players rotate IF/OF
- 1 hour games – 2 to 3 innings
- No Umpires
- Teaching Basics

- Transition to “real” baseball – with guardrails
- Outs and Scores recorded*
- Transition to “Kid Pitch”

7/8U

- All within Loveland
- Pitching Rules
- Umpires are also kids
- All-Stars Begin



* This is the first time outs / scores are recorded but the kids are still learning the game



9/10U

11/12U

- Player / Team numbers start to drop here so teams are reduced
- As a result, interleague play becomes necessary, so we aren't playing the same team 4 times per season
- This gives players an opportunity to “travel” to play other local outside leagues – Mason / Lebanon / Anderson, etc..
- Full kid pitch Little League rules will apply



Teenagers

- Typically, one team per age group and sometimes age groups need to combine based on registration numbers
- Opportunity to keep playing baseball
- 13U is 50/70
- 14U+ is Big Boy Baseball – 60/90



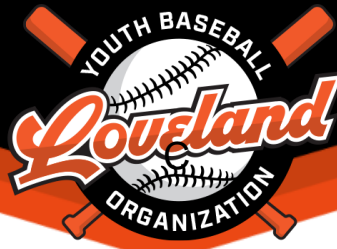
DEVELOPMENT

- Player & Coach Development
- Training, Clinics, and Camps
- Curriculum, Resources, Coaches Manual, Coaching Guide
- LYBO Baseball Academy – Player Development Program
- Coaching Recruitment and Retention



DEVELOPMENT

- LYBO Player Development Academy
 - Spring / Fall / Winter
 - Bridge between Rec and Generals
 - Professional Instruction
 - Parent Help Needed
 - Focus on EXTRA REPS
- [LYBO ACADEMY \(bluesombrero.com\)](http://bluesombrero.com)



COACHING GUIDE

This guide is designed to support our program's new and experienced coaches and prepare them for the upcoming season. We gathered insightful information on three key aspects of coaching we felt could help their role be easier, efficient and more rewarding – planning, volunteer support and communication.

- Coaching resources / Contact info
- Building a practice plan
- Building a Support Team (parents/assistants)
- Building Communication Channels
- Team & Game Day Organization Tools
 - Available on-line

[COACHING GUIDE](#)



DIAMOND LEADER COACHES TRAINING

1. REQUIRED MANANGER/COACHES TRAINING TO BE ELIGIBLE TO BE A TOURNAMENT MANAGER/ COACH IN 2023
2. Goal is One Million Coaches Trained in Little League



Recommend to add to your league's coaches training program

<https://www.littleleague.org/diamondleader/>

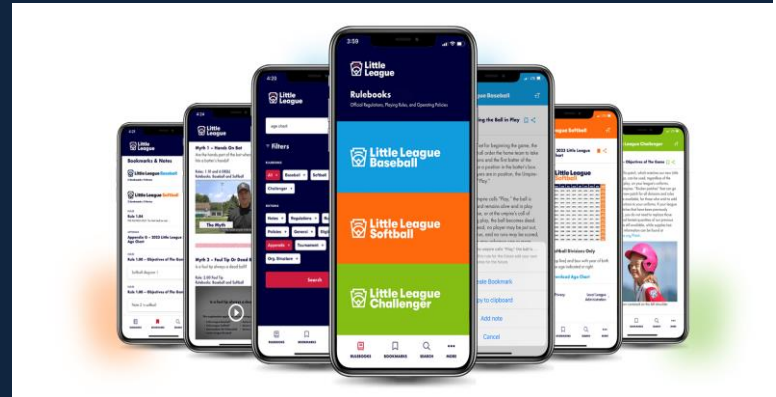


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2024 LITTLE LEAGUE RULEBOOK

RULEBOOK APP IS NOW **FREE**

Along with the 2023 Little League® season updates, the Rulebook App is now a FREE download on both the Apple App Store and Google Play Store.



