



Palos Hills Little League Baseball & Softball Association

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THINK BASEBALL & SOFTBALL!!!

THINK REGISTRATION!!!

I hope everyone had a happy and healthy holiday season. With the weather outside, I know it is hard to start thinking about Summer baseball and softball but it will be here before we know it. Now is the time we make our preparations for the Season. We start our Winter Clinics in earnest **THIS WEEK**. The Fundamental Clinic is on Thursdays from 6:00-7:30 at Oak Ridge School. The Boys (9-12) Clinic Starts this Sunday from 5:00-7:00 pm at Conrady School. Our 10 and Under Softball Clinic starts this Friday from 6:00-7:30 at Oak Ridge School followed conveniently by our 11-14 year old Softball Clinic from 7:30-9:00pm. All of our clinics are very affordable and a great way to get the kids out of the house for some exercise and to improve at baseball or softball. We invite all coaches and parents to take part in the clinics if they are able.

At this point of the year we are focused on registrations. Obviously we want to get as many kids into our program as possible. We have the great opportunity to play in District 8 of Illinois Little League for the boys. Little League has an outstanding tradition of excellence as portrayed each year by the Little League World Series. We play several teams from Chicago Ridge, Evergreen Park and Alsip. All of these communities have excellent and safe facilities. Our girls play softball in the Southwest Interleague and compete against even more towns -almost all of the towns surrounding Palos Hills are represented. It is a great opportunity for the girls to see various levels of competition from town to town and to experience different fields and facilities. Obviously no player wants to play all year against the same teams and both our Baseball and Softball teams get to compete against a wide variety of teams.

Timely registration is important for our league. We NEVER want to turn any player away from recreational baseball or softball. However it takes several weeks to get uniforms once the teams are selected. Also, our scheduling meetings are usually in March so all teams have to be finalized before then. **Our Final Registration is Saturday, January 21, 2012 from 9am to 1pm at the Palos Hills Community Center.** Although we can take registrations for a short period thereafter, we can make no guarantees. Please get your kids registered as soon as possible.

Personally, I can't wait for Spring and the smell of freshly cut grass and Baseball and Softball in the air. Just thinking about getting the season started makes me warmer inside. I hope the same is true for you. I look forward to seeing everyone at the Winter Clinics and Registration.

Very truly yours,

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