



# 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.

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### 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
- Committee Members
- Concessions Manager
- Field Crew Supervisor
- Division Commissioners (in the very near future since some will be stepping down)
- Baseball Committee members/generalist
- General Volunteers for all Sports
- LYA Board Membership (Elections are in November)

Please email [lyaadmin@lyasports.org](mailto:lyaadmin@lyasports.org) for additional information or to volunteer or click [HERE](#) to register for one of our committees.

### 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](mailto:lyasocialmedia@lyasports.org).



# Spring and Summer Sports Recap



**Baseball**

As a program we had outstanding registration numbers in ALL divisions and, in turn, increased the number of volunteers willing to coach. We have 600 baseball players and over 120 volunteers to support the program this spring.

Our league is healthy and the future looks bright but please consider joining the Baseball Committee so we can ensure Lionville Little League does just as well next year.

The below items were all part of a budgeting plan to replace aging gear and equipment while keeping our players safe and fields looking great.

- New Batting Cage nets were installed at Field E
- New Sheds were installed at Senior Field
- New equipment was purchased across all divisions including catcher's gear, batting helmets and training items for TBall and Rookies
- New safety L-screens are now in use at Field E batting cages and Senior Field
- New field maintenance gear is in use at Senior and Field E



**Softball**



LYA Softball was on a roll again this past spring. Almost 200 girls played for our organization this year! We ran our second year of the Quickball program and had a fantastic group of coaches that took charge and made the season fun and exciting for our youngest players. They even got to play their last game on our prized Field B where everyone loved watching their joy while playing! Our largest Rookies class in the last decade was led by Commissioner Tim Muldoon. He and the Rookies coaches had the girls working on a progression of fundamentals that really encouraged their growth in skills by the end of the season. The ever-energetic Brook Murphy led our Minors division through a very well balanced and competitive season. They implemented division wide clinic practices that help foster knowledge sharing between coaches and sense of community between the girls. Brook also put together a year end pizza and Rita's party for the whole league to enjoy. Chris Gange again led the Majors division through another successful regular season. The Longhorns, the Seminoles, and the Sooners had a very competitive season and championship with each other. They topped it off with a lively All-Star game. We were very proud of our three District teams that represented LYA in the District 28 tournaments. We were lucky to host the Majors tournament where our very own Majors team fought hard and came in 2nd place in the District! We can't wait to see all of our girls and tireless coaches and volunteers back again next season!





## 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

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



## Track & Field

Track & Field had a successful season this summer despite a location change and lots of rainy weather.

Thank you to the new commissioner, coaches, volunteers and participants - we were so excited to get back out on the track and see some great skills at work while having a ton of fun!

The coaches love being a part of LYA and bringing the community together - the kids love it and they get to learn, grow and enjoy themselves.

Thanks for everyone's flexibility - we hope you will consider signing up to coach or volunteer.

Parents, siblings, family members - students 16+ are welcome.

And if you have any littles who want to get a head start, please reach out to myself or the commissioner directly in advance of the season.



## 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 will be such a pleasure seeing the park filled each day!

## LYA Basketball

LYA Basketball had a successful season last year with over 680 participants grades 2-12. This year we are excited to welcome 1st graders to our program! You can register [here](#) for our 2023-2024 season. We can't wait!





# Travel Sports Update

## Lionville Soccer Club

Lionville Soccer Club (Travel) enjoyed tremendous growth for the 23/24 season after tryouts in the Spring. This year travel soccer has over 400 players across 27 teams. We also enter into the third 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 23/24 teams are currently at the beginning of their fall season and enjoyed some great summer tournament action as well as participated in our summer camps. 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. We had great success this past spring with our teams. There were numerous teams who were finalists at some tough tournaments! We are excited for our winter training and Spring 2024 tournaments.

New this year, Lionville Soccer Club has added more goalkeeper specific training sessions to their curriculum. They are very excited to offer this new training for the goalkeepers in the club.



