LONG BEACH PONY BASEBALL 2022 SEASON INFORMATION GUIDE

2022 Spring Season Details

- Players Age 12-14 as of 9/1/2022 are eligible to play at Long Beach Pony
- New Player rating session will be held on Saturday, January 22, 2022 at Whaley Park from 9am-4pm.
 "New" players to the league for spring will be assigned a specific rating time to be at the field.
 We will send that information to you via email after you successfully register.
 It is mandatory for new players to attend the rating session to be eligible for a team.
- League play will begin on February 26, 2022 and will run through the last weeks of June.
- All-star participation will begin at the end of June after the League Champion has been crowned.

League Responsibilities

- Registered players will need to participate in one fundraiser which is a league Car Wash.
- Parents will be required to work a total of 2-3 snack bar shifts during the season, when their team is the visiting team. We will collect a snack-bar deposit from each parent, which will be returned after the season has ended, if the shifts were filled.
- Teams will be responsible for obtaining league sponsorships to help cover a part of the costs of running the league. Our local business are very receptive to our sponsorship options, and it makes great financial sense for them to advertise at Whaley Park.

League Benefits & Extra Features at Long Beach Pony

- 1. We play on an iconic "age-appropriate" baseball diamond at Whaley Park, where our practices and games will be held.
- 2. We focus 1/3 of our games on **developing the younger players** in our league in our **13-year old games** where the 12-13's all bat at the top of the order, and play all of the infield spots including pitcher and catcher. These games all count in the standings, which requires the managers to develop all of their players.
- 3. We use **GAMECHANGER** scorekeeping for every league game, which provides real-time viewing of game action anywhere you have internet access. We get stat leaders, team stats and spray charts, and more to help make the experience as close to MLB as possible.
- 4. We **LIVE-STREAM** every game and save the video for later on-demand viewing. Highlights can be snipped from the videos as well. This is the real deal! Live video streaming of every game is an amazing thing to be able to enjoy from anywhere in the world!
- 5. We have **skilled managers and coaches** who have been with the program for many, many years. This brings consistency each year to our program.

Registration Info

We have had to move from our old registration system (SportsSignup.com) to the company that bought them out (SportsEngine.com) and are migrating everyone over to their platform.

We have configured two registration sessions, one for 2022 Spring Baseball which is for Players, and one for Managers/Coaches/Volunteers which is for Managers and Coaches and includes the background check. We will include Team Parents once teams are formed. We invite you to join us ASAP by scanning the QR code to start the registration process.

Everyone must create a new account to start the registration process, and follow along through the sections to complete the registration process.

One change with the new system is all payments must be made electronically, so we will not be accepting checks this year. We offer a Payment in Full and a Payment Plan option that will break the fee into 3 separate payments.

We have done everything we can to make things as simple and easy as possible, but changes are always a challenge. Please be patient with the changes, which are required for us all moving forward.

Questions

Long Beach Pony Baseball has a storied history as a competitive program that prepares their players to succeed at the next levels of the game. Hundreds of players have moved on to start at their high school programs, taking leadership roles on campus and in their communities, and eventually playing at the college level... or in very special cases, beyond that.

We hope you find our program suitable for your player's baseball enjoyment and development. 2022 is looking to be a great year for Pony baseball. Hope you are part of our season!

Please reach out to Ken Jakemer with any questions you may have at president@longbeachpony.org.

