

Berkshire Optimist Baseball Club

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Attention Returning 16-U and 18-U Players & Parents:

Welcome back to the Berkshire Baseball Fall Program. As a returning player who we have identified as an asset to our program, we would like to extend an invitation to you to participate in our program again in 2012.

In order for you to secure your spot in 2012, we ask that you please complete this fall registration form and return it to us along with your deposit no later than February 15, 2012.

As you enter your sophomore year of high school, your baseball journey begins to take on a new meaning and your concerns as to what you should be doing after high school should start working their way to the forefront of your mind.

If playing baseball at the college level is a goal of yours, then there is no other organization to play for during your final years of high school. No other organization in the area has the track record of honestly educating players and parents of the college recruiting process and dispelling so many of the financial myths that exist today.

We will do everything in our power as an organization to provide you with the proper resources to prepare for the experience of being a student-athlete at the collegiate level. However, we cannot and will not make false promises of scholarships and playing at a certain level in college.

As players graduate from our 14-U to the 16-U and 18-U level, our focus as an organization takes on a new level from strictly stressing the fundamentals at the younger ages to preparing you for the college baseball experience at the 16-U level and beyond.

The top of our pyramid has changed a bit from its original concept in the fact that all players from their sophomore year through their senior year of high school will now be placed into one pool and will be selected to play on one of four teams...

16-U Sea Dogs or 16-U Spinners - These teams will be comprised of the majority of our sophomores along with some juniors as well. Any player that played on a particular team as a sophomore, who remains at the 16-U level as a junior will remain on the same team as a junior (ie. Played as a 16-U Sea Dog as a sophomore and stays at the 16-U level as a junior, would still be placed on the 16-U Sea Dogs roster as a junior). Both of these teams will compete at the 16-U age bracket in tournaments and league play.

17-U Red Sox – This team will be comprised heavily of juniors, with a few of our best sophomores and possibly a few seniors on the roster. This team will compete in the 18-U age bracket in tournaments and league play.

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18-U Red Sox Showcase team – This team will be comprised of the best talent that Berkshire Baseball has to offer regardless of grade. However, we wish to make it very clear that as per NCAA rules, underclassman who are selected for this team are not permitted to communicate with the college coaches that come see them play in showcases. This roster will still be heavily loaded with seniors. The underclassmen on this roster are playing here more for the additional experience at the showcase level as opposed to directly being recruited by college coaches. In addition to our local tournaments, this team will also travel to Scranton for the Moosic Mets Showcase, Flemington, NJ for a Diamond Nation Showcase and Long Island, NY for a Baseball Heaven Showcase. Please understand that if any organization is telling you that your son can be recruited by a college as a junior in high school, they simply are not telling you the truth. Please check out NCAA.org or freerecruitingwebinar.org for more specific guidelines to the college recruiting process.

If your son has outgrown or worn out his uniform pants, Mizuno sleeves, bag or helmet; please be sure to add those items to the add-on section of the registration form. We ask that we receive all add-on items no later than June 15, 2012.

Again, please be sure to return your registration paperwork and \$150.00 deposit by the February 15th deadline in order to secure your spot on one of our 2012 rosters.

Please feel free to call me at 610-927-4306 with any questions.

Yours in Baseball,

Dan Clouser
General Manager

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BERKSHIRE RED SOX FALL SHOWCASE TEAM OBJECTIVES

- To provide our areas top baseball athletes with an opportunity to play a competitive Fall schedule, while getting exposure to college coaches and professional scouts. Our schedule is mailed to over 200 college coaches and professional scouts and we provide a profile link of each player on the roster that can be accessed through our web site.
- To better prepare our players for the vigorous schedule that a college athlete must maintain. There is a tremendous commitment involved in playing on this team. Just as in college, players must be dedicated and disciplined to travel each weekend and continue to maintain good grades in the classroom.
- To instill the qualities of teamwork in all of our players.
- To teach each player to conduct themselves with dignity and class both on and off the field.
- When we travel, we require that players conduct themselves in a respectful manner. We return to the hotels that we stay at annually and expect all players to uphold the good reputation that those who played for us previously have established.
- Most of all, we aim to provide our players with the best possible baseball experience that we can and hope that their experience with the Berkshire Red Sox will last them for a lifetime.

