

2026 NYO SPRING BASEBALL MEMO

Note: Players ages are determined as of their age on 4/30/26.

Please read below on playing up or down a level.

Online Registration Opens on Monday, November 17, 2025 @ 9am.

Open enrollment will run from November 17 through November 30.

Our wait list will start in all leagues on December 1.

Registration fees for 2026 are as follows:

Age 4: \$335

Age 5: \$380

Age 6: \$415

Age 7: \$415

Age 8: \$415

Age 9: \$425

Ages 10-12: \$435

Ages 13-14: \$450

Note: As long as a returning player registers during the initial open enrollment window listed above, they will be accepted into the program. However, we cannot guarantee a spot to a returning player who does not sign up by November 30. We are expecting to hit our capacity numbers in certain age groups during these sign up windows, so please be sure to get signed up on time.

Note: Participants who played with us in the spring 2025 season or the fall 2025 season are considered returning players.

1. **CALENDAR.** A tentative calendar with an overview of the 2026 season will be located on our website and will be blasted by email to parents of returning players. This calendar will provide you with additional important dates throughout the season, including dates for player evaluations, the starting dates for practices, opening day and game schedules over spring breaks. Practice schedules during the pre-season will be circulated through coaches as we complete drafts and team selections in early to mid-February, depending on the league. The actual game schedules and in season practice schedules will be posted to our website and circulated through coaches in mid to late February. Note that Easter falls on the first weekend of the public school break in April, so there will be no game scheduled for the Saturday of Easter weekend.

2. LEAGUE STRUCTURE AND AGE DETERMINATIONS. Check out our website for more info on the structure of each of our leagues. Remember that league ages are calculated as of your child's age on April 30, 2026, so that everyone slides up one age group from the spring 2025 season to the spring 2026 season. So, for example, kids who played Small Ball during spring 2025 and then 5u Shetland Blue in fall 2026 will now move into 5u spring Shetland Blue, and those who played as 12U players in the spring 2025 Majors or Bronco leagues will move to the Chastain League. And for those who played fall 2025, you would have already made the jump up to the next league and will be in that same league in spring 2026.

COACH AND PLAYER REQUESTS: We are only able to entertain requests to be with a certain coach or another player in the Small Ball (4U) and Shetland Blue (5U) leagues. All other players are drafted by coaches in their particular leagues. Players moving up from spring 2025 Small Ball into the 5U Shetland Blue league will generally stay with their teams for 2026 spring to the extent coaches are returning. We draft players and do not honor player or coach requests beginning in the spring Shetland Red (6U) league. For those signing up for spring 2026 4u Small Ball and 5u Shetland Blue, look out for links you will see in the confirmation email you get back when you sign up that will contain links to google sheets where we will entertain coach and player requests. This is the exclusive way we track these requests. Please don't send us direct emails with these requests - just use the links we provide where you will find interactive questions tailored to these leagues.

3. FIRST TIME 2025 FALL BALL PLAYERS. Any players who joined our program for the first time in the fall of 2025 are considered "returning" players for purposes of spring 2026 signups. As long as you sign up during the open enrollment window, you will be guaranteed a spot in our spring 2026 program.

4. COACHES. Our league directors will be in touch with coaches from prior years about their intentions on coaching in 2026. However, both returning and new potential coaches should be sure to check the Head Coach box (or Assistant Coach box if applicable) when registering so we have a record of volunteers in our database.

5. ADDITIONAL ASSESSMENT FOR BRONCO LEAGUE. For players selected to play in our Bronco league (ages 11 and 12), there is a mandatory additional registration fee of \$25 per player (over and above the normal \$435 registration fee) to cover the additional costs of field maintenance, uniforms, umpires and other related costs for this league. You will be asked to make this payment upon notification that your child has been selected for the Bronco league, if applicable.

6. UPDATE YOUR INFORMATION. Please be certain to continually update your address, phone number and, most importantly, your e-mail address on the parent information section of the registration page on the web site. We will use e-mail as a primary means of communication this year, so please be sure to keep us up to date with any changes. Also, you may want to be sure to include both parents of a child on the registration page (if applicable) as this is how your name(s) will be presented to your coaches.

Also, in the event you have moved or need to update your family's information, be certain to update your current account as opposed to entering either your family or any of your kids as new participants. **DO NOT delete your child from the database or start a new family account if you already have one.** Our software tracks player participation from years past based on the current entries in our database. If you either delete those existing entries or enter your kids as new players, they will not be considered returning players and we lose their history which is critical to our planning every year. If you have any questions on how this work, please send us an e-mail at baseball@nyosports.com. **If you are not getting our master blast emails, be sure to white-list the nyosports.com email domain.**

7. PLAYING "UP" OR "DOWN". As you run through the registration process, you will come to a selection where you are prompted as to whether you would like to see your child play Up a League, at Normal League or Down A League. 95% of our players should be at Normal League (which applies to any player naturally moving up an age group, such as a rising 7u player moving into the 7u Rookie league or a rising 5u who played 4u Small Ball last spring moving up to 5u Shetland Blue). You should always select Normal League unless: (a) your child has played up or down a level in years past (as approved by the NYO Baseball Committee) and you wish for him/her to continue to play up or down, as the case may be; (b) you desire that your child skip a level for the first time or hold back a level for the first time; such requests are generally discouraged, but will be considered on a case by case basis (depending on such factors as playing ability, coach recommendation, grade in school and physical development).

For those with a rising 10 year old who you would like to be considered for Majors, or a rising 11 year old who you would like to be considered for Bronco, it is not necessary that you make this election at this point. We will send a separate memo in early January after registration to all parents of rising 10, 11 and 12 year olds regarding league selection asking for specific requests for players looking to be considered to play up a league. NYO makes all final decisions regarding the placement of 10 year olds in Majors and 11 year olds in Bronco.

Please realize that checking a box to play up or down is simply a request; you will be notified of the results of your request within a few weeks after we complete registration. If you think you have been placed at the wrong level, please let us know. Finally, please note that NYO reserves the right to move a player down a level under certain circumstances.