

Frequently Asked Questions

General:

Who maintains the facilities at Joyce Park?

Lindenwald Baseball, Inc. maintains the fields and the concession stands. All field improvements and general maintenance are the burden of the organization. The organization bears the burden and expense related to the upkeep, maintenance and improvement of the fields and the concession stands. The City of Hamilton cuts the grass in the general park areas. They also maintain the park restrooms near the park entrance.

How many fields are at Joyce Park?

There are a total of 9 fields. 2 fields are used for girls' softball, 2 fields are used for t-ball, and 5 fields are used for boys' baseball.

How does Lindenwald Baseball treat personal information regarding players or parents?

This information is considered "privileged" and may not be disclosed to outside parties. Any individual found releasing "privileged" information may be banned from Lindenwald Baseball and/or face legal action.

Are animals permitted in Joyce Park?

Joyce Park is part of the Hamilton City Parks Conservancy. All park rules and regulations are part of the Codified Ordinances of the City of Hamilton. In regards to animals within the park, the following rules apply:

- (1) Dogs, cats and other household pets are permitted on park property only if the animal is controlled at all times, either in a cage or on a leash no longer than eight feet. Dogs and cats are not permitted on playgrounds, picnic areas, and flowerbeds or in buildings.
- (2) Dog, cat or household pet feces must be immediately removed from City park, playground, golf courses and recreational facility areas by the person in control of the animal and disposed in a sanitary manner.
- (3) No person shall abandon any animal on the City of Hamilton park property.

Registration:

What does my registration fee cover?

Registration fees cover expenses incurred for items such as utilities, field maintenance, uniforms, equipment, umpires and general up keep and repair. The program is funded and run by Lindenwald Baseball, Inc. Registration fees cover the vast majority of the expenses associated with running the program. The City of Hamilton does not provide us with any financial assistance for day to day expenses. The City may from time to time assist with special projects.

My child has never played before. Can they play for Lindenwald Baseball & Softball?

Lindenwald Baseball & Softball is a recreational league; therefore it is open to players of all skill level and ability. Player evaluations are held for all new players and Team Managers will select players based off of their performance. No players are cut from our program due to lack of skill or ability.

How do I determine which league my child will play in?

For our t-ball and our boys' leagues, your child's age as of April 30th of the current year will be used. Our boys' leagues are divided in the following age groups: T-Ball- Ages 4-5; Instructional- Ages 6-7; Rookie- Age 8; Minor- Ages 9-10; Major- Ages 11-12; Prep/Babe Ruth- Ages 13-16.

For our girls' fastpitch softball leagues, your child's age as of December 31 of the previous year will be used. Our girls' leagues are divided into the following age groups: U8- Ages 6-8; U10- Ages 9-10; U12- Ages 11-12; U14- Ages 13-14, High School- Ages 15-18.

Can my child play up to the next age level?

In most cases, children are required to play in their age appropriate league. Sometimes exceptions are made, particularly in regards to health or safety. Any parent that wishes to request that their child play up/down must let the current League Coordinator know prior to registration. The Board of Directors will discuss the request and will make a decision. All Board decisions are final.

I have two children, can they play on the same team?

Provided the players are playing in the same age appropriate division, they will be drafted on the same team.

The registration dates have passed. Can I still register my child to play?

It may be possible for a player to register after the registration deadline. We will continue to register players provided we have open slots. There is an additional \$25 per player charged for all late registrants.

Season/Team:

When do the seasons start and end?

Please see our website for the specific dates for each season. Most games will generally begin in mid-April and will be played until the beginning to mid- July. Games are typically not scheduled for Memorial Day, Mother's Day, or July 4th, with the exception of possible tournaments.

How many games are played and what days to they play?

Most seasons will average 14 games. Any tournament games will be in addition to the regular season games. Games can be played on any day of the week, with the exception of Sunday. Teams will play approximately 2 to 3 games per week. Tournament games can be played on any day, including Sunday; and multiple games could be played each day.

Where are the games played?

Our home games will be played on our fields in Joyce Park. In addition, our teams travel to other organizations, including Fairfield, Millville, and Ross. Our girls' softball teams also travel to Oxford.

Does my child need to attend the player evaluations?

With the exception of T-ball, all new players and players advancing to a new age division will be required to undergo a player evaluation. If there is only one team in an age group, those players will not need to attend the player evaluation. Players will be notified if they are required to attend.

How are teams selected?

T-Ball players are placed in a blind draft and are selected by the Team Managers. All returning players will be placed on their team from the previous year. Any new players or players moving up to the next age group will have performed in the player evaluations and entered into the draft procedure. Managers will select their players based off their performance in the evaluations. Any player that is not at the player evaluations will be placed in a blind draft and selected by the Team Managers.

How are Managers and Coaches selected?

Our Board of Directors select coaches from the pool of parents who volunteer to coach. Several factors are used including: coaching experience, number of years coaching at Lindenwald Baseball and prior experience in the league. All team personnel is required to undergo and pass a federal and state background check.

If I want to manage or coach, what do I need to do?

Fill out and submit our volunteer form either online or in person. Submit the requested information for the background check. All applications are then approved by the Board of Directors. You will also be required to take an online concussion certification course.

What equipment will my child need?

Lindenwald Baseball & Softball will provide a uniform shirt, hat and socks. You will then be required to purchase coordinating pants based on the Team Manager's style/color selection. Each player will also need to have their own glove and batting helmet. For help with choosing an appropriate helmet, please read the following <http://www.homerunmonkey.com/article-how-to-choose-a-battinghelmet>. Although not required, it is also encouraged that the players wear appropriate cleats. Players may also choose to purchase their own bat, but it is not required. The Team Manager will supply all of the other required equipment.

Questions/Concerns:**If I have a problem with my child's coach, what should I do?**

Please make every attempt to resolve the issue directly with the coach. Please address your concerns with him first prior to speaking with anyone else. If you are not able to resolve the issue with you coach, please contact your League Coordinator. If the issue is still not resolved, please contact the League Director. All contact information is listed on our website under our Board of Directors.

If I have a problem with an umpire, what should I do?

Please address all umpire concerns with the Team Manager. The Team Manager will take the appropriate steps to resolve the issue.

How can I sponsor a team?

Sponsor forms can be obtained on our website. Please submit the requested information along with your sponsor fee.

Additional questions or concerns:

Please see our website for the contact information for our Board of Directors. They will be able to assist you with any questions or concerns you might have.