

Tipp City Junior Baseball & Softball

Registration

This year we will be using **ONLINE Registration**. For those of you familiar with the Tipp Soccer, we are using the same system. Registration will begin Mid-January and continue through February 29, 2012. E-League (will be all 13-15 combined in same league this year) & 14U Girls Softball must register by midnight March 31, 2012. If you do not have a computer, please visit the local library to register. We will accept payments by Credit/Debit Card or you will be able to mail a check. To register go to www.tcjb.org and you will find the link.

This software will also allow us to send emails and text messages, allowing us to update you promptly about rainouts and reminders about important dates.

Late Registrations: Registrations will be considered late if they are not done by midnight February 29, 2012 and you will be charged a \$10 fee for each player. E-League & 14U Girls Softball will be charged a late fee if not registered by midnight on March 31, 2012.

Bethel/ Non-Tipp City School District Fee: Due to rising maintenance costs the City of Tipp City and Tipp-Monroe Community Services is requiring TCJB to collect a \$10 fee per player from all non-Tipp City or Monroe Twp Residents. The City will use this money for maintenance and upkeep of fields at Kyle Park. This fee can be waived if a parent/ guardian works within the City of Tipp City. This will be confirmed by a questionnaire when registering online.

Multi-Player Discount: If a family is registering more than one player, the oldest player will pay the normal league fee for his/her age group, and each additional player will receive a \$5.00 discount off of his/her league fee.

Spring Work Session

The annual spring work session has been planned for **Saturday, March 17th** (rain date is Sunday, March 18th). All rec and select teams are required to provide workers.

Field Improvements

For 2012, TCJB will expand Field #2 to accommodate 90' bases using portable mounds and Field #1 will be enhanced and allow for 65' bases. This will give us more versatility for Tournaments, E-League and Select Teams to use. We have also purchased 2 new Portable Pitching mounds to match the one donated to TCJB in 2011.

Uniforms

T-Ball players receive a team hat and shirt (no pants). Baseball players receive a team hat, shirt and a pair of pants. Softball players in 10U and 8U receive a team shirt, visor and grey pants. The players in 12U and 14U softball leagues receive a team visor, shirt, and a pair of black shorts. We will have sizes available @ TMCS for those who want to check sizing prior to registering.

TCJB Website

Additional information regarding TCJB and the Registration Link can be found on our website www.tcjb.org. The website can be used to obtain information regarding important events, dates, game schedules for leagues and teams, as well as, field conditions for each field. We are in the process of changing our website to make it more user friendly. We hope to have it ready by the start of the season.

TCJB Board Positions

The TCJB board needs volunteers as soon as possible to fill the following open positions.

- **President**
- **Fundraising**
- **Commissioner**

If you know of anybody interested, please contact us at treasurer@tcjb.org or 667-1107 as soon as possible.

USA Baseball Academy

Tippecanoe High School and its head baseball coach, Bruce Cahill, are honored to be hosting one of the 2012 USA Baseball Academy's Spring Training programs. Coach Cahill encourages all players in grades 2 through 12 who are interested in improving their hitting and/or pitching mechanics to seriously consider signing up

for this year's USA Baseball Academy Spring Training program being held at Tippecanoe Middle School. The program lasts for six weeks starting in early February. More information regarding this program can be found by calling (866) 622-4487 or at: <http://www.usbaseballacademy.com>. Don't miss out on this chance to get top notch instruction from many of the area's top high school and college coaches.

Sponsors Needed for 2012

TEAM SPONSORSHIP - Sponsors continue to be a vital part of our organization. Sponsorship fees provide for the purchase of uniforms for each team. In 2011, we had approx. 45 teams outfitted by our sponsors. While TCJB is fortunate (and thankful) to have businesses that sponsor a team every year, we are always looking for new sponsors each year. A business may choose to sponsor a particular team or let TCJB assign a team for them. Sponsors are allowed to choose the colors for their team as well as have their company name and/or logo printed on the shirt. As a token of our appreciation, TCJB provides all sponsors with a plaque that includes a picture of their sponsored team. We will also be offering 36" X 48" full color vinyl fence signs to help show your support for the league. **Costs are \$300 to sponsor a team and \$450 to sponsor and add a banner.** For more information regarding team sponsorships, contact **Brad Crow** at 667-1107 Ext. 3 or uniforms@tcjb.org

Coaches Training

Monday March 12, 2012 @ 7PM @ TMCS

TCJB requires that every head coach be certified by the National Youth Sports Coaches Association ("NYSICA"). TCJB sponsors NYSICA coaching clinics in Tipp City in hopes that this will encourage more people to become certified and learn the skills and values TCJB encourages in its coaches and players. Again this year, head coach certification by NYSICA will be **strictly enforced**. TCJB also encourages assistant coaches to become certified, but it is not required. **TCJB pays all fees associated with the certification of head and assistant coaches.** Each league commissioner will be verifying before the season starts that each head coach has

been certified. Once certified, there are no additional instructional requirements to remain certified from year to year. TCJB will pay for certification renewals as long as a person remains a coach within the TCJB program – just provide your renewal form to your league commissioner.

