



2022 SPRING BASEBALL INFORMATION



Franciscan Health is excited to announce its new partnership as a Proud Hospital Partner of Mudsock Youth Athletics. Join us on Saturday, January 29 from 1-4PM for the public open house for our new orthopedic hospital in Carmel that is opening Spring 2022. There will be tours of the new hospital, refreshments, prizes, special guests and entertainment. We hope to see you and your families there! Hospital address: Franciscan Health Orthopedic Hospital Carmel, 10777 Illinois St., Carmel, IN 46032.

Overview

Mudsock Youth Baseball is a volunteer organization established to provide recreational and travel baseball opportunities to players living within the Hamilton Southeastern School District. Play is offered for athletes in pre-kindergarten through high school.

Divisions

Our recreation league has adopted the rule that we will separate our kids by age. Exceptions will be made for those players wishing to play with players in their grade. To request an exception or if you have any questions, please contact player agent Todd Fandrei at toddfandrei@yahoo.com.

5U (formerly known as Pre-K League, 5/1/2016 – 4/30/2017)
6U (formerly known as Kindergarten League, 5/1/2015 – 4/30/2016)
8U (formerly known as 1st/2nd Grade League, 5/1/2013 – 4/30/2015)
10U (formerly known as 3rd/4th Grade League, 5/1/2011 – 4/30/2013)
12U (formerly known as 5th/6th Grade League, 5/1/2009 – 4/30/2011)
14U (formerly known as 7th/8th Grade League, 5/1/2007 – 4/30/2009)
High School

Registration Fees

Open Spring Registration runs from January 1st – January 31st. After January 31st, waitlists may form for certain divisions. Registration will be accepted online at www.myathletics.com. The fees will be as follows:

- \$110 – 5U, 6U
- \$135 – 8U
- \$150 – 10U – 14U
- \$125 – High School

Refunds

January 1 – February 15 – Refund after \$32 non-refundable is subtracted.

February 16 – March 15 – 50% refund after \$32 non-refundable is subtracted.

March 16 – March 31 – 25% refund after \$32 non-refundable is subtracted.

After March 31 – No refund.

Participants who sustain an injury prior to the start of the season will only be granted a refund with supporting documentation from a physician. If documentation from a physician is not provided, no refund will be given. Any injury that occurs during the season does not qualify for a refund of any amount.



For over 40 years, Forté Sports Medicine and Orthopedics has served the residents of Indiana with highly skilled and specialized orthopedic care from fellowship-trained physicians. Forté Sports Medicine and Orthopedics is honored to partner with Mudsock Youth Athletics and provide access to specialized physicians for all injury and recovery needs for families in its programs.

FAQ's

When is Spring baseball season?

Spring season runs from late March thru early/late June depending on the league.

Do I need to attend Spring evaluations?

The leagues are divided into 3 categories: Red, White, and Blue. Athletes will be placed in divisions according to skill level and the number of divisions may vary each year and by age group.

What equipment do I need?

Baseball glove, baseball cleats, baseball pants. The league will provide bats, if you do not have one, helmets, baseballs and first aid kits. Baseball jersey, cap and socks are included with your registration fee.

Effective spring 2021, any USA Certified Bat may be used in rec league play. USSSA Bats are not allowed for use in rec league play. A link to approved bats which may be used in rec league game play can be found [here](#).

What is the time commitment?

In general, your team will meet two to three times per week, usually a weekday or two and Saturday.

Do you offer travel baseball?

Yes! We offer travel baseball for ages 7U through 14U. Our teams are known as the Fishers Express. Tryouts are generally held in August. For more information, please see the travel section of the information packet.

Overview of Recreational Offerings

*Players will be assigned based upon the child's age for the 2022 season.

5U and 6U

Commissioner

Joe Frollo, jacaf19@yahoo.com

These are non-competitive, coach-pitch divisions that will use a tee when needed. This league emphasizes teaching the fundamentals of the game of baseball in a fun and enjoyable atmosphere. EVERY participant of this division will receive a season-end award.

8U – 12U

8U Commissioners

- Red/White, Jarek Morgan morgan.jarek@yahoo.com (coach pitch)
- Blue, TBA (coach pitch)

10U Commissioners

- Red/White, Mike Blackburn mkrkb@yahoo.com (player pitch)
- Blue, Rob Sevensing rob.sevensing@rndc-usa.com (player pitch)

12U Commissioner

- Red/White/Blue, John Barker hollybarker23@yahoo.com (player pitch)

Division Overview

Each age group (8U, 10U, 12U) will be broken down into the following divisions:

Red: This is the most competitive division involving the higher skilled players. Players in this division will be determined by a draft of coaches in this division. To be considered to play in this division, EVERY player will be required to attend the designated evaluation session.

White: A highly competitive division with players determined by a draft of coaches in this division. To be considered to play in this division, EVERY player will be required to attend the designated evaluation session.

