

YOUTH BASEBALL OF BATON ROUGE BASEBALL LEAGUE FAQ'S

REGISTRATION /TEAMS/PRACTICES/GAMES

1. How are coaches assigned to teams?

- a. Answer: All coaches are volunteers. Coaches are typically parents/guardians of the participants. Coaches that bring their independent teams will not be assigned players, unless requested by email BREC Athletics at athletics@brec.org, if applicable.

2. How do I signup to coach?

- a. Answer: During the registration process, complete the application at https://brec.samaritan.com/custom/522/opp_details/8056 or contact McKinley Williams at athletics@brec.org for instructions on how to register as a volunteer.

3. How are teams formed?

- a. Answer: Most teams are formed outside of BREC. Even if the team is formed outside of BREC, each participant must register individually with their respective coach or manager. The coach or manager must submit a roster form for their respective team. Once the coach or manager has submitted their team roster the team will be invoiced the amount of **(\$135)** per player on team roster. If a player is not listed on roster or haven't turned in their Youth Sports Contract, they are ineligible to play in the YBBR league. All coaches will be responsible for paying league fees for players on roster, and turn in documentation for youth, before you can start a season. Some teams may be partially formed outside of BREC with the remaining players added to the team by BREC. Other teams may be completely formed by BREC. If you have a group of kids that want to play together but not enough for a whole team, you can indicate that during the registration process by email to athletics@brec.org and BREC will do it's best to fill any available spots for your team, depending on the registration of other children.

4. Can I signup without a team?

- a. Answer: Yes, you can sign up as a **"free agent"** and be placed on a team by BREC.

5. How do I register a team for YBBR?

- a. Answer
 - i. Complete an application to Coach a team at https://brec.samaritan.com/custom/522/opp_details/8056
 - ii. Get all documentation signed by parents this includes; a completed the Youth Sports Contract for BREC at https://www.brec.org/assets/Athletics/Forms/BRECYouthSports_Player_Contract.pdf
 - iii. Coaches/Manager will need to collect all Youth Sport Contracts and submit those forms with an official roster to athletics@brec.org. **BREC DOES NOT REQUIRE BIRTH CERTIFICATES, AS OF JANUARY 21, 2023. PLEASE DISREGARD THAT INFORMATION IN THE YOUTH PLAYER CONTRACT.**

1. Roster Form:
<https://www.brec.org/assets/Athletics/Rules/YouthSportsTeamRoster2.pdf>
2. Youth Sports Contract Form:
https://www.brec.org/assets/Athletics/Forms/BRECYouthSports_Player_Contract.pdf
3. Pay Invoice. BREC accept cash, credit card and/or checks.
 - a. You can pay all invoices by logging in to Webtrac and paying balances:
 - i. <https://register.brec.org/wbwsc/webtrac.wsc/SPLASH.html>
 - b. Call 225.272.9200 Ext 1413
 - i. Give the household number on your receipt/invoice and Guest Services will take your information. **BREC does not take AMEX.**
 - c. Pay at BREC Administrative Building in the Recreation Department at 6201 Florida Blvd. Baton Rouge, LA 70806.
Teams will need their receipt or invoice to pay off any balances.

6. Can we use BREC turf/grass fields for practices across the parish?

- a. Answer: Yes, Practice Availability is offered **Monday thru Thursday from 5:00pm until 10:00pm for turf fields at Hartley Vey Oak Villa Complex before league play and Monday, Tuesday, and Thursday during league play, if available.** Please email athletics@brec.org for availability.
 - i. **BREC Athletic Turf Fields at Oak Villa will be offered to all teams, if applicable.**
 1. Fee
 - a. *\$5 a day to reserve a field in advance for all BREC teams.*
 - b. *\$55 per hour for field usage*
 - c. *\$20 per hour for light usage*
 - ii. **BREC Athletics Nature Fields across the parish.**
 1. Fee
 - a. *\$5 a day to reserve a field in advance for all BREC teams.*
 - b. *\$20 per hour for light usage, if applicable*
 - iii. BREC Teams can reserve practice location at least two times a week without coming into a facility for nature fields because they participate in a league. If you want to practice at a location other than Oak Villa you will need to reserve your spot at the facility of your choice.

7. Do you have a rule book that I can view for your league?

- a. Answer: Yes, please email BREC Athletics at athletics@brec.org for a copy of the rule book. YBBR will use USSSA based rules for all their league play.

8. Does YBBR have a pitch count system?

- a. Answer: Yes, YBBR will use the MLB Pitch Smart Guidelines for youth through the season for pitchers. The pitch limits can be found here: <https://www.mlb.com/pitch-smart/pitching-guidelines/ages-9-12>

9. Which age division does my child belong in? *For example, my child is 10 years old right now but turns 11 years old in March. He is also in 5th grade. What age/grade division is the correct division for my child?*

- a. Answer: The age for all participants in our 2023 Spring Baseball League is their age on May 1, 2023. If a child turns 7 on or before that date, they need to play in the 11u division? However, if your child is in 5th grade they can play in the 10u division, as an exemption. All teams will get only two exemptions per age group for YBBR. Our age groups are listed below: (Please note, a child can play up in age/grade but they cannot play down in age/grade)

9U - Any player who has not reached his or her 10th birthday on or before **May 1, 2023**, is eligible to play but teams can have two (2) grade exemption(s) per team.

10U - Any player who has not reached his or her 11th birthday on or before **May 1, 2023**, is eligible to play but teams can have two (2) grade exemption(s) per team.

11U - Any player who has not reached his or her 12th birthday on or before **May 1, 2023**, is eligible to play but teams can have two (2) grade exemption(s) per team.

10. My child is a first-time player and wants to play in your league. Is this a recreational or competitive league?

- a. Answer: YBBR was built to teach young players the fundamentals of baseball in a fun and structured environment, at an affordable rate to the parent. We will have a playoff system and a champion for each age group, but we will also focus on developing each child for the next stage of their youth experience. It will be up to the coach's discretion on playing time and if the entire team bats. YBBR will encourage all coaches to play each player equally but we will not be the decision maker on game day.

11. Will YBBR/BREC provide uniforms for teams?

- a. Answer: No, Uniforms are not provided by YBBR and/or BREC.

12. Are there different levels of experience within your league in each age division?

- a. Answer: Since this is the inaugural year for YBBR, we will offer a structured format that will be unique to the development of the league. As we survey, YBBR will see if we will need to separate teams to create a balanced approach.

13. How long are games for YBBR? And when will the season start?

- a. Answer: All games will be **1 hour 30 minutes** with no new inning beginning after time has expired. Time slots are listed below, and teams can be slotted for either time:
 - i. **6:00pm – 7:30pm**
 - ii. **7:40pm – 9:10pm**
- b. Season will begin on **March 8, 2023** and run **10 weeks with 2-week playoffs.**

Please email athletics@brec.org for more information about **Youth Baseball of Baton Rouge.**