



LIONVILLE YOUTH ASSOCIATION

LYA Fall Newsletter

OUR MISSION

The mission of LYA is to provide a healthful, meaningful sports and recreational program for the youth of the community, to promote team sports for the benefit and with the full participation of the whole community, and to encourage sportsmanship for all participants, parents and spectators.

Volunteer- We need your help

LYA is a fully volunteer run organization. Our ability to provide sports and programs is completely dependent on volunteers willing to give their time. Please consider helping so we can continue to offer programs for the children in our community.

There are many ways to contribute:

- Concessions Stand Volunteer
- Concessions Manager
- Field Crew Supervisor
- Division Commissioners (in the very near future since some will be stepping down)
- Baseball Committee members/generalist
- Baseball Sandlot Coordinator
- General Volunteers for all Sports

Please email lyaadmin@lyasports.org for additional information or to volunteer.



Social Media Sharing

Please feel free to share your photos and videos for our social media. Tag us in your posts and send them to us via email or messenger and we will try to share as many as we can! Team photos, social events, big wins or hits...please share it all! Email photos to lyasocialmedia@lyasports.org.



Spring and Summer Sports Recap



Baseball

We had a very successful spring with growth year over year concerning number of players and volunteers. In addition, we were able to field five District teams this summer that competed with all their heart.

We are looking for more volunteers to assist with the baseball committee and other roles that the program needs.



Softball



LYA Softball had our most successful season in many years in the Spring of 2022. We owe our success to our highly dedicated group of commissioners and their coaches that helped the girls become excellent softball players. We are so appreciative of our parents' volunteerism in the newly opened Snack Shack which made hanging out at the park and our home games extra fun for families and players alike! Our Spring season saw the launch of our new Quickball program for our youngest players. It's a program engineered to make the game easier to learn while keeping the girls engaged with constant drills and activities. The rosters are smaller to allow girls more time to participate and learn (no sitting on a bench!).

Our Rookies teams had a thrilling and competitive end of season playoffs between the five teams. Their District team had their best showing in a long time! In the regular season Madness District Playoff tournament, one of our Majors and one of our Minors teams made it to the championship games with the Majors team winning their division. For the All-Star District Tournaments, the Majors and Minors teams made us so proud!

Both teams made it to the incredibly competitive championship series in their divisions and forced the "if necessary" games. All of the girls played at the top of their game and did their best with exceptional effort and teamwork. We can't wait to watch the girls this coming Spring!





Girls Lacrosse

LYA girls lacrosse had a great spring season! Thanks to all of our volunteer coaches that ensured the season was successful!



Boys Lacrosse

Congrats to our 6th grade boys on going undefeated on their way to a CCLA championship!



Track & Field

Track & Field had a successful season this summer after being sidelined for a couple years due to COVID-19. The coaches and participants were so excited to get back out on the track! The coaches love being a part of LYA and look forward to it in the summer. The kids loves it and it brings the community closer!



LYA Fall Sports

LYA fall sports are in full swing. We hope all the participants of our field hockey, soccer, fall baseball, and fall softball teams are having a great season! It is such a pleasure seeing the park filled each day!

Travel Sports Update

Lionville Soccer Club

Lionville Soccer Club (Travel) enjoyed tremendous growth for the 22/23 season after tryouts in the Spring. This year travel soccer has over 325 players across 23 teams. We also enter into the second year of our "Academy" development structure which allows our youngest players from U8-U11 to gain valuable skills and experience playing soccer without the pressure of the highest level of competition. Plenty of time for that ;)

Our 22/23 teams are currently at the beginning of their fall season and enjoyed some great summer tournament action....our senior players (U15-U18) are currently in the midst of their school seasons and are excited for club soccer activities to begin in November.

Spring 2022 Accomplishments

GIRLS

- Our 2008G Lionville Blue Warriors won the EDP Mid Atlantic D1 to qualify for the 22/23 USYS National League which will be played in Florida, Arizona and North Carolina in 2023. They also qualified and participated in Eastern Regionals Championship in West Virginia this past June. Warriors were also NCS State Cup Finalists for the 21/22 season. Fun Fact..due to their accomplishments last year, the Blue Warriors were recently ranked number 1 in PA and number 4 in the USA.
- Our 2006G Lionville Lionhearts participated in the Girls in College Showcase in Raleigh, NC and the Jefferson Cup Showcase in Richmond, VA and gained valuable experience and exposure in front of college coaches.
- Our 2011G Lionville Pride competed in Mid Atlantic Division 1, the highest level of competition for youth soccer in the area.

BOYS

- Our 2009B Galaxy qualified and competed in the NPL East Regional Play offs in North Carolina in June 22. The Galaxy also made the final of the 2022 President's Cup this past Spring.
- Our 2006B Vipers also qualified and competed in the NPL East Regional Showcase in NC and attended the Blue Chip Showcase in OH and the Boys in College Showcase in NC gaining valuable experience and exposure in front of college coaches.
- Our 2007B Blast also battled through several injuries to key players to make the State Challenge Cup Final but unfortunately lost a very close game 2-1 in the final.
- Our 2013, 2012 and 2011 Academy teams gained some valuable experience developing their play while competing in the Central League Soccer Spring League and took part in several local tournaments.