Softball Clinics

Varsity Softball Coach Charles Tackett and the Tippecanoe High School fast pitch softball team will be conducting a **Hitting, Fielding & Pitching** clinics in February or March. Exact dates to be announced. Please visit our web site for future announcements. www.tcjb.org. Please call Coach Tackett at 667-8448 with any questions.

Umpires

Last year's umpires will be receiving a letter from TCJB encouraging them to join us again for the 2012 season. Any new candidates that are interested in becoming a TCJB umpire and are at least 12 yrs, should contact any board member or visit our website. Please inquire before March 15th. E-mail Tim Wampler at: umpires@tcjb.org.

End of Season Tournament

TCJB will continue to host post-season tournaments this year for all baseball and softball divisions. Each division will host a tournament containing a minimum of four teams and a maximum being the number of teams in the division. The league commissioner of each division will decide the number of teams that will play as well as the format of the division tournament. Post-season division tournaments will start around the week of June 19th and end by June 30th.

All-Star Teams and TCJB Sponsored Tournaments

In 2012, TCJB will sponsor at least one all-star team from each league to play in up to two local tournaments plus the Jim Mohr or Elizabeth Spano tournament. This year all-star teams will be formed based upon scouting reports developed by the all-star team coaches themselves during the months of May and June.

TCJB sponsors the Jim Mohr Tournament (July 5 to July 8) for baseball and the Elizabeth Spano Memorial Softball Tournament (July 12 to July 15).

League Changes

For 2012, **GS 10U** will do a joined league with Troy Rec Department. **GS 8U** may travel with West Milton. **GS 12U** will travel in the Cross County League.

E-League will now be combined 13-15 ages on the same team. The 2012 season we will participate in a new league with Troy, Miami East, Newton and Vandalia.

2011 Calendar

January

Mid-Month – Begin online registration

February

29TH – Last day to register without Late Fee

March

12TH – Mandatory Coaches Training

15TH – Draft for all leagues

17TH – Field Maintenance Day

19TH – First day of practice

31ST – Last day to register for E-League & GS14U without Late Fee

April

13TH – Extra Innings League Appreciation

Night – See Right Column for Details

26TH – Coaches Meeting

27TH – Opening Day work night

28TH – Opening Day & Pictures (rain or shine)

June

23rd – 30th – League Division Tournaments

July

5TH to 8TH - Jim Mohr Tournament

12TH to 15TH - Elizabeth Spano Tournament

Select Teams

In an effort to gain some type of control and manage the ever growing issue of select teams within Tipp City and the use of Tipp City fields, TCJB will offer field time on a case by case basis. The use of these fields must be dedicated first to the TCJB program. This is defined most specifically as Tipp City, Monroe and Bethel Township community players. We certainly do not want to discourage select teams, but there is only so much field time available. Select teams that want to use the Tipp City fields, must be from "**Tipp City**", or within Monroe Townships, and must be comprised of **80% Tipp City/ Monroe Township players**. Almost all of the players and coaches from these areas most certainly have played and participated in the TCJB program. Each Select Team must provide the following:

- Roster with **Addresses and School District**
- Purchase Liability Insurance through TCJB
- Purchase Game Balls through TCJB
- Liability Release Forms
- Field Use Needs

E-mail this information to select@tcjb.org or mail to PO Box 201, Tipp City, OH 45371. The field time cost will be structured depending on the intended use. Coaches and representatives of select teams must be pro-active with maximum efforts in taking care of, and maintaining their respected fields when they use them. Coaches should also be flexible, and must communicate with TCJB, thus to insure efficient use of field time.

Fall Baseball League

The board voted in December to disband the Fall Hitting League. The decision was based on the increasing competition in the area for fall leagues & constant turnover for a commissioner for this league.

Indoor Training

We have arranged for a special tunnel rate (coach/ team responsible for payment) for TCJB coaches to take our players to Extra Innings. This will give you the opportunity to get in some hitting or pitching when it is cold and rainy outside. This rate will only be available to **approved 2012 TCJB head coaches**. Additional information will be distributed at the drafts.



Tipp City Junior Baseball & Softball
League Appreciation Night

Friday, April 13, 2012
6:00 PM—8:30 PM

FREE Hitting, FREE Evaluation, Door Prizes, Play Pack Discounts, and more

Chevy Youth Baseball

Joe Johnson has selected TCJB as their participant with Chevy Youth Baseball. This program allows us to sell raffle tickets (we keep 100% of the money), along with a donation of equipment from CYB. We are asking for player participation to help us raise money so that our league can fund ongoing field improvements (such as listed in this newsletter for fields #1&2); along with buying new equipment (we have bought 2 new portable pitching mounds for F Major and E-League).

Participation is greatly appreciated and we are offering the following incentives to help sell the tickets.

- Sell 10 tickets & receive a \$5 gift card to Dairy Queen
- Sell 20 tickets & receive an additional \$15 gift card to Extra Innings
- Top Seller will receive an 8GB iPod Touch

Coaches will have more information available when practices start. Please contact the Treasurer @ treasurer@tcjb.org or 667-1107, ext. 8.

Concessions

TCJB has contracted with Hickory River to offer concessions for the 2012 season! We are greatly appreciative of their services.