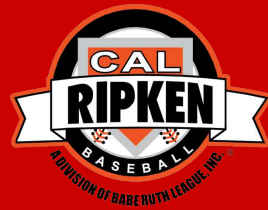




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## Important Dates

### General Meeting

March 13th - 7pm @ Zion Lutheran Church, 470 Yocumtown Rd in Etters,

### Field Maintenance Day

March 16th - 8am @ Newberry Complex

### First Day of Practice

March 18th - Pending Weather and if everything was completed on Field Maintenance Day.

### Opening Day

April 13th - Ceremony Begins at 9am. Most team pictures will be taken throughout the morning. Majors and Minors may take theirs the Friday before.

### Senators Night Out

May 24th - More information on this to come in the future.

## 2019 Season Welcome

We would like to welcome you all to another year of Red Land baseball. Yes, a new name, new affiliation but the same dedication to helping our youth learn and expand their love of the game.

Our intent with this newsletter is to give you as much information and hopefully answer some questions. We get so wrapped up in daily ins and outs of the league that we sometimes overlook the importance of communicating in detail with you all. We hope this newsletter will be the first of many throughout the year to keep you all informed. Thank you!

## Why So Many Changes?

Change is never easy. It often entails a lot of extra work, adapting to the changes and the hardest part, understanding why changes were made.

The one obvious change is our name and affiliation. We are now Red Land Youth Baseball and are affiliated with the Cal Ripken Division of Babe Ruth. The change gives our league the flexibility to tailor the baseball experience to our players.

We can now play 50/70 with true baseball rules at the Majors Division. This teaches our players the true style of play at a younger age that not only makes it more fun, but gives them the tools to be successful in the Teener division.

We can also form All-Star teams at 8u, 9u, 10u, 11u, and 12u. What this means is many more kids can now have an All-Star experience.

We could go on and on, but in the end, know the decision was hard, but we feel and hope you will agree, that this is best for our players.

Another big change is the combining of the Minor AA and AAA divisions. This was due to the level of talent being similar between the two. A side-effect we didn't take into account was the 8 year olds that would normally play AA now need to either play up with 9/10 year olds or spend another year in Hybrid. This is something we will continue to look at over the season and make a determination going forward.



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## Looking for Umpires

CVUA no longer provides umpires for minors games, therefore we look for adults or teenagers who would like to make some money umpiring minors games. We pay \$40.00 per game. Before the season, we will hold a short clinic to go over the basics. We can also provide old catchers gear for new people to borrow. If interested, please contact [president@rlyba.com](mailto:president@rlyba.com).

## Field Maintenance

Throughout the year there are many field maintenance tasks that we need help with. Anything from dragging fields, adding dirt to a field, replacing broken items, etc. If you are interested in helping please contact Brian Ebert at [fieldmaintenance@rlyba.com](mailto:fieldmaintenance@rlyba.com).

## Community Closet

We are now happy to announce we are opening a "Community Closet". The closet will be open on Field Maintenance Day, Opening Day and any time a board member is at the fields. If you have something to drop off or need something, you could also email [closet@rlyba.com](mailto:closet@rlyba.com) to schedule a time.

Keep in mind, we will be low on items until we start getting donations. We are accepting cleats, pants, gloves, helmets, bats...pretty much anything baseball.

## How to Stay Informed

We do our best to email as best we can, but definitely follow us on [Facebook](#) and our website at <http://redlandyouthbaseball.com>

## Feedback

Have something to say, good or bad. Feel free to email us at [feedback@rlyba.com](mailto:feedback@rlyba.com).

## AED Donation

A huge thank you to C&S Wholesale Grocers & ES3 LLC who is donating an AED machine, pads and a cabinet to RLYB at the Newberry Complex. This has been a long time coming and we are forever grateful for their generosity.

## Volunteers For the Win

A non-profit is nothing without its' volunteers. We are an organization with 350+ players per spring season and around 30 teams. So for 30 teams we need 30 Managers, an average of 3-4 assistant coaches, team moms, concession workers, field maintenance workers and much more. So we need roughly 200-250+ people each year to volunteer their time to help make the season go smoothly. Everyone has a busy life and volunteering for a youth sports program should be fun, at least we think it is.

Please consider volunteering your time. It is greatly appreciated and what better way to be involved with your player.

