

# **INSTRUCTIONAL**

The following is general information about the Instructional Divisions. Instructional is divided into four Divisions, T-ball (age 5), Coaches Pitch (age 6), Rookie Ball (age 7) and Pinto (age 8). For additional information or questions contact the Division Rep for your age group. See our web site ([www.lsbabaseball.com](http://www.lsbabaseball.com)) for contact information and calendar of events.

The first consideration of the Board of Directors in the supervision of this youth program is the players, not managers, coaches, parents or other adults involved. The board and members of the LSBA are volunteers. LSBA rules prohibit the use of tobacco, alcohol or illegal drugs in any form by players or adult leaders in the dugout, on the benches or on the playing field. Parents and spectators shall not use profane or abusive language or harass players and officials in the spirit of clean competition and sportsmanship.

## **Teams**

T-Ball, Coaches Pitch, Rookie Ball and Pinto are non-competitive training Divisions. No scores are kept, except for Pinto, and the fundamentals of baseball are taught. Players are placed on teams by the Division Rep. Parents may request that a player be placed on a specific team and, if possible, will be honored by the Division Rep.

## **Practices**

Managers will contact players after the Mandatory Manager Meeting to notify them of team assignment, time and site of practice. It is important that players are delivered to and picked up from practice on time.

## **Games**

In T-ball the baseball is hit off a "tee" and the games are one hour time limit. Coaches Pitch games are one hour time limit. Rookie Ball and Pinto games are one hour, thirty minutes and use a pitching machine. All players in the Instructional Divisions play in the field at least every other inning and all teams bat the roster. The season will start in late April or early May and end no later than July 31. Games will be scheduled throughout this time.

## **Game Schedules**

Game schedules will be posted on our web site no later than one week before the first scheduled game.

## **Uniforms & Equipment**

Each player, one manager and two coaches will be issued a baseball hat and jersey with sponsor's logo on front. Players must provide a glove, playing shoes (gym shoes or shoes with rubber cleats, no metal cleats), athletic supporter and white baseball pants. Players assigned as catchers must wear an athletic supporter with plastic or metal cup while catching. Players may use their own bat. LSBA supplies all other equipment and baseballs.

## **Pictures**

A team picture and individual player pictures will be taken at a scheduled photo session.

## **LSBA Membership**

All managers must be current members of LSBA.

## **Insurance**

LSBA carries a non-duplicating insurance policy. If a player is injured, make a claim through your insurance carrier first. Expenses not covered by your carrier can then be submitted to LSBA's carrier. If an injury occurs, request an LSBA insurance form from your manager.

## **Fund Raising Campaign**

There is no fund raiser required to play in LSBA.

## **Background Checks**

All potential managers are required to fill out and submit a sex offender background check. Contact your division rep for information. The potential manager will not be allowed to manage if a negative response is received from the background check.

## **Lightning Rules**

If dangerous lightning conditions occur during a game, the game being played will be cancelled at that point. All players and spectators will be required to leave the park immediately. All subsequent games for the day will be played as scheduled unless the weather dictates canceling additional games.

## **Legacy Park Curfew**

The curfew at Legacy Park will be strictly enforced. After the completion of the late games, please move to the concessions area or the parking lot as soon as possible. The field lights will be turned off promptly at 11:00p.m. No exceptions.