



# Centennial Youth Baseball-Softball Association Spring 2019 News

## 2019 Tournaments



Be sure to mark your calendars for the following tournaments this season. Baseball tournaments will start as early as Thursday and go through Saturday. Sunday is reserved as a rain date for tournament games. Softball will go Friday through Sunday.

Baseball June 13, 14, 15

Softball End of Season June 21, 22, 23

Baseball League Championship July 18, 19, 20

T-Ball does not participate in tournament play

### HELMETS

The league will be providing batting helmets to all baseball and softball players in 2019, for them to keep. Batting helmets will be issued to all players this year and then only to players new to the league in following years.

### OPENING DAY

Saturday, the 1<sup>st</sup> of June, will be opening day for all baseball teams. The opening day ceremony will be at Village Greens and most opening day games will be played there that day.

### 2019 Fall Baseball

We will kick off our inaugural season of fall baseball this year. It will run for 8 weeks starting in August. The fall season is designed as more of an instructional season, because we will strongly encourage those who will play in a different division in 2020 to play with that division in the fall. An 8 year old Rookie player would play Minors in the fall, as that would be the division they would be playing in the following year. Exact dates, prices, and locations will be posted once we have secured the necessary permits in July.

### Coaches Wanted

We have had about 30 coaches already register and have either completed or in the process of completing their background checks, concussion training, and coaching certifications. Most teams have a manager and two assistant coaches. With the 40 to 50 teams we will have this year, we will want to have as many as 150 total coaches for this summer.

Coaching is extremely important for every kid in this league. It is a very rewarding experience for those that choose to volunteer their time for the benefit of these kids. No experience is necessary. If you have the time, please consider applying.

## Bambino Buddy Ball Players

For years, CYBSA has tried to expand the BBB program to more children in the area. It is a no cost league for special needs players from 5 to 20 year's old. Despite this being such a wonderful program that is provided at zero cost to the families of these players, it's been nearly impossible to get organizations with children to tell them about our program. We have been forced to rely on word of mouth as the main source of getting the word out about this great program.

If you have a child or know of a child, who would like to participate in BBB, please have them register at [centennialbaseball.com](http://centennialbaseball.com) or call Randy at 720.249.7696 to find out more.

## Team Volunteer Days

Every team this year will be assigned one volunteer activity that the entire team will participate in, parents, players, and coaches included. Those will be assigned and scheduled when the individual team schedules are released in May. For activities prior to that, returning teams with full rosters will be assigned those tasks. Tasks will include helping with opening day or tournaments, setup for equipment pick up, field clean up, as well as other things. The league does not function without a lot of volunteer help from everyone, from the Board of Directors down to the players themselves. It will be for only one day and will take less than 4 hours.

## Player Assessments

Player assessments have been used in the Minors division for several years, with great success at evening out the parity in the division. Now every baseball division, except T-Ball, will have all players who are not returning to a team from last year attend assessments, on either the 20<sup>th</sup> or 27<sup>th</sup> of April, at Village Greens.

Coaches of teams that have open roster spots will alternate drafting all the players who assess until every player is on a team. If you specified east or west during registration, you would be drafted by a team which practices on that side of our league boundaries, subject to availability. Specific times for each division's assessments will be emailed around the middle of April.



## Help Wanted – Field Sets

We are looking to hire at least one person for this summer for setting our fields for games.

Pay is based per field dragged and/or lined for games and pays as much as \$150 day.

Requirements:

- Must have a driver's license and reliable transportation
- A truck or SUV is preferable, but not necessary
- Must be able to lift at least 50 lbs. by yourself
- Must be available 7 days a week in the weekday afternoons and Saturday mornings, with occasional work on Sundays
- Available to work all day on tournament weekends
- Must be able to complete tasks unsupervised
- Must be able to use a cell phone as an actual phone, as the old farts in league administration don't usually communicate via text, Twitter, or Vine 😊

It's a great job for a teenager, college student, or someone who has a lighter workload in the summer and wants to make some extra cash. Most weekday field sets will happen between 2:00pm and 5:00pm, and sometimes in 90+ degree heat. An efficient person can make as much as \$60 in an hour of dragging and lining fields.

## UPCOMING DATES

**15 March** – Regular Registration Closes

**31 March** – Manager's Meeting Softball

**8 April** – Softball Practices Begin

**11 May** – Manager's Meeting Baseball

**13 May** – Baseball Practices Begin

**1 June** – Opening Day Baseball

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