

HOLT RAMS BASEBALL

Information for all players ages 8-14



PROGRAM INFORMATION SHEET 2012

The Holt Jr. Rams Baseball (HJRB) program invites you to join our spring/summer competitive baseball program for players living in the Holt/Dimondale community or attending Holt Public Schools. Players will be assigned to teams based on skill level and age. Teams will play in the Mid-Michigan PONY League against other similar skill level teams from the Greater Lansing-area. There will be teams for 8-10 year olds (U10), 11-12 year olds (U12), and 13-14 year olds (U14). EVERY player desiring to play will be placed on a team (no cuts – except for eight year olds, please read the disclaimer below).

Disclaimer: Some 8 year olds (as of April 30th) will be allowed to play if their skills evaluation results in the elimination of concern for the well-being of the player on the playing field. Remember; they will be participating with ten (10) year olds.

REGISTRATION / COSTS

Registration is fast and simple using our online form at www.hjrb.org. **Registration is required prior to player evaluations.** No money is due at registration time and there is no obligation, so register now!

The cost of participating in the program is **\$150** to play on a basic “**Tier-1**” team. These teams will play (12) PONY league games and participate in the Mid-Michigan PONY League end-of-season tournament in July.

We also will form “**Tier-2**” teams that play (12) PONY league games, will participate in (4) tournaments sometime during and/or after the season, and will have indoor practice time in March. The cost of playing on a Tier-2 team is **\$295** which covers the additional cost of the tournaments and indoor practice. Inclusion on one of these more competitive teams will be by invitation only based on player evaluation scores and previous season performance (if available). When registering your player you will choose if you’d like them to be considered for one of these teams.

A \$25.00 family discount will be extended to families with more than one player participating in the program. The registration fee will be due by March 1st and can be mailed in or you can pay on-line with a credit or debit card.

EVALUATIONS

Player evaluations will be held at the Holt Ninth Grade Campus on Saturday February 11th and Sunday February 12th. Four time slots are available to choose from.

NOTE: There is a one-time \$10.00 fee per player due at the door for the evaluations. This cost covers both days of the evaluations.

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DIVISIONS / PLAYER SELECTION

Age divisions are 8-10 year olds, 11-12 year olds, and 13-14 year olds. The age is determined by the player's age as of April 30th. This age is set by the PONY sanctioning organization. Players within each division will be evaluated in areas of throwing, catching, hitting, running, and various agility measures in order to group them comparably for team assignments. Team assignments will be completed by the end of February. Players will be contacted by coaches selected by the HJRB Board of Directors.

COACH SELECTION

Volunteer coaches will be selected per review of candidates by the HJRB Board of Directors. Anyone interested in coaching should note such on the Player Registration form. Coaches are expected to sign a "Coach's Creed" that outlines expectations of the organization. Perspective coaches will need to attend HJRB coaching fundamentals and team development training, at a date to be determined later. A background check will also be conducted on all coaches and assistant coaches for the safety of our children.

PRACTICES

Practices will begin in April for most teams, weather permitting. Players and coaches should expect to practice at least twice a week prior to the mid-May beginning of the PONY league season. Once the season begins, teams may practice once or twice a week, depending on field availability. Tier-2 teams will start indoor practices in March at the Capital City Baseball Kingdom facility. They will get two hours at the facility each week. This will consist of one hour of field/turf time plus one hour of batting cage time.

LEAGUE AND TOURNAMENT PLAY

Holt Jr. Rams Baseball teams will play a 12 game Mid-Michigan Pony League season, with approximately six (6) games in Holt and six (6) games in neighboring Mid-Michigan communities. Games will usually have a 6:30 p.m. start time with a 1 hour and 45 minute time limit. Most games will be scheduled on Monday-Thursday evenings, but if there are field limitations some Friday games may result. Regular Tier-1 teams will play in the League's end-of-season tournament in July which may include weekend play. Tier-2 teams will play in four weekend tournaments throughout the season and into the summer. The cost of these tournaments is included in the player fees.

UNIFORMS / EQUIPMENT

Players will be provided a uniform that includes a uniform shirt, pants, hat, socks and belt. At the conclusion of the season, the shirt and belt must be returned to the HJRB program for use in future years. HJRB will provide baseballs, bats, helmets, and catchers equipment for use during the season (however players are encouraged to purchase and wear their own helmets for proper fit and personal hygiene purposes.)

Additional information is available through:

Website: www.hjrb.org
Email: info@hjrb.org

Announcement: Want to get a big discount off your registration fees? Look for the "Registration Reduction Program" on our website to find out how!!

RECREATIONAL BASEBALL

If you are simply looking for recreational baseball, Delhi Parks and Recreation has programs for grades 1 thru 4. For more info visit: <http://www.delhitownship.com/parks-recreation.htm>