

## RIDGEWOOD BASEBALL & SOFTBALL ASSOCIATION <u>www.RBSA.us</u>

## DON'T DELAY...IT'S TIME TO SAVE EARLY BIRD RATES ARE AVAILABLE UNTIL DECEMBER 31, 2022

To Register: Follow the links through <u>www.RBSA.us</u> or go directly to www.register.communitypass.net This is the only form of registration, and only with credit/debit cards.\*

Now in our 72<sup>nd</sup> year, the RBSA is pleased to offer boys and girls the opportunity to play Baseball, Softball, and Pre-K Kickball in the spring of 2023 both recreationally, and in competitive travel leagues.

**PRE-K KICKBALL:** Pre-K Kickball introduces the basic concepts of baseball to children 3-5 years old with a focus on base running, fielding, and team play. This program requires approximately 100 volunteers to run successfully; please consider coaching. No prior experience is required. *Register early as this program fills quick.* This program runs approximately 6 weeks, Sundays, late April through the beginning of June. Visit <u>www.rbsa.us</u> for additional details.\*

**RIDGEWOOD ALL-STARS PROGRAM**: All-Stars is an RBSA program designed for children with special needs and is open to residents of Ridgewood and surrounding towns. Players (ages 5 and up) are matched with one or more peer volunteers (ages 12 and up) to assist them through baseball/softball stations (throwing, hitting off a tee, etc.). RBSA board members and coaches are also on hand to direct the players and volunteers through the stations. It's a great way to enjoy the Spring weather, make new friends and connect with old friends too! Our players, volunteers and coaches all have a great time! Visit www.rbsa.us for additional details.\*

**REC BASEBALL NOTE:** The RBSA's Recreational baseball programs will be guided by the Little League age requirement as described in our Little League Charter. Exceptions to this are Kindergarten Instructional and 1st Grade baseball. Please visit <u>www.rbsa.us</u> and <u>www.littleleague.org</u> for more information.

**TRAVEL BASEBALL & SOFTBALL NOTES**: As in years past, anyone interested in participating on a Travel team must register for TRAVEL BALL TRYOUTS.

TRAVEL BASEBALL: For those playing Travel Baseball, registering for Recreational Baseball is required as outlined in the tryout notifications.

TRAVEL SOFTBALL TRYOUTS will take place in early March, more information to follow. A non- refundable \$30 administrative fee for all tryout registrants helps offset expenses associated with the tryout process. **Special Note to ALL PARENTS OF TRAVEL PLAYERS:** Prior to registering for travel Baseball or Softball, please consider the ramifications of your child registering for sports/activities OTHER THAN THE IN-SEASON SPORT. Trying to play out-of-season sports, playing on club teams, or dance competitions/teams creates conflicts for the player(s) and negatively impacts the baseball/softball teams. Missing practices and games are not fair to your child's teammates or their volunteer coaches, who have spent time and effort to draft teams. For this reason, we ask that you give serious consideration to registering for only one spring/summer activity. Placement of players on competitive teams will be impacted by those that cannot focus on Baseball and Softball during the Baseball and Softball season.

**<u>RBSA SPONSORS</u>**: Would you, or an organization you know of, consider sponsoring an RBSA team? Not only is this a great bargain, it's a great way to be an invaluable part of our community. Without our wonderful sponsor support, the fees charged to players would substantially increase. Please contact us at the email address above if interested. You or your company name will be acknowledged on our website and/or rec team uniforms. If sponsorship is not feasible, donations of any amount are always welcome through your registration process.

**DONATIONS**: In the past few years, private donations enabled the RBSA to complete several large capital projects – the restoration of the baseball field at Citizens Park, refurbished Softball Fields and work towards a new dedicated 60/90 baseball field for RBSA Rec & Travel, and RHS Baseball.

**COACHES & VOLUNTEERS:** are our most valuable resources! Coaching an RBSA team or volunteering to help in any number of ways is an enjoyable, fulfilling way to serve our community. We are continually looking to utilize the many and varied talents of our parents. As you register your child, please consider registering yourself as a coach, or volunteer for any of a number of critical needs such as field maintenance, publicity, sponsorships, uniforms, merchandise, the Annual Parade & Family Fun Fair, Championship Weekend, etc.

We look forward to seeing your child/children on the fields this spring!

Scott Muller

President, RBSA

\* If you do not have a credit/debit card or are in need of financial assistance, please contact us via email at info@rbsa.us

\* See website for programs involved with the Early Bird Special.

## **RBSA Statement of Philosophy**

The Ridgewood Baseball & Softball Association's (**RBSA**) primary objective is to provide an opportunity for the young men and women of the community to learn to play the games of baseball and softball in an atmosphere that will reinforce the ideals of good sportsmanship, honesty, loyalty, teamwork, and to foster their growth into healthy and responsible citizens. We provide Spring and Summer recreational programs as well as advanced, competitive travel programs in the Spring, Summer and Fall.