

Parents & Volunteers,

Russellville Youth Baseball Association is excited to announce our new website rybabaseball.com. We have transitioned to SportsEngine and shortly will be retiring the SportsSignup page. Our new user-friendly site will require you to create an account similar to the previous domain. Look forward to introducing the new capabilities of our website during upcoming seasons.

With that we have begun the 2022 Fall Season Signups for ages 3-12. Signups are currently open and located under the Registration Tab on rybabaseball.com. Season will commence on Sept 6th for the first week of practice, while games will be played Sept 12th through October 21st. Seasons are only as successful as the volunteers we have for coaches, so if interested please signup at <https://www.rybabaseball.com/page/show/7312811-thank-you>.

To get everyone excited about River Valley Baseball, the RYBA Board has began to implement changes to better our youth program. These Volunteer Board Members have spent countless hours reviewing past seasons, benchmarking other facilities, and soliciting feedback. Please understand, youth baseball is only as successful as the volunteers and resources we are donated. No league is perfect, but we look forward to learning and developing to strive for excellence. With that we would like to highlight a few changes that are in the works or have been implemented.

- Field 3 (7-8 year olds), will now have a pitching machine hook up behind the pitching mound. We have ordered a Sports Attack "Junior Hack Attack" pitching machine to strengthen the division and increase outside participation from neighboring towns.
- For our fall practice week, we are working with Arkansas Tech Baseball to supply players during the Practice Window (Sept 6th-9th). This would be a win for not only the Coaches/Volunteers but continue to give our kids great role models to look up to.
- RYBA Baseball Commission, announced via Facebook and website in August, the schedule for the 2022-2023 seasons. This includes Hitting and Spring Training camps.
- We are excited to announce our plans to create a Russellville based Travel Teams. Our current plan is to have tryouts for age groups (6-12), and begin the process of introducing Travel ball while keeping players in our City League. This is all very fluid right now and will only be as successful again as the Volunteers we have help along with Donations.
- Last, we would like to introduce the pursuit of Field Turf. As an organization, we have completed the process of getting bids to turf Hickey and Pleasant View Parks (infields only). At this time, we are working on fundraising for the project. Our goal is to increase the playability of the fields and continue to pursue the top resources available for our youth. Giving Russellville's Youth, no matter their background, an opportunity to develop baseball skills, teamwork, and resolve in their hometown will only benefit our community. Additionally, keeping them home to help strengthen our City League will benefit players that may need more time to develop.

Last but not least, we are a Non-Profit Organization, RYBA is only as successful as the volunteers and donations we receive. We are working to ease the burden of signups along with updating our facilities to

the best of our abilities. Whether it's obtaining donations or time spent volunteering for tournaments, we need YOU to be successful!

Future communication will be through our Facebook and new website, so please create an account/follow us. As a board, we continue to work towards improved communication. Thank you for your time!

Russellville Youth Baseball Association Board

