



Colleyville Baseball Association

Spring 2008 Information
January 5, 2008

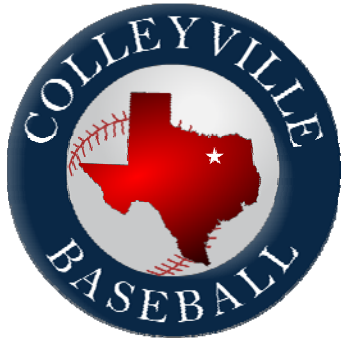
Spring 2008 Schedule of Events

Below is the official schedule of events for the Colleyville Baseball Association Spring 2008 Season. Events are subject to change, please check our website for the latest schedule of events.

Date	Time	Day	Event or Calendar Description
01-05-2008	10:00AM - 3:00PM	Saturday	Spring Recreation Registration to be held at Star Sports Shop from 10:00AM to 3:00PM
01-12-2008	10:00 AM - 3:00 PM	Saturday	Spring Recreation Registration to be held at Star Sports Shop from 10:00AM to 3:00PM
01-12-2008	Close of Business	Saturday	Spring Recreation Coaches Applications Due at Star Sports by close of business.
01-19-2008	4:00PM	Saturday	End of Spring Registration - Last day for recreation signups.
01-26-2008	All Day	Saturday	07U thru 14U Recreation Coach Look will be held at the Colleyville Baseball Complex. NOTE: If the Coach Looks are cancelled due to weather or field conditions, Colleyville Baseball has scheduled Saturday February 2, 2008 as the make up day.
01-27-2008	4:00PM	Sunday	Recreation Coach Draft/Team Formation will be held at (TBD) @ 4:00PM. NOTE: If Coach Looks scheduled for 01-26-08 are cancelled or moved - this event will be moved to Sunday February 3, 2008.
01-28-2008	All Day	Monday	Begin Late Registration - Player registrations will be accepted based on availability of teams formed on Sunday 01-27-08
02-04-2008	5:00PM	Monday	Spring 2008 Mandatory Recreation Coach Meeting held at the Colleyville Community Center @ 6:30PM NOTE: If Coach Looks scheduled for 01-26-08 are cancelled or moved - this event will be moved to Sunday February 9, 2008.
02-06-2008	5:00PM	Wednesday	Uniform orders due to Star Sports by end of business
03-05-2008	All Day	Wednesday	Spring Recreation Schedules Posted
03-10-2008	All Day	Saturday	Begin of Recreation Baseball Season
03-17-2008	-	-	Spring Break
03-29-2008	All Day	Saturday	Spring Season Opening Day at Colleyville Complex
05-16-2008	All Day	Friday	End of Recreation Baseball Season
05-17-2008	All Day	Saturday	Begin Recreation "End of Season" Tournament
05-22-2008	All Day	Thursday	End Recreation "End of Season" Tournament

Age Group Determination

Players are placed in age group based on their age as of May 1 of the spring season. For example – if a player is 11 years old on May 1 of coming spring season – they should enroll as a 11U player. Players can opt to play UP one age group.



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Recreation Draft Rules - Spring vs. Fall

Team assignment process can make for a better year for each player individually, for a team and league in general. A baseball league that has teams that are athletically balanced and closer to parity with one another will make for a better season with a rich individual player experience.

Colleyville Baseball has two (2) official recreation seasons each calendar year:

- Fall
- Spring

The fall season, which is primarily instructional and the spring season, which is instructional AND competitive. The fall season is the time when youth players move up a league age category. The fall season is a period where recreational youth players become familiar with the various changes in the rules of the game, as well as getting accustomed to the changes in the playing field dimensions which they will encounter in regular spring season play. The differences in the baseball objectives between the fall and spring seasons reflect how the Colleyville Baseball Association approaches team formation.

For the fall and to the extent it is possible, teams will remain together. Players may request to be on certain teams, but the CBA makes no guarantee that any player will remain on their spring team during fall play due to the optimization of roster sizes associated with the number of players in the league. Player numbers in the fall usually are lower than in the spring so an adequate number of players must be maintained for each team. Keeping the teams together during the fall, affords the opportunity for youth players to focus on the instructional element of the game rather than team bonding. The more competitive spring season is re-drafted every year, in order to keep the teams closer to a skill parity with one another.

Therefore, spring teams 07U Pinto and older will be re-drafted annually. The drafting process involves two (2) steps for each age group:

- Coach Look
- Player Selection

The Coach Look process gives head coaches the opportunity to evaluate all the spring players for that age group. Youth players are evaluated on several athletic areas, including hitting, base running, and ball handling. Players participating in the coach-look are eligible to be selected in the draft, and those players who are unable to attend the coach look will be distributed on a random basis to teams. It is not a requirement to attend the coach-look for your child to play in the CBA, but it is highly recommended and increases your chances of being selected on your team of choice.