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16-U & 18-U FALL PLAYER REGISTRATION FORM

Players Name: _____ E-mail: _____
 Parents Name: _____ E-mail: _____
 Address: _____
 Home Phone: (____) _____ Cell Phone: (____) _____
 School District: _____ Graduation Year: _____
 Hat Size: _____ Shoe Size: _____ Shirt Size: _____ Jersey Number Choice ___ 1st ___ 2nd
 DOB: _____ Pos #1: _____ Pos #2: _____ Bat: _____ Throw: _____ Hgt: _____ Wgt: _____

Parents: please respond to the following by placing a check mark next to those that apply.

- Would you or a company/business that you have a relationship with, like to partner/sponsor/advertise with the Berkshire Baseball Club?
 o _____ - If yes, what business/company? _____
- Would you be willing to help with various fundraising ideas/events?
 o _____
- Would you be interested in being a part of the 2012 Parent Advisory Committee?
 o _____ - (Organizing "Specialty Tournaments", Line of Communication between Board & Parents, Concession Organization)

REGISTRATION OPTIONS:

Standard Player Registration Fee:

16-U - \$850.00; 17-U Red Sox \$900.00; 18-U Red Sox Showcase - \$1,300.00.

****Includes all lodging, travel, tournament/game fees, hat, shirts, socks, belt, spikes, outer garment, travel shirt & 10-visit punch card for Body Zone Sports & Wellness Complex.*

Standard Player Registration Fee	\$ _____
Concession Stand Opt-Out (Add \$250.00 to opt out of concession duty)	\$ _____
Total Add-On Items (from Page #2)	\$ _____
Total Registration Fee	\$ _____

\$150.00 non-refundable deposit on your registration fee is due at the time of your registration. Checks should be made payable to "Berkshire Baseball Club".

Please use the attached payment schedule for all remaining payments.

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Add-On Items (Due by June 15):

Items with an (*) are required for all new players at all age levels. Items with an (**) are required for all new players at 12-U, 13-U, 14-U, 16-U & 18-U age levels.

*Pants

(1 pair white w/piping & 1 pair grey is required for all new players at each age level):

Options:

New Adult White Pants (Size: _____, Qty: _____ @ \$28.00 each)..... \$ _____

New Adult Grey Pants (Size: _____, Qty: _____ @ \$25.00 each)..... \$ _____

New Youth White Pants (Size: _____, Qty: _____ @ \$22.00 each) \$ _____

New Youth Grey Pants (Size: _____, Qty: _____ @ \$16.00 each)..... \$ _____

*Batting Helmet:

Options:

Rawlings CFBH (One Size Fits All @ \$15.00 each)..... \$ _____

Rawlings CCPBHD Fitted Helmet (Size: _____ @ \$30.00)..... \$ _____

**Bag:

Options:

Berkshire Baseball Standard Team Player Bag (\$44.00 Each)..... \$ _____

Berkshire Baseball Catchers Bag (\$54.00 Each) \$ _____

Optional Items:

Navy Mizuno Thermo Sleeve (Size: _____, Qty: _____ @ \$30.00 each) \$ _____

Red Mizuno Thermo Sleeve (Size: _____, Qty: _____ @ \$30.00 each) \$ _____

Mizuno Speed Trainer (Size: _____, Qty: _____ @ \$65.00 each) \$ _____

Mizuno Wave Nexus Trainer (Size: _____, Qty: _____ @ \$70.00 each) \$ _____

TOTAL ADD-ON ITEMS..... \$ _____

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Below you will find the payment schedule for your participation in a Berkshire Baseball Fall program. The payment schedule below does not take into account any credit that the players might earn through fundraising. We will make adjustments to balances owed after each fundraiser is completed.