Blue: A competitive league for players not drafted into the Red or White Divisions. It is VERY IMPORTANT that every player attend the designated evaluation session to help in the draft process. Evaluation scores will help to ensure a better playing experience for ALL, as the teams will be divided as fairly as possible based on evaluation scores. Rules for this divisions are designed to highly promote the development of players, in a relaxed environment.

Individual awards will ONLY be given to the first and second place finishers in the end-of-season tournament foreach of the three divisions within this age group. All three divisions will have a post season (All-Star) game after the recreational season ends. Players will be nominated to participate by the coaches in their league.

14U

Commissioner

Josh Woody, jwoody11@comcast.net

This is a competitive, instructional league geared toward the older age groups. Players in this league will be determined by a draft of coaches in this league based off player evaluations. Awards will be given to the first and second place finishers in the end-of-the-season tournament for each division. An All-Star team will be selected within each division, as the interest exists.

High School

Commissioner:

Josh Woody, jwoody11@comcast.net

This is a competitive, instructional league geared toward the high school players.



Meijer is pleased to support Mudsock Youth Athletics in its mission of bringing sports to local kids. As a family company, Meijer aims to enrich the lives of families in its community. By sponsoring youth sports programs like Mudsock, Meijer gets to support local kids as they learn valuable life skills, build friendships, get active and, most importantly, have fun!



2022 Fishers Express Travel Baseball Information

VISION

To provide the most effective community-based travel baseball program for the City of Fishers and the students in the Hamilton Southeastern school district. To help all players develop the fundamental skills and aptitude to play competitive baseball at the high school level and beyond.

MISSION

To offer a more instructive and competitive baseball atmosphere than the recreational league allows for all baseball players (1st – 8th grades) in the Fishers/HSE school districts. Teach basic baseball fundamentals along with reinforcing life skills and values such as honesty, work ethic, leadership, teamwork & good sportsmanship. Provide a fun and rewarding experience to help inspire and develop a player's passion for the game. Help prepare all players to be physically, mentally and competitively ready to play for their respective high school's varsity baseball program. To continue to improve our program we have added a Travel Board that will consist of a commissioner for each age division.

Travel leagues will also adopt the same rules and will split by the below age-determining date:

Age Division

Born on or after...

14U	May 1, 2007
13U	May 1, 2008
12U	May 1, 2009
11U	May 1, 2010
10U	May 1, 2011
9U	May 1, 2012
8U	May 1, 2013
7U	May 1, 2014

TRAVEL PROGRAM TEAMS

The travel program will be comprised of Fishers Express 7U– 14U teams.

FISHERS EXPRESS 7U-14U

Starting at 7U we will have a full time Fishers Express team with the possibility of having additional Express teams based on participation level. There is no split of teams based on the high school they attend, as all teams will be “combined”. All of these travel teams will compete against the most competitive teams in the local and regional area. It is also very possible that these teams may choose to compete at a national level. These teams start early in the year (Jan/Feb) and practice times could be 3-5 days per week. These teams typically play in 6-8 tournaments per season, which ends late July. Each team will be responsible for hosting and coordinating a home travel tournament.

TEAM SELECTION

Evaluations will be set up by the travel commissioners for each age group. The evaluators will have an appropriate level of baseball knowledge and experience. They will follow the same consistent approach as outlined by the travel program for evaluating each grade level. All players will be assessed on basic baseball skills: fielding, throwing, hitting, and running. Players will also be evaluated on their aptitude for the various skilled positions such as outfield, infield, pitching and catching. Teams will be selected based upon the results of this evaluation process along with how the talents of each player best contribute to the overall chemistry of the team. Coach evaluations of players from the previous season will also be considered as a part of the selection process. Team selections will be posted on our League website www.baseball.myathletics.com. The number of teams in the travel program will be determined per the league’s discretion based upon the overall interest and player skill at each age.

COACH SELECTION

Head coaching candidates for the full-time and travel teams need to submit an application to the travel commissioner by the designated due date and prior to the player evaluation and team selection process. Members of the executive baseball board along with the travel commissioner will interview and select all head coaches. Candidates with the best combination of coaching and/or playing experience, good judgment, and commitment to the travel program along with strong organization, motivation and communication skills will be given highest consideration. The head coach is responsible for selecting (1 to 2) assistant coaches to help with the team. All coaches must submit a background check form.

Coaches for the 1st team at each age group will be named/announced prior to the evaluation date. All other coaches will be named after the completion of tryouts. Parents will fill out an evaluation form on the coaches at the end of the season. These ratings/comments will be used to help decide whether a coach will be given the opportunity to coach the following season.

PARENT EXPECTATIONS

For any game or practice during the travel baseball season, it is up to the adults to be positive role models for all our children. All of us need to be good ambassadors for our community when traveling or hosting games. Inappropriate behavior not only has a detrimental effect on our children, but it also brings disgrace to our community and our travel baseball program.