Lionville Lightning Softball

Lionville Lightning had a successful Spring season with training and tournaments. Our teams competed in many different tournaments through the spring and summer. We look forward to an exciting 2022-2023 season with our 10U, 12U, 14U, and 18U teams.

The Lightning organization had national throwing guru Austin Wasserman back again for third time. Austin has consulted for and currently consults for some of the top baseball and softball programs and US Softball Olympians such as Haylie McCleney, Vanderbilt, Alabama, Arizona State, Minnesota, Duke, University of South Carolina, LSU, Ole Miss, University of Washington, UNCW, Coastal Carolina, Villanova, Texas Lutheran and Iowa State to name a few. This was again Austin's only visit to PA to work with the Lightning organization. Lightning 18U and 12U had the tremendous opportunity to work again one-on-one with Austin in his High Level Throwing Program.

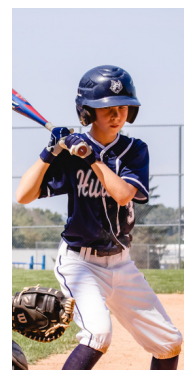
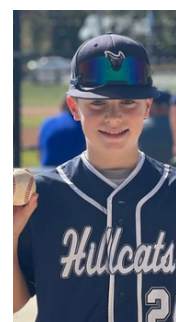
If you would like more information or just to see what our teams are up to, you can visit us at the following social media sites:

- Website: www.lionvillelightning.com
- Instagram: @lionville_lightning_18u_gold
@ll_lightning12u
- Facebook: @LionvilleLightning18UGold
@lionvillelightning14
@ll12usoftball



Junior Hillcats Baseball

The Lionville Hillcats are wrapping up their successful Fall Season. This year Lionville has teams at 9U, 10U, 11U & 12U. The teams are participating in the Tri-County Premier Baseball League against other local teams, as well as traveling to some tournaments in the Tri-State Area to compete. Most of all though, the boys are having fun, growing their skills and growing their love for the game. The boys will break from games and tournaments in the Fall & Winter, but maintain and try to grow their skills over the winter while supplementing with other sports, and before you know it, we will be back competing on the baseball diamond in the Spring!



LYA Volunteer Recognition

We know we can't be successful without our volunteers. Is there a volunteer at LYA that you think deserves some recognition? A coach who went above and beyond? A commissioner who made your season smooth sailing? A board member who got something accomplished? A team parent who took great photos, brought snacks, and helped your team to success? Submit their information to recognize them by clicking on the "Volunteer Recognition Form" on our Resources page at www.lyasports.org.

Softball Junior Umpire Program

In February, due to the shortage of umpires in the area, LYA Softball was tasked with creating our own Junior Umpire program. With the expertise of our Umpire in Chief, Dan Yarnall, and our Senior Umpire Bob Byerly, our 18 Juniors Umpires were field-trained, along with completing rules and regulations self study, in preparation for our season. Our participants worked very hard to learn all of the ins and outs of the job. Umpiring comes with a lot of responsibility. It demands dedication, timeliness, focus and quick situational thinking skills. We are very proud of the professionalism and commitment our Junior Umpires displayed throughout the season as they learned, in real time, how to umpire. We look forward to working with this group again this coming spring and to welcoming new trainees. We will be advertising in January for our Spring 2023 training program. It is open to anyone 14 years old or older. Contact Melissa Esposito for more information (mxj72@yahoo.com).

Concession Stand

The LYA snack stand is opening up again this season! We will rely on our community to volunteer to staff the concession stand. Shifts will be two hours. We only plan to offer light snacks and drinks at this time. We ask that no one under 16 is in the concession stand without adult supervision. Hopefully if we have enough volunteers to have a successful season in spring, we can offer a bigger menu in the fall. We are in need of Snack Stand Managers who can help open up and close in addition to staffing shifts working the window. Looking forward to sharing some treats with you all! If you can help with opening, closing and sharing management duties please email Erin Gange at erin.gange@gmail.com

****While we will not serve any peanut products, we can not guarantee that the snack stand is completely peanut free.**

LYA Financial Aid Program

LYA is pleased that our Financial Aid Program continues to allow access to all of our recreational youth sports programs for participants who otherwise may not have the financial means to participate.

The LYA Board will consider multiple factors when evaluating eligibility for financial assistance. Applications should be made by a player's parent/guardian and can be submitted to LYA in the form of a short email stating all relevant facts for consideration. Please submit this application to LYAAdmin@lyasports.org. The information provided will be held in strict confidence between the parent/guardian and the Financial Aid Committee of the LYA Board.

This program is made possible through the generous donations of so many LYA families. Everyone has the opportunity to donate when registering your child for an LYA sport on TeamSnap. Simply look for the option when navigating the check out process! Any and all donations are appreciated!

LYA Supporters

Williamsburg Development Golf Outing

Thank you so much to Williamsburg Development for listing LYA as a recipient of their annual golf outing. We were so appreciative of the support and honored to accept this generous donation!



Marchwood Tavern 50/50 Recipient

Thank you so much to Marchwood Tavern who has designated LYA as a recipient of their 50/50 raffle during their always fun bingo nights! We are very appreciative of your continued support of LYA!

LYA Thanks our Fall Sponsors

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