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GENERALS PROGRAM



The Loveland Generals is a travel baseball organization offering a competitive brand of baseball primarily for players local to Loveland, OH and the LYBO Boundary. While we travel and play throughout the Greater Cincinnati Area, as well as out-of-state tournaments, we distinguish ourselves from other “select” organizations - and pride ourselves -- in that we geographically focus our player pools. While locally focused, players from outside of Loveland and the LYBO Boundary are welcome and encouraged to explore our program, tryout for our teams, and join our organization. Loveland is a fantastic and welcoming community. Our travel baseball organization follows suit. We welcome everyone to join us -- and to take the field together to play the world’s greatest game.

We focus on player development, both personally and athletically, with the goal to cultivate our talent within a civic-centric organization. We foster athletic growth and competitive opportunity, while building personal relationships and a firm sense of community.

Come Together. Play Together. Stay Together.

This mantra applies not only to our players, but to our parents, siblings, grandparents, extended relatives, and friends. All our Teams don the Black and Orange, because we’re all part of Loveland -- everyone is welcome -- and together we’re all part of the Generals Family.



2024 GENERALS TEAMS & COACHES



<i>AGE GROUP</i>	<i>HEAD COACH</i>	<i>CONTACT INFO</i>
8U Brislin	Sean Brislin	sfbrislin@hotmail.com
8U Finnan	Ryan Finnan	finnanr@hotmail.com
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10U Black	John Proud	johnhproud@gmail.com
12U Orange	Brian Nestico	bfnestico@gmail.com
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13U	Scott Barber	barber34@hotmail.com
14U	Scott Carr	scarr1998@gmail.com
15U	Matt Boyko	mjboyks@gmail.com
16U	Rob Stineman	robstineman@teamjdc.com



2025 LOVELAND GENERALS TRYOUTS

8U, 9U, 10U, 11U and 12U

Open Tryouts will be held for 8U, 9U, 10U, 11U and 12U Programs for the 2025 season. All interested players are welcome to attend the initial tryout sessions. Call Backs followed by Team Selections and Invitations will be communicated shortly thereafter. (*Tryouts and rosters for all Generals Teams age 13U and above are administered on a team-by-team basis*).

Registration will open on May 1, 2024 -- All players need to pre-register at www.LYBO.org





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2024 District 9 & State Tournament Locations

DIVISION	Location	Dates	STATE	Target Dates
Coach Pitch	Lebanon	6/22-6/29	N/A	N/A
Kid Pitch		6/22-6/29	N/A	N/A
8 9 10	West Side LL	6/24-7/10	District 6 – New Albany	7/13-7/20
9 10 11	Loveland	7/1-7/8	District 7 - Bellview	7/13-7/20
Little League	West Side LL	7/6-7/13	DISTRICT 9 - WSL	7/20-7/27
Intermediate 50/70	Mason	6/22-6/29	DISTRICT 9 - LOVELAND	7/5-7/9
Junior League	Lakota	6/24- 6/29	District 8 - Englewood	7/7-7/13
Senior League	Lakota	6/24-6/29	District 7 - Maumee	7/6-7/13

District and State Dates TENTATIVE until April 2024. Central Region Dates TENTATIVE until January 2024

Central Region Sites –Dates

Little League – Whitestown, Indiana (8/3-8/10) Junior League – Midland, MI (8/3-8/10)
 Intermediate – Ankeny, IA (7/13-7/20) Senior League – Peru/ Oglesby, IL (7/20-7-27)

2024 World Series

Little League – Williamsport, PA (8/14-25) Junior League – Taylor, MI (8/11-18)
 Intermediate – Livermore, CA (728-8/4) Senior League – Easley, SC (7/27-8/3)



2024 LOCAL TOURNAMENTS & EVENTS

Tournaments	Dates	Contact Info
OPENING DAY	April 13, 2024	More to come
T-Mobile HR Derby	Feb 9 – May 31	TBD – we need volunteers
Loveland Memorial Day Blast	N/A	LYBO will not host in 2024
Little League D9 Tournaments	June 26 – July 9	Tournament start dates vary by age





MARKETING

- Follow our socials
 - Pictures, News, Information
 - Facebook, Instagram and X
- Like & Share
 - Increases our exposure
 - Informs new/younger families
- Help us promote Registration in the Community
- Throughout your seasons, please share photos and updates from your teams!
- Email Sara Kuehn lybomarketing@gmail.com
- Can also message the FB page



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IMPORTANT DATES!

