

Coaches,

If you are thinking of starting a competitive baseball team for the 2019 season I have a little information that may help you decide if a competitive team is a good fit for you as a coach. The competitive season for 2019 starts early, we hold our tryouts in early August 2018, teams may decide to play fall baseball with their newly formed team or pick up a few Free Agents or Fall if not all players are available or you can wait and start practices in January. Teams start outdoor practices in March, tournaments start in March and the Colorado Summer tournament season ends in July. League play starts in April and ends in June. Coaches choose their rosters, usually 11-12 players for 9-13yr old teams. Coaches also choose assistant coaches, teams choose what tournaments and how many tournaments they want to play in. In league play coaches can choose blackout dates (not days) that they are not available to play. After reviewing the following information and you have questions please let me know – [lorri@longmontbaseball.org](mailto:lorri@longmontbaseball.org) if you have decided to coach competitive baseball please email me the following information:

**Team Name:**

**Team age for 2019:**

**Level the team will play in 2019 AA, AAA, Majors or a combo of AAA/AA & league or tournament only:**

**Head coaches name:**

**Head coaches email address:**

**Head coaches phone # if you want it posted on the web site:**

**How many players do you want to pick up for the 2019 season:**

**Are you coming to tryouts on August 8<sup>th</sup>:** (If you are coming to tryouts please arrive 30 minutes before the tryouts starts. Coaches will run the tryouts)

### **COMPETITIVE INFORMATION**

Tryouts – August 4th at Sandstone Park.

Coaches will run the tryouts. Each player will have a number on their shirt, coaches will receive the list of players and contact info. after the tryouts. Each team is responsible for recruiting their players, the League will not assign players to your team.

### **Age as of April 30, 2019**

**9yr. olds 9am - 10:30am - Sandstone #4**

**10yr. olds 11am - 12:30am - Sandstone #3**

**11yr. olds 9am - 10:30am - Sandstone #2**

**12yr. olds 11am - 12:30pm - Sandstone #2**

**13yr. olds 11am - 12:30pm - Sandstone #1**

### **Registration fees per player 2019 – (Subject to change)**

\$325 Covers League games 7 home 7 away, umpires, field prep, practices, indoor cages & insurance

### **Equipment**

Teams are responsible for their own equipment batting helmets, bats, batting nets, catchers equipment etc.... Teams can purchase together or teams can have individual players provide their own.

### **Uniforms**

Teams are responsible for their own uniforms. Uniforms can be as inexpensive or as expensive as you like. What is required are matching shirts with numbers on the back and matching hats. It is

recommended that you have a home and away uniform top and batting jackets with numbers. Teams may also purchase team matching bat bags, batting helmets etc....

### **Leagues options**

8<sup>th</sup> grade Spring league & tournament team

Longmont AA & AAA League 9 – 13yr. old Longmont League games are played primarily Monday – Thursday.

HS tournament only team

HS League & tournament team

9 -13yr. old Tournament only Teams

### **Playing time**

Playing time is not guaranteed in competitive baseball

### **USSSA**

If your team plays in the Longmont league you need to register your team with USSSA. The Longmont Leagues are USSSA sanctioned. Each team pays the \$40+/- team fee to register the team.

<http://www.ussa.com/sports/home.asp?Sport=11>

### **Tournaments**

Teams may choose to participate in tournaments. There are many sanctioning bodies that offer tournaments, USSSA, Triple Crown, CABA, AABC, Super Series etc.... Teams are responsible for registering their teams for tournaments and keeping their rosters current. AA teams typically play 4-8 tournaments a season, AAA teams typically play 8-10 tournaments a season. Tournaments can be played anywhere in Colorado or the United States. Teams are responsible for travel and accommodations at all tournaments. The registration fees for tournaments run between \$545- \$750, many tournaments require teams to bring their own baseballs. The list of the 2019 tournaments will be posted on each sanctioning site, typically the dates for the 2018 tournaments run the same weekends as the year before.

### **Fundraising**

Some teams choose to fundraise some do not. Fundraising can range from a car wash to selling items to King Soopers cards. Teams also look for individual sponsors. I have teams who have \$20,000 budgets and some teams have \$5000 budgets.

### **Treasurer**

Make everything transparent, how much was brought in, what was paid out. May need to open a team checking account

**At the parent information meeting, or when parents are inquiring about your team the following is an example of what a coach may hand out.**

### **EXAMPLE - Team Expectations**

#### **1. My Philosophy**

- a. Effort, respect discipline and loyalty
- b. Winning habits are more important than wins
- c. Open and honest

#### **2. Team roles**

- a. Head Coach,
- b. Assistant coaches

1. 1<sup>st</sup> base
  2. 3<sup>rd</sup> base
  3. Bench coach
  5. Scorekeeper
  6. Batting coach
  7. Pitching coach
- c. Tournament coordinator
  - d. Treasurer
  - e. Uniform coordinator

### **3. Goals for the season**

- a. Individual and team improvement
- b. Move from AA to AAA
- b. Develop a love for the game

### **4. Practices**

- a. Practice absences – Please give advance notice
- b. Be on time
- c. Work hard at all practices
- d. No whining
- e. Indoor practices start in January 1 time a week, will move outdoors March 1<sup>st</sup>, 3 times a week
- f. No bullying, no goofing off

### **5. Games**

- a. Playing time is not guaranteed
- b. Will bat all players in league games and on Saturdays, may choose to only bat 9 on Sundays
- c. Intend to develop all 11 players into pitchers
- d. Games start Mid April
- e. All players must stay in dugout during games
- f. No bullying, no goofing off

### **6. Tournaments**

- a. North 40 – Greeley April 6<sup>th</sup> & 7<sup>th</sup> \$525
- b. Rocky Mtn Ruckus – Longmont April 13<sup>th</sup> & 14<sup>th</sup> \$545
- c. NIT Denver May 3<sup>rd</sup> & 4<sup>th</sup> \$555
- d. Longmont SLAM May 18<sup>th</sup> & 19<sup>th</sup> \$545
- e. End of season tournament June 29<sup>th</sup> & 30<sup>th</sup> Free
- f. State tournament July \$600

### **7. Fundraising**

- a. All money raised will go to the entire team, it is not earmarked for an individual player. If a player leaves the team, the money stays with the team.
- b. Fundraising events
  1. Chili's dinner January 20<sup>th</sup>
  2. Sell candy bars February
  3. Car Wash in May

## **8. Expectations of parents**

- a. Always positive to players and umpires
- b. No coaching from the stands
- c. Parents are not allowed in the dugout during the games
- d. If a parent is upset wait 24 – 48 hours before you bring up your concern to the coaches and or league
- e. Always cheer for a good play, never cheer against the other team

## **9. Coaches credentials**

Record this past season, why should players choose your team over another team. Your background in playing baseball or coaching baseball.

Total cost to participate on team

Registration	\$325 +
Tournaments	\$300 +/-
Uniform	<u>\$150 +/-</u>
	\$775 +/-

Additional costs

Bat	\$100 - \$350
Glove	\$100-\$250
Batting helmet	\$40
Bat bag	\$50
Cleats	\$50
Catchers equipment	\$200