



LCBSA

Coaches Meeting

January 17, 2024



Welcome to our 2024 Coaches Meeting

Discussion Topics

- Welcome & Opening
- LCBSA Mission & Leadership
- Important Information
- Opening Night
- Tournament Teams
- Sponsorship Program
- Fields Day
- Mandatory Training and Background Checks (New guidelines!)
- Coach's Consolidated Check-List
- Wrap-Up/Q&A

LCBSA Mission Statement

“To be an outstanding youth sports organization that promotes character and skill development, teamwork, friendship, inclusivity, community involvement, citizenship, and passion for the game”



Reminders

- **THIS IS REC BALL** - This is about the community of kids learning how to play baseball/softball and build relationships with their friends. If it is not intense enough for you, go find a travel team and focus on that.
- **IT IS NOT THAT SERIOUS** - You are the biggest example of how to present yourself on a playing field to the kids on your team, as well as the team you are playing. Be an adult. There is ZERO reason to yell, scream, argue or fight with the umpires, opposing coaches or parents.
- **NO ONE CARES** that you can coach a team to an undefeated season without giving up any runs. If your division had a perfect season, every team would be 5-5 and **ALL kids would come back to play again next year.**
- **A 10-0 SEASON IS ABOUT YOU AND NOT ABOUT YOUR PLAYERS.** You don't have to coach to lose, and you should strive to win, but an undefeated season only matters to you, the adults.
- **DEVELOP ALL OF YOUR PLAYERS.** If a kid wants to pitch, make it happen. Don't bat the same kid last every game. Making the worst kids on your team a little bit better is more important than making your best kid a little bit better.
- **THIS IS ABOUT HAVING FUN** and spending quality time with your kid(s).

Baseball/Softball Boards

Sonny Koliwad – LCBSA President

Lacey McLaughlin – VP of Baseball

Keith Eich

Sam Lim

Kris McLaughlin

Matt Regan

Dean Rocco

Chris Stogel

Matt Stoner

Eric Trimble

Hugo Tzec

Dean Rocco – VP of Softball

Tracee Edwards

James Han

Marcus Hoffman

Rick Kraut

Ben Kelly

Amir Malik

Chris Stogel

Nick Zannotto



Baseball General Managers



Shetland

Keith Eich

Pinto 7

C&B Dickerson

Pinto 8

Eric Trimble

Mustang 9

Matt Regan

Mustang 10

Mike Williams

Bronco

Mike Fine

Babe Ruth

Joe Fox



Softball General Managers



4U Clinics

Chris Yee

6U (Pixies)

Tracee Steinke Edwards

8U (Rookies)

Rick Kraut

10U (Juniors)

James Han

12U (Seniors)

Robb Cobb

14U (Super Sr)

Nick Zanotto

Key Kick Off Dates & Info

- Evaluations

- Baseball

- Saturday January 20th (All Divisions Except Shetland/Babe Ruth)

- Softball

- Friday, January 19th (8U-12U Divisions); Saturday, January 20th (14U Division); No 6U Evals

- Team Selection

- Week of January 22nd for Baseball and Softball

- Practices

- Begin Week of Jan 29th

- 1 Field Practice and 1 Batting Cage Time Per Week (More for Softball)

Key Kick Off Dates & Info

- Games

- Baseball - Games first weekend in March
- Softball - Games start February 24th (4U Clinic Begins February 18th)
- 1-2 Games Per Week
- Essentially No Field Practices During Season
- 1 Batting Cage Time Remains in Place

- TeamSnap

- LCBSA Will Provide Each Team a TeamSnap Account/Team
- Allows For Communication, Scheduling, Confirming Availability, etc.
- LCBSA Is Working to Integrate Schedules

Opening Night

- Opening Night Ceremony - February 23
 - Where: LCHS Varsity/JV Softball Fields
 - Time: 6pm - 8:30pm
 - Games, activities, music and fun for all
 - Our biggest event of the year, expecting a great turnout
 - Marquee Softball Game

