



Plain City Area Baseball Association (www.pcaba.com)

2005 Season



Fund Raiser Information:

League fees include a \$15 fee for raffle tickets. Each player will be issued 20 raffle tickets. Each ticket sells for \$1.00; the player will keep all proceeds received from the sale of the 20 tickets. Each returned ticket is a raffle entry as well as a vote for the Little League Queen. Tickets of a different color will be available for those wishing to sell additional tickets.

Information:

- The dates for this season have changed from previous years. In order to avoid the spring season rainouts and conflicts with school activities, the season will not start until the Memorial Day weekend. In addition, the season will continue through the month of July with season ending tournaments the last weekend in July. This will allow for more games spread across more weeks and hopefully avoid some of the bad weather we have dealt with in the past. With this change, families should schedule vacations and have some confidence that their children will only miss a game or two (at most). In past years, we have had to schedule 3 or even 4 games in a week because of our tight schedule. End of season tournaments will fall at the end of July (dates not set yet).
- This season, both baseball and softball leagues will play with external associations. As a result, **baseball and softball players of all ages should expect to play games outside of Plain City** (Milford Center and Mechanicsburg are examples of other communities where games may be held). We are not participating with the Marysville leagues this year. Tball players will play only within Plain City.

Parents Code of Conduct:

As a parent or spectator:

- I will not force my child to participate in sports.
- I will remember that children participate to have fun and that the game is for youth, not adults.
- I will inform the coach of any physical disability or ailment that may affect the safety of my child or the safety of others.
- I will learn the rules of the game and the policies of the league.
- I (and my guests) will be a positive role model for my child and encourage sportsmanship by showing respect and courtesy, and by demonstrating positive support for all players, coaches, officials and spectators at every game, practice or other sporting event.
- I (and my guests) will not engage in any kind of unsportsmanlike conduct with any official, coach, player, or parent such as booing and taunting; refusing to shake hands; or using profane language or gestures.
- I will not encourage any behaviors or practices that would endanger the health and well-being of the athletes.
- I will teach my child to play by the rules and to resolve conflicts without resorting to hostility or violence.
- I will demand that my child treat other players, coaches, officials and spectators with respect regardless of race, creed, color, sex or ability. I realize that the coaches and many officials are volunteers-giving of personal time and money to provide a recreational activity for your child. Both are providing a valuable community service, often without reward other than their personal satisfaction.
- I will teach my child that doing one's best is more important than winning, so that my child will never feel defeated by the outcome of a game or his/her performance.
- I will praise my child for competing fairly and trying hard, and make my child feel like a winner every time.
- I will never ridicule or yell at my child or other participant for making a mistake or losing a competition.
- I will emphasize skill development and practices and how they benefit my child over winning. I will also de-emphasize games and competition in the lower age groups.
- I will promote the emotional and physical well-being of the athletes ahead of any personal desire I may have for my child to win.
- I will respect the officials and their authority during games and will never question, discuss, or confront coaches at the game field, and will take time to speak with coaches at an agreed upon time and place.
- I will demand a sports environment for my child that is free from drugs, tobacco, and alcohol and I will refrain from their use at all sports events.
- I will refrain from coaching my child or other players during games and practices, unless I am one of the official coaches of the team.
- I will support the association by volunteering my time as my schedule permits to make the fields safe and facilities safe for all children.

League Dates for 2005 Season:

4/2	Baseball/Softball Evaluations (Pastime Park) *	
	7 & 8 boys and girls	10:00 a.m.
	9 & 10 boys and girls	12:00 p.m.
	11 & 12 boys and girls	1:00 p.m.
	Baseball and softball draft (players do not attend)	4:00 p.m.
4/9	Baseball/Softball Evaluations (rain date)	
4/9	Meet the Coaches / Field preparation (parents expected to participate)	10:00 a.m. – 2:00 p.m.
4/18	Practices begin	
5/14	PCABA Golf Outing	1:00 pm Shotgun start
5/30	Memorial Day Parade (Opening day – start of games)	
5/30	Picture Day (tentative)	(Times to be announced)
7/31	Season concludes with league tournament	

* in case of bad weather, check www.pcaba.com for updates