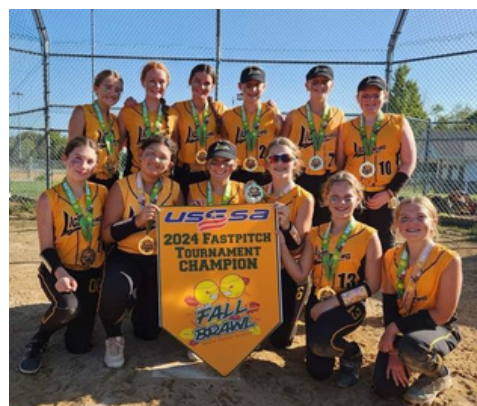


## Lionville Lightning Softball

Lionville Lightning softball, the travel arm of LYA, had a great Spring/Summer season with our 18U, 14U, 12U and 10U teams. We hosted an amazing Ryan Hendricks Everybody Hits Memorial tournament for a former coach who we lost suddenly and we were overwhelmed with the amount of community support. We saw fantastic numbers at our Summer tryouts, which allowed us to form two 12U teams and welcome new coaches into the organization. Even though our 18U team aged out, this sets us up with much to build on going forward. This fall, our 14U Elite, 12U Gold, 12U Black and 10U teams have all participated in games, round robins and tournaments, with 12U Gold even winning one! We have also been the host site for tournaments, round robins and games, bringing lots of people to our fields. All of the teams will continue to practice over the winter to prepare for vigorous Spring seasons. With the exit of our 18U team, our organizational lead, Chris Allen, also vacated the post, with Nora Petchkofski taking over at the helm. We would like to thank Chris for his dedication over the years and bringing Lionville Lightning to where it is today.

Want to learn more about Lionville Lightning? Be sure to check us out:

- 14U Elite: <https://www.facebook.com/lionvillelightning14> and @lionvillelightning14u\_elite
- 12U Gold: <https://www.facebook.com/ll12ugold> and @ll\_lightning12u\_gold
- 12U Black: <https://www.facebook.com/ll12ublack> and @ll\_lightning12u\_black
- 10U: <https://www.facebook.com/groups/589063246665459>





## Junior Hillcats Baseball

As we embarked on the 2023-24 season this summer, the Lionville Hillcats have reason to be excited and proud of our continued growth and impact. This season, we are thrilled to welcome an impressive 9 new teams, spanning from the youngest members in our Academy (6-7-year-olds) to the experienced players in the 15U category. This expansion is a testament to the dedication and enthusiasm of our members, both old and new, as we continue to nurture and develop our baseball family.

While the fall season had its challenges due to unpredictable weather, our commitment remained unwavering. The occasional rain might have disrupted the schedule, but it certainly didn't dampen our enthusiasm. If anything, it served as a reminder of our resilience and ability to adapt, qualities that are essential in the world of sports and life.

Looking ahead, our coaches and administrators are hard at work preparing for the upcoming off-season, planning team-building activities and winter workouts to prepare for the Spring Season.

The Lionville Hillcats remain dedicated to fostering the love of the game, instilling valuable life lessons, and achieving excellence on the field. We look forward to the challenges and opportunities that the 2023-24 season will bring, and we are ready to embrace them with the same passion and determination that defines our organization. Thank you for being a part of our journey, and here's to another fantastic season ahead!



# 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](http://www.lyasports.org).

## Softball Junior Umpire Program

We are in our second year of the Softball Junior Umpire Program again led by the expertise of Umpire in Chief, Dan Yarnall, and our Senior Umpire Bob Byerly along with a few other knowledgeable District 28 umpires. 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 (while making money!). Many of our Junior Umpires are LYA Softball and Baseball Alumni. We are so thankful to them for giving back to LYA. The training program is open to anyone 13 years old and older. Please register at: <https://go.teamsnap.com/forms/400269> or contact Melissa Esposito for more information ([mxj72@yahoo.com](mailto:mxj72@yahoo.com)). The next training program will start in February 2024.

## Concession Stand

The LYA snack stand opened 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](mailto: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 [HERE](#). 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

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