Registration CLOSSES 1/31
*late fees after this date

Feb 11th - Player Evals for ages 7u-10u

March 3rd - Parent/Coaches Meeting

March 10th - Meet the Teams

March 16th - Tyler Rice Field Cleanup Day

April 13th - OPENING DAY!

FOLLOW US FOR NEWS AND REMINDERS

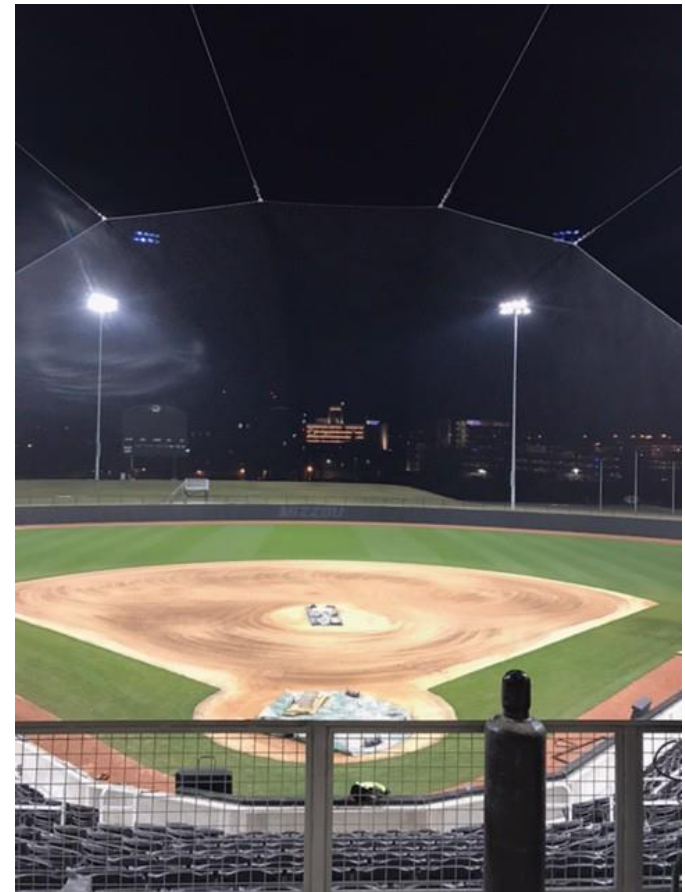







OPERATIONS

- Equipment bag contents
 - Catcher's gear / mitt
 - Bat, helmet, pitching helmet
 - Bucket & game balls
 - Field Policies
 - Field Maintenance
 - Lock Boxes
 - Practice / Games times
 - Incident Report
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- MRV Rainout # 513-248-5513
 - Symmestownship.org



SAFETY

Andrew Stultz & Mike Wagner

1. Background checks
2. Lindsay's Law
3. Concussion Certification
4. Senate Bill 534: Protecting Young Victims from Sexual Abuse and Safe Sport Authorization Act of 2017
5. Little League Diamond Leader Coaches Training

FIRST AID

- LYBO Board







UNIFORMS



Orange Jersey



Black Jersey





WE NEED VOLUNTEERS

- Little League is a not-for-profit charity
- 3 Million kids play worldwide
 - This was 2.4 Million in 2020
- We are community based for the kids of Loveland (and surrounding areas)
- ~21 people on board / in director roles plus other volunteers
- 80+ coaches
- Have fun!

OPPORTUNITIES

- Team parent
- Equipment manager
- Field maintenance
- Concessions
- Home Run Derby Event
- Upcoming open board roles
- Other skills....



Goals for a successful season...

- Did the kids get better?
- Did the kids have fun?
- Do the kids plan to play baseball next year?





Thank You!

Have a fun season!

QUESTIONS?

Next: Transition to age breakouts