



HOPEWELL YOUTH BASEBALL ASSOCIATION

What to Expect When You Register

What is Hopewell Youth Baseball Association? Commonly known as HYB or HYBBA, Hopewell Youth Baseball is a 501 (c) (3) non-profit organization that serves families in the Hopewell Area School District by providing a recreational sports league for children ages 4-19.

What do you get when you register to play for HYBBA? Once you've registered and become a member of the HYBBA Community, and prior to the beginning of competitive play, your player will be assigned to a team and will receive:

- an official uniform jersey
- a uniform hat
- Raffle Tickets.

There is a **\$100 per family Fundraising Fee** applied at registration checkout, which helps HYBBA subsist. Each family gets 20 tickets to sell, with **proceeds from these tickets kept by our families**. The winning tickets for the Cash Raffle are drawn annually at the HYBBA Golf Outing.

Other accessories, such as pants, belts, and socks are not provided by HYBBA.

HYBBA ALSO PROVIDES EACH HEAD COACH WITH EQUIPMENT THAT INCLUDES:

- an equipment bag or bucket
- game balls
- catcher's equipment (Farm and above)
- safety masks and chest guards (at certain levels)

PRIOR TO THE START OF PRACTICES, YOUR PLAYER WILL NEED THE FOLLOWING ,WHICH HYBBA DOES NOT PROVIDE:

- a baseball or softball glove;
- a batting helmet;
- a baseball bat (USA stamped for Modified and Farm; USSSA are allowed for divisions beyond Farm);
- molded cleats are recommended, but not required.



WHAT PARENTS NEED TO KNOW:

HYBBA drafts teams and assigns uniform colors during the first week of March.

Thanks to their continued generosity, Dick's Sporting Goods provides a coupon good for 20% at participating locations. This coupon is shared by HYBBA via email, posted on our website (www.hopewellyouthbaseball.com) and on our Official Facebook Page (Hopewell Vikings Youth Baseball)

The season will begin in April. While vague, the weather is the key factor to determine official start dates.

For Farm to Bronco Divisions, indoor workouts will begin in March. Due to space constraints, it is not currently feasible to provide gym time for the Modified Division.

Schedules are typically distributed for the Farm through Bronco Divisions in late March, with the Modified Division schedule released once these are finalized.

Team and Individual Photos will be scheduled for Mid-April.

Each Family is expected to work at least one (1) shift in the Concession Stand.

WHAT COACHES NEED TO KNOW

Our Director of Baseball Ops (DBO) will assign you as a Head Coach and inform you of our draft date. The DBO will also be your conduit for scheduling team practices.

Our Equipment Director will provide your equipment bag, as described above. Any optional equipment is provided at the expense of the coach.

Coaching Staffs are responsible for pregame setup and post-game field manicuring.

Coaches may be asked to assign their team's Concessions Shifts.

Coaches will circulate a spreadsheet (provided by HYBBA President) to gather and confirm uniform data for you team.

DID YOU KNOW?

All Coaches MUST pass a PA Criminal Background Check and provide a Child Welfare Clearance Certificate to coach a team.

HYBBA is a volunteer run organization. Board Members and Coaches are NOT paid for their participation.

HYBBA is enabled to operate in large part due to our corporate sponsors. Please pay attention to the banners displayed at our facilities, and consider patronizing those businesses.

HYBBA's BOD is always seeking volunteers to Coach, attend meetings, and fill Board Positions.



FYI:

HYBBA is a youth sports league with the following goals:

Instruct children in our community on the game of baseball

Instill a Team first mentality in our players. **WE > ME.**

Emphasize the importance of hard work, attentiveness, accountability, and self-confidence.

HUSTLE-FOCUS-BELIEVE.

Learn the importance of sportsmanship. HYBBA has a zero tolerance policy for cheating. HYBBA members must be committed to fairness, and winning and losing with dignity.

Expect to win, learn from losses. While winning is fun, learning to deal with setbacks such as errors, strikeouts, bad calls, and losses are all part of the maturation process of a ballplayer. These lessons are carried into everyday life. You're going to get knocked down; the lesson is in getting back up EVERY SINGLE TIME.

Thank you for your interest in Hopewell Youth Baseball Association.