Immediately following the coach look (or shortly after), coaches are assembled by age group and a player draft is held. Youth players that attended the look are drafted from the available player pool by the team coaches. The order of the player draft typically uses the "snake" order to keep selection fair and balanced. (e.g., Team 1, Team 2, Team 3, Team 4, Team 4, Team 3, Team 2, Team 1, Team 1...)

Once the youth players that attended the coach look are placed on a team, players not attending the coach look will be distributed to teams by their registration number, lowest to highest, until all team rosters are filled. The reason the CBA randomly distributes players that do not participate in the coach look is so no unfair advantage is given to a coach who may have specific knowledge about a player that the other coaches weren't able to see in the coach look.



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Other items to consider:

- Siblings playing on the same team, will be considered by the CBA on a case-by-case basis.
- Players requesting to "play up" (one year above their normal age group) will be considered by the CBA on a case-by-case basis.
- Players may not play in an age group lower than their age group, with only extreme situations considered.

"Protected Players" are the children of volunteer coaches are deemed to not be a part of the draft process. Rules that govern protected players are outlined below:

1. 07U and 08U Pinto coach pitch teams may protect the children of three (3) coaches
2. 09U Mustang and above kid pitch teams may protect the children of two (2) coaches.
3. The commissioner of each age group must be notified *prior* to the draft by each team's head coach as to their Protected Players.

"Select" or "travel" players are allowed to play in the Colleyville Baseball Association Recreation program, but must be included in the draft and may be selected by any team in the age group in which they are playing follow the rules outlined above. CBA expressly prohibits any player playing on a "select" or "travel" team from being protected in the recreational league from a drafting perspective. This rule applies to "select" or "travel" players who desire to "play up" in the recreational league, as well.

**** All coaching candidates (including those who have coached in previous seasons) MUST complete the online CBA Volunteer Application in their family profile, without exception, by 4:00 PM January 12th. ****

This requirement extends to any person who desires to be in direct contact with our children during practices or games, regardless of whether their child is a "Protected Player" under the draft rules. Coaches will be selected by the CBA with priority being given to those individuals who have coached in the CBA during previous seasons. Other coaches will be considered and selected by the CBA based upon a number of qualifications, including coaching experience.

To maintain the safety of our children, all selected coaches are subject to background checks conducted through the Texas Department of Safety. The number of coaches selected in each age group will be determined by the number of players in that age group. The optimal roster size for coach-pitch teams is 11-12, and 11 for age groups 9U and above. The total number of registered players in each group divided by the optimal roster size will determine the number of teams in that age group. The CBA may extend the number of teams in a certain age group based upon its experience in post-registration activity.

2008 Spring Recreational Player Sign-Up

The Colleyville Baseball Association is pleased to announce online sign-up for the Spring 2008 Season. Spring season begins March 10th and runs until May 16th. Season Opening Day celebrations will be held on March 29th at the Colleyville Baseball Complex!

An end of season tournament will be hosted, May 17th thru May 22nd for the recreation baseball program. Our All-Star Season tournament will begin on June 2nd and ends on June 8th.

Team drafts will soon begin and player registration will close by January 27th. If you are interested in playing baseball in the Spring 2008 season, please sign-up today and avoid a late fee. Once teams are formed - sign-ups will be will be accepted based on availability only and subject to a late sign up fee.



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Fees for the Spring 2008 are:

Program	Age Group		Fee
Blast Ball	03U & 04U	\$	60.00
T-Ball	05U & 06U	\$	100.00
Youth Baseball	07U thru 14U	\$	110.00
Late Sign Up Fee (After Jan 27th)	All	\$	20.00

Note: Nonresidents are charged an additional \$10.00 by the City of Colleyville

In order to keep our costs low and make the registration process smooth - we ask all interested youth recreation baseball players to sign-up online before paying at Star Sports:

- If you registered for the Spring, Summer, or Fall 2007, simply sign in to your family profile by clicking the "Sign Me Up" button below. Once you have logged into your family profile, simply click the "SIGNUP" button next to your player's name, print and sign the release form.
- To register for Colleyville Baseball for the first time, click on "Sign Me Up!" button below and select the option "New Player Profile". Complete the online forms, print the form, and submit payment with the player birth certificate to the CBA officials at Star Sports during our walkup registration dates listed below.

All players' payments and online sign-up forms will be collected at Star Sports in Colleyville located at:

Star Sports Shop
4709 Colleyville Blvd # 430
Colleyville, TX
(817) 428-1240