- Backup Plan (in case of inclement weather) - March 1
 - If rain forecast, will move ceremony indoors - LCHS Gym

“Tentative” Flow of the Season

(Subject to Change)

Team Assembly

Skill Assessment:

Jan. 19-20

Team Selection:

Week of Jan 22

Practices Start:

Week of Jan. 29

Game Play Starts

Opening Ceremony:

Friday, Feb. 23

First Games:

Saturday, Feb 24 or
March 2

Regular Season Conclusion

Last week of April/
First week of May
(depending on
division)

Playoffs Begin (Most Divisions)

Early May Start

Regular Season
Concludes prior to
Memorial Day
Weekend

Official LCBSA Baseball Tournament Teams

Cooperstown 12U Team(s)

- Cooperstown 12U baseball team already mobilizing, tryouts slated for mid-late January / early February.

6U-11U Teams:

- All eligible players will be invited to participate in Tournament Team tryouts.
- Additional financial and time commitment required.
- TT manager selection to be held in March / early April (excluding 12U).
- TT tryouts to be held in mid-late April (excluding 12U).
- First tournament usually held during Memorial Day weekend.
- Potential for 2 teams depending on tryout volume/commitment.
- **VERY** important to have manager participation in selection process.

Official LCBSA Softball Tournament Teams

- 8U, 10U, 12U and 14U Softball Teams
- All eligible players are invited to participate in Tournament Team tryouts.
- Additional financial and time commitment required.
- TT manager selection occurs in late April.
- TT tryouts are held in early May.
- Tournaments begin as early as May 10 (dates and tourneys TBD)
- District and State Tournaments in late June/early July

Sponsors – Every Team Needs One!

Sponsorship Program:

- This generates money to help support our league by paying for the uniforms, helps with equipment, and creates a better community ecosystem!
- Similar expectations as prior years
 - Every team needs one
 - Some parents have committed to sponsor, we will let coaches know which ones at draft (NOTE: we don't want to leave money on the table)
 - If you can't secure one:
 - Keith will help you with a short-list to ask
 - Partner and split 50/50 with a local business
 - Take a \$500 parent collection
- Questions? Contact our Sponsorship Chair
Keith Eich / keith@eich.com / 818-391-8000



WORLD CHAMP'S - Sponsor of the Year Benefit - \$3,500 FIRST ONE TO THE PLATE WINS!

- Logo in a prominent position and oversized on all official league communications
- Notation and call-out by name and as Sponsor of The Year in all written communication
- Banner awarded to be hung in place of business
- Monthly customized sponsor highlights and/or promotions
- Sponsorship of two teams (one baseball, one softball)
- **PLUS** all benefits from the "Big Hit, Home Run, and Grand Slam" sponsor levels



Grand Slam Sponsor Benefits - \$2,500

- Logo in a prominent & fixed position on front page of league website w/active link
- Logo on all official league email communications
- Three customized sponsor highlights and/or promotions (e.g. dine-in event) with all league families using email blasts, social media posts, website messages or in person
- Verbal recognition at key league events (e.g. Playoffs, All Star Games, etc.)
- **PLUS** all benefits from the "Big Hit and Home Run" sponsor levels



Home Run Sponsor Benefits - \$1,000

- Logo in rotating highlight box on front page of league website w/active link
- One customized sponsor highlight and/or promotion (e.g. dine-in event) with all league Families using mix of email blasts, social media posts website messages or in person
- Logo on color banners displayed at batting cages and select fields
- **PLUS** all benefits from the "Big Hit" sponsor level



Big Hit Sponsor Benefits - \$500

- Name in league's full-page color "THANK YOU" ad in local paper
- Logo on team's jersey as well as sponsor name included in team's name (1 Team)
- Sponsors receive a team jersey w/logo & recognition plaque for display
- Logo, business description, and web address displayed on league sponsorship webpage
- Tax write-off, given league's non-profit status



Fields Days – January 27-28

Make sure your field will be game ready!



MANAGERS....

