



February 4, 2021

Dear Cazenovia Baseball Softball Association (CBSA) Families:

We hope this message finds you well and that you are staying healthy and safe. We are hopeful for a better spring this year and the CBSA board has been busy planning our 2021 Little League Season. With the recent reopening of high risk interscholastic sports in New York State, we are optimistic about holding a traditional spring season. The start date of our season will be fluid based on changes in regulations from New York State, the Village of Cazenovia, Madison County and the Department of Health. Please read the following information that will bring you up to date on everything planned:

Registration:

Registration will open online February 4, 2021. We encourage you to register early, so that we can gauge interest and continue to move forward with plans. We will not be holding in-person registration this year. We understand that these are still questionable times and will offer full refunds if you decide you are no longer comfortable with your child playing at the start of the season.

- **Online Registration:** We will use the same registration tool through our website as last year. You can access it at www.cazbaseballsoftball.org. If you did not participate last season, you will need to create a new account. If you participated last year, use the same login information. Remember that registration is by age and your player may be moved to a different division of play following skills evaluations. The date and location of player evaluations TBD. ****Reminder – you do NOT need to provide a birth certificate or proof of residency to complete your registration.****

Registration fees are as follows:

- Tee ball: \$35.00
- Baseball/Softball: \$85.00
- Full and partial financial scholarships are available. We strive to make baseball and softball available for all players. If your child, or a child you know, would like to play, but it produces a financial hardship for the family, we have scholarship options. This will help with registration fees, as well as with the purchase of needed equipment if necessary. Please contact me at register4cbsa@gmail.com for more information. All inquiries will be kept confidential.

Volunteers are needed:

Whether we hold spring or summer/fall programs, we need your help! We anticipate approximately 150 participants from t-ball to majors baseball/softball. We need volunteers to make CBSA a positive experience for all families. Here are some of the ways you can help:

- **Field Prep and Community Clean Up Days:** Prior to the start of our season we will send out information on field prep days for Burton Street and Vets Fields. We would love to see as many of our parents and players as possible helping to get ready and prepared for the upcoming season.
- **Managers and Coaches:** Manager and coaching meetings and guidance will be offered. If you have questions about managing or coaching, please speak to a board member or email cazbaseballsoftball@gmail.com with any questions. As a reminder, all local Little Leagues are also required to conduct background checks on managers, coaches, board of director members and any other persons, volunteers or hired workers, who provide regular services to the league and/or have repetitive access to, or contact with, players or teams.



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- **Volunteers:** Provide help at practices and/or games when you are available, without the commitment or responsibilities of being a head or assistant coach. This may involve ensuring that players follow our COVID-19 safety regulations and cleaning shared equipment and spaces during games and practices.
 - **Sponsorship and Donors:** We are grateful to our 2020 sponsors and donors. The generosity of sponsors and donors helped our league provide outdoor clinics and the sandlot league last summer. We also are able to maintain affordable registration fees, while providing scholarships, replacing aged equipment, and improve the baseball/softball/t-ball experience for all! We still have sponsorship opportunities for the 2021 season. Please visit www.cazbaseballsoftball.org for details and to view our sponsor form.

2021 Spring Season Safety:

We will follow post-COVID-19 return to play guidelines established for the 2020 season. We will continue to modify and update in accordance with all local and state requirements. Here is a brief overview of how we plan to keep you and your player safe (full description of return to play guidelines available on our website – cazbaseballsoftball.org):

- Please use common sense and stay home if you or your player is not feeling well or is experiencing any symptoms of fever, cough, or shortness of breath.
- No handshakes or personal contact celebration.
- All players should bring their own water bottle/drinks. No sunflower seeds, snacks, gum or spitting, etc.
- We will keep all player equipment properly spaced and disinfect all shared equipment between uses.
- Facemasks required in dugouts for all players and volunteers. Players will be properly spaced when not engaged in play.
- Fans and spectators are asked to maintain appropriate social distancing. Please bring your own chairs and limit use of bleachers.

Here are some important dates to remember:

- Registration opens: February 1, 2021
- Registration closes: April 15, 2021
- Pre-season baseball skills evaluation: TBD
- Opening Day parade and ceremonies/games for baseball/softball begin: TBD
- T-ball practices begin: TBD

We look forward to a fun, safe and successful 2021 season! If you have any questions or input please reach out to cazbaseballsoftball@gmail.com. You can also visit our website, www.cazbaseballsoftball.org, where we will keep all of this information and any changes up to date.

Sincerely,

Brian Gardner
President
Cazenovia Baseball Softball Association