

JCB Registration Frequently Asked Questions

How do I determine what age group to sign my child up for?

The JCB/ Cal Ripken league age cut-off date is April 30, 2009. So whatever age your child will be on April 30, 2009 is your child's official league age.

Does my child have to tryout?

Any registered player who has not played in JCB previously must participate in the Evaluation process, (A.K.A. Evals) which is a short "try-out" where the coaches will watch your child hit, run, throw and catch. This process is to aid the coaches during the draft process. If your child has played in JCB before he might be "protected" to his previous Spring team. Once a child is drafted onto a T-Ball 6 spring team or any division (age group) from T-Ball 6 through Rookies 8, the player may stay with that team and coach.

The draft process begins again with spring Minors 9. All Minors 9 children must be evaluated. Once drafted, those teams will stay together through the Minors 9 and 10 seasons. All Majors (11-12 yrs olds) and Babe Ruth (ages 13-18) teams are redrafted every season, requiring all players to be evaluated before each season.

What is the draft? Does my child or I have to attend? What happens after the draft?

The draft is the meeting where coaches select their new players. Only coaches and league officials may attend the draft. The drafts shall take place the week following the completion of all age groups Evaluations. Within a week of the draft you will be contacted via email or phone call by the coach who has drafted your child.

When will practices start? How many practices per week?

Practices will start in early February. There will be 2 practices per week, one week night (Mon-Thurs) and one weekend slot (Fri night or Sat) will be provided to each team.

When will games start? How many games will we play?

Spring season games will begin during the 1st or 2nd week of March. We try to schedule 12 regular season games for each team, but weather may affect the actual number of games played per season. We strive for a season to never be less than 10 regular season games. All division except T-Ball 5 will have a post-season playoff tournament.

What if my child is protected to a previous team, but we would like to try a new coach/team?

There are 3 sections of the registration form that pertain to what is commonly known as "opting off" a previous team and are very important to both staying with your previous team or "opting off".

Please be very careful when answering these 3 questions. We situate the players based on YOUR answers.

Did you Play Spring ball? Yes or No answer.

This allows our Player Agents to determine if your child needs to be evaluated and placed in the draft pool of players or placed on their previous team.

What team/manager? Please type in the previous Team name and age group AND the team manager. (ex: Mets 7, John Smith)

This allows us to locate your child's previous team and manager and make sure he/she is placed on that team's roster.

New Team? Yes or No answer.

If your child played on a team last Spring and you do not want to return to that coach or team, then answer this YES. If the answer is YES, your child will be scheduled for Evaluation and then placed in the draft pool. The previous coach may NOT draft your child again if you have answered YES. If the answer is NO and your child is protected to a previous team, he/she will be placed on that team's roster and/or the previous manager can draft your child again.

I want to be a manager or assistant coach. How do I volunteer?

Please use our website (links on right side on Home page) to contact the Commissioner of your child's age group. If you are not sure which to contact, or you would like to volunteer for another position within our league, please contact Vice President, Mark Peterson peteroninjax@comcast.net

We are ALWAYS in need of more volunteers to help run the league.

BADGES

All parents who would like to volunteer as a team manager, assistant coach, team mom, or be on the field or in the dugout is required to go through the background check process to obtain and County issued Badge. You will find a link on the left side of the JCB website home page where you can fill out the background check form. If you have any questions or issues with obtaining a badge, please contact the Safety Officer,

Scott Boyce. rsboyce1@gmail.com