<u>Payment Number</u>	<u>.....Due Date.....</u>	<u>Amount</u>
1 st Deposit Due.....	February 15, 2012	\$150.00
Payment #2.....	April 1, 2012	\$150.00
Payment #3.....	May 1, 2012	\$150.00
Payment #4.....	June 1, 2012	\$100.00
Payment #5.....	July 1, 2012.....	\$100.00
Final Payment	August 1, 2012	Remaining Balance (less Fundraising credit)

*Players must have entire balance paid in full prior to receiving their uniform.

Please feel free to call me at 610-927-4306 with any questions concerning the above payment schedule.

Thank you and I look forward to a very enjoyable season of baseball.

Yours in Baseball,

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WAIVER/RELEASE FORM

SEASON: _____

PARTICIPANTS NAME: _____

I understand that baseball is an athletic activity. As an athletic activity, the above named participant is responsible for all health risks associated with the activity. I, the undersigned, release the Berkshire Optimist Club and the Berkshire Baseball & Softball Club from any and all liabilities concerning this activity and the athletic activities that will take place therein.

Finally, I/we agree in the event of illness or injury to my son/daughter during a Berkshire Baseball game, practice or trip, I/we hereby give consent for the performance of such diagnostic, medical and/or surgical treatment on my child as may be deemed medically necessary in order to assure the safety of my child.

SIGNATURE PARENT/GUARDIAN DATE

FAMILY PHYSICIAN & PHONE NUMBER: _____

EMERGENCY CONTACT PERSON: _____

EMERGENCY TELEPHONE: _____

MEDICAL RESTRICTIONS: _____

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PLAYER'S CODE OF CONDUCT AGREEMENT

Player's participating in the Berkshire Optimist Baseball & Softball Program are exercising a privilege afforded them in pursuit of local, state, regional, and national recognition as youth and adult baseball players. These players must exhibit maturity to be successful in this pursuit. Thus, the following guidelines and rules shall apply in all activities within the Berkshire Baseball & Softball Program:

GENERAL GUIDELINES

Players are expected to conduct themselves at all times in a manner which is in keeping with representing Berkshire Baseball & Softball and will not bring discredit upon either association.

When traveling with the Berkshire Baseball & Softball Program, each player is expected to show respect for property of others, adherence to the rules and guidelines as specified here or by the Coach/Administrator and observance of State and Federal laws, for participation in this program.

DISCIPLINE RULES

Violating or ignoring any of the following is cause for immediate disciplinary action and/or dismissal from the program.

1. Substance use and/or possession thereof (drugs, alcohol and/or tobacco including chew tobacco).
Note: It is your responsibility to prevent situations from occurring and avoiding situations that occur. Don't allow anyone, including your roommates, to bring these substances into your room. You should leave anytime substances are present! You must take total responsibility for your actions.
2. Irresponsible and disrespectful behavior.
3. Destruction of property or violation of State and Federal laws. Furthermore, any fines, fees, or repair costs incurred will be the responsibility of the player or players involved in any property destruction.
4. Failure to comply with any and all team rules (curfew, attendance, punctuality, schedules, etc.). Persistent failure may be cause for dismissal from the program and could affect the player's future participation.

RESPONSIBILITY

I, _____ will conduct myself in a manner respecting the facilities, other players, umpires, and the
(print name of player)

Coaching and Administrative staff of the Berkshire Baseball & Softball Program. Further, I understand that if I am found to be in violation of the above rules and guidelines that I am subject to immediate disciplinary action and/or dismissal from the program. I understand and accept the fact that if dismissed from the program or event while traveling, I may be sent home at my or my parent's expense by whatever means is most convenient for the Team Manager. Further, if I am dismissed from the program or event or I voluntarily quit the program at any time, I understand that program, registration or event fees will not be reimbursed.

We, the undersigned, have read, understand and agree to abide by the above guidelines and rules. We also agree to accept actions taken for failure to abide by these guidelines and rules.

Player's Signature

Date

Parent/Legal Guardian Signature

Date