Parents can talk to coaches about their own child's situation at any time with regards to what they can improve on, how they are doing and what they can do to get better. Coaches will not discuss individual playing time or situations about another player on the team. Allow the coaches to "coach". Cheer and encourage all players on the team to do their best at practices and games. Coaches, players, and parents will all be upset from time to time, especially after a tough loss. Do not address the situation for at least 24 hours as that will allow everyone time to evaluate what occurred.

PLAYER EXPECTATIONS

Always give your best effort. Ability, attitude, and attendance help determine playing time. Hustle. Never argue with an umpire's decision. Listen to your coaches. Be respectful to your teammates. Be a team player. Be prepared (both mentally and with equipment) for all practices and games. Look and act like a baseball player with shirt tucked-in, hat on properly, etc. for all practices/games. Learn as much as you can and have fun.

TRAVEL RULES

The travel teams are part of the overall Mudsock Youth Athletics program and must adhere to all policies set forth by Mudsock Youth Athletics and the Mudsock Youth Baseball Board. Violations will be handled by the Baseball Player Agent, Travel Commissioner and League President. Also, each coach, assistant coach and any individual helping with the players on a team, must have completed a background check form.

For more information about the Fishers Express Travel Program, go to www.baseball.myathletics.com and click on Baseball Menu and select Travel Baseball. Please contact the Travel Director Travis Goebel at travisagoebel@gmail.com if you have any additional questions about this program.

HOW YOUR SUPPORT HELPS BY BEING A SPONSOR:

Sponsorship money helps pay for much needed capital improvements, field maintenance, umpire fees, uniforms, equipment, trophies, and awards. We have excellent opportunities for your contribution to be recognized throughout the community. Sponsorship opportunities include Team Sponsor, League Sponsor, Trophy Sponsor, Website Sponsor and/or Field Sponsor. Sponsorship fees are tax deductible as a promotional expense or as a charitable contribution (we are a 501(c)3 organization). More importantly, your sponsorship is helping the youth of our community. Sponsorship information must be confirmed by **March 1, 2022**. Contact John Hoffman at 317-502-4874 or hoffman3059@gmail.com for more details on the outstanding sponsorship opportunities. A SPONSORSHIP FORM IS INCLUDED IN THIS PACKET FOR YOUR CONVENIENCE

POTENTIAL SPONSOR

The Mudsock Youth Baseball League is pleased to report that the future of our sport in the Fishers community is alive and well with strong participation in the program!

2022 is our 21st year at Billerica Park. We continue to make improvements annually to our diamonds, which we feel are the best in the state. These improvements would not be possible without the generous support of our sponsors, both on a local and national level.

The league is excited to present the opportunities for corporate sponsorship for the upcoming 2022 baseball season. The dollars raised through sponsorship help fund our teams with equipment and uniforms, lowering our program registration fees, to ensure that everyone has the opportunity to share the enjoyment of playing the game.

Our sponsorship and marketing programs provide different levels of contribution opportunities, allowing each corporate partner to choose the level that works best for him or her. We are pleased to announce that the sponsorship levels remain the same this year and include (see sponsorship information on the next page).



Mudsock Youth Baseball League
Tax ID: 35-1517749

2022 Team Sponsorship Levels

Platinum Level – \$2,500.00

- Sponsorship of Fifteen (15) Teams
- Logo or Name on all jerseys
- Sponsor Recognition Plaque at the end of the season
- Listing on our website

Gold Level – \$1,200.00

- Sponsorship of Five (5) teams
- Logo or Name on all jerseys
- Sponsor Recognition Plaque at the end of the season
- Listing on our website

Silver Level = \$500

- Sponsorship of two (2) teams
- Sponsor Recognition Plaque at the end of the season
- Listing on our website

2022 Field Sponsorships:

Have a field named after your business!

Billericay Park

Field Sponsorship: \$2,500.00

Primary Sponsorship of one Field at Billericay Park

1 Field Sponsorship (2 Double sided outfield Banners), (1 Double sided fence Banner)

2 Team Sponsors (Jerseys)

Link on Fishers-HSE Baseball Website

Holland/Riverside Park

Field Sponsorship: \$1,500.00

1 Field Sponsorship (2 Double Sided Outfield Banners), (1 Double Sided Fence Banner)2

Team Sponsors (Jerseys)

Link on Fishers-HSE Baseball Website

If you are interested in sponsoring anything from a team, to a set of teams or a field, please contact John Hoffman at either Hoffman3059@gmail.com or 317-502-4874. We are also happy to discuss any custom packages.

Thank you for your support!

SPONSORSHIP REGISTRATIONFORM

Company Name: _____

Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

Phone: _____ Cell Phone: _____

Contact Name: _____

E-mail Address: _____

Website: _____

Is there a particular player you wish to sponsor? Yes _____ No _____

If yes, player's name: _____

Grade in the Spring of 2022 _____

Requests will be taken, but cannot be guaranteed.

Marketing Opportunities w/ Mudsock Youth Baseball

Custom Corporate Sponsorship

We will design custom arranged Marketing Packages for those Corporate Customers Spending \$5K & more!

For details, please speak directly with John Hoffman.