- Learn how to properly set up your field on game day
- Make sure your jobox is well equipped
- Inspect field conditions (including home run fences)
- Learn what to do when things go wrong

Managers and LCBSA Fields team will meet for 2-hour, division/field specific training sessions. Specific division schedules TBD.

Batting cage tutorials available by request

Mandatory Online Trainings

Coaches & Assistants

#1: Concussion is Sports (All)

#2: Sudden Cardiac Arrest (Baseball Only)

#3: CA Child Safety Training (NEW as of 2023)

- They are posted in “Coaching Resources” page on the website
- Send your Certificate(s) to your GM’s

MANDTORY TRAININGS:

#1 Concussion Protocols (All)

- Click here for the mandatory volunteer training --> [Concussions - California Interscholastic Federation.](#)
- Click here for parent info --> [Parent and Athlete Information Sheet](#)

#2 Sudden Cardiac Arrest (Baseball Only)

- Click here for mandatory volunteer training-> <https://nfhslearn.com/courses/sudden-cardiac-arrest>
- Click here for parent info --> <https://simonsheart.org/protect-this-heart/sudden-cardiac-arrest/>

#3 CA Child Safety Training

- Click here for mandatory volunteer training -> <https://mandatedreporterca.com/training/volunteers>



Background Checks - Required

- Required for both Baseball/Softball coaches, umpires as well as highly involved volunteers
 - Baseball will leverage the same online process as last year
 - Softball has a new process, referred to as “Softball Coaching Registration” process
 - Board Members and Umps must also complete

Background Checks – Baseball’s Process

Same Online Process from last year

- All volunteers must complete a background check
- Baseball uses a service partner: **JDP Quick & Easy**
- Paid for by LCBSA
- Access link via the “Coaching Resources” page on the LCBSA website

<https://lcbsa.quickapp.pro>

Baseball Coaching Resources

Background Checks (Mandatory For All Volunteers)

All league volunteers for baseball must complete a mandatory background check (paid for by LCBSA)

- For **baseball**, volunteers can complete online via our partner JDP: <https://lcbsa.quickapp.pro>

Links to JDP

The screenshot shows the user interface of the JDP Quick & Easy background check application. At the top left is the La Canada Baseball Softball Association logo. Below the logo is a navigation bar with tabs for 'Welcome', 'Address History', 'Sign', and 'Thank You'. The main content area features a 'Welcome' message: 'Thank you for your interest in La Canada Baseball Softball Association. Have you already started? Pick up where you left off.' Below this is a blue button labeled 'Resume Application'. Underneath is a section titled 'APPLICANT INFO' with a user icon. This section contains two columns of input fields: 'Name *' with sub-fields for 'First', 'Middle', and 'Last', and 'DOB *'; and 'Email *' and 'SSN *'.

Live Scan – AB 506

- CA State Requirement for all Youth Organization Volunteers
 - Abuse prevention law and training
- All managers, coaches and volunteers must complete (in addition to the other sport-specific trainings - concussion, SafeSport, etc.):
 - Live Scan / Fingerprint background check
 - Online AB 506 Training
- You will receive an email with the pre-populated LCBSA Live Scan Request Form and link to the online training
- You are responsible for the Live Scan application fee - about \$30
- January 27, 2024 - LCBSA Field Clean Up Day
 - a Live Scan operator will be at LCBSA if you don't do it before then

Coach's Checklist.....We Recognize It's a Lot

- Complete your background check (All Volunteers)
- Do three (5) homework assignments:
 1. Take the Concussion in Sports online course (All)
 2. Take the Sudden Cardiac Arrest Prevention online course (Baseball Only)
 3. Take the CA Child Safety Training online course (Baseball Only)
 4. Complete Live Scan (All)
 5. SafeSport (Softball Only)
- Draft Your Team: GM's to communicate prep steps, process, and date
- Secure your Sponsor
- Look out for "Field Prep Day" and encourage parent participation
- Pick-Up your baseballs: GM's to communicate when and how
- Get Started, Be Safe and Have Fun!!!





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