For those wishing to volunteer, there are many safety checks in place to ensure our children are safe at all times. Please visit our website and access the Volunteer section for information on background checks and clearances to be a volunteer. We all thank you! Our Safety Coordinator Rick Brocius ([safety@rlyba.com](mailto:safety@rlyba.com)) is available to answer all questions.

## Uniform Update

Our Uniform Coordinator, Kristin Hartman ([uniform@rlyba.com](mailto:uniform@rlyba.com)) has been hard at work getting everything squared away this season. We've switched back to our previous uniform supplier as our uniforms last season were, well, not that good. We will have our usual dri-fit shirt sporting a new design.



Coaches will order jerseys and hats for your player. We are also bringing back Parent Orders. You can now order a shirt with your player's number on the back and a hat. Please confirm your division, team name, shirt number with your coach and then submit your order at: <https://bit.ly/2IAV0Bm>. Payments for Parent Orders can be made to your head coach.

Kristin is also working on a Red Land Youth Baseball Online store where you can order RLYB apparel. These items can be paid for online and shipped directly to you.

As a final note, the league provides shirts and hats to the players, please check with your head coach fore the color of pants/belt you will need.

## Tball

Tball is the division for our youngest players. Ages range from 4-6 years old depending on skill level. Tball teams are generally formed at the beginning of March. Teams will practice around 2-3 times a week with one of those being on a Saturday. We encourage our coaches to keep practices short, less than 1.5 hours and always moving. We are currently looking for a Tball Coordinator. Until then Jim Janovich is serving as interim coordinator. Any questions please email [president@rlyba.com](mailto:president@rlyba.com).

## Rookie

Rookie is intended for ages 7/8 but may include 6 year olds who are ready for coach pitch. We have Rookie A which is coach pitch and Rookie AA which is a hybrid of Coach Pitch and Kid Pitch. This is your player's first experience with kid pitchers. The purpose is to begin developing pitchers and catchers as well as grooming our young hitters into confident players at the plate. These teams are formed by the end of February and are picked by the coaches in a draft-like fashion. This is the time when requesting a particular coach becomes difficult due to the draft. Your coordinator is Nick Perry ([rookie@rlyba.com](mailto:rookie@rlyba.com))



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## Current Sponsor List

Below is a current list of our sponsors for 2019. This list will change as we receive more.

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Bobby Rahal  
Bumps & Jumps  
Capozzi Dental  
Dicks Sporting Goods  
Drayer Physical Therapy  
E. Murphy and Sons  
Equipment Depot  
Fine Art Photo  
Giant Foods, Inc.  
Greater West Shore Teener League  
Harings Originals  
James A. Danner VFW Post 537  
KD Graphics  
Keggs Ceramic Tile  
Knoll Insurance Agency  
Krall Contracting  
LB Smith Ford Lincoln  
Lewisberry Barber Shop  
Little Hands Nursery School  
Mad Dash Concessions  
McDonalds - Etters  
MKL Orthodontists  
Munchkin Meadow Preschool  
Newberrytown Auto Salvage  
Orthopedic Institute of PA  
Pines Road Garage  
R&K Subs  
Red Cedar Family Wellness Center  
Rock-It Pizza  
Rogele  
S&S Sheetmetal  
Semoff's Barber Shop  
State Farm - Tim Peiffer  
Tad French, Realtor  
Valley Grange #1360

## Minors

The Minors Division is a child's first experience with full kid pitch Baseball. It is still using the 46/60 field configuration but include many things that brings the kids almost to 'real' baseball. The games include an umpire, and players can advance on passed balls (but may not score), and there is no limitation on the number of bases on batted balls or fielding errors. Players ages 9-10 make up the bulk of the players, with some 8 year old's filling out rosters. The goal is to get the kids on the field and improve their abilities to where they can play anywhere on the field safely. The players will play several positions and get at bats in each game. Defensively a lot of focus will be placed on pitchers, catchers and middle infield. Offensively, players are taught to be aggressive and hone their hitting approach. Outfielders will become a more important part of the game as many players can hit the ball to the fence or even over it. Your coordinator is Mike Eshleman ([minors@rlyba.com](mailto:minors@rlyba.com))

## Majors

Ah, the days we all dream of. And this year is extra special with our inaugural season of 50/70 baseball due to our affiliation with Cal Ripken Baseball. This means leads, pickoffs, larger pitching distance and base paths, the way baseball was meant to be played. I know we are all excited for the start of the season and what these new opportunities will bring us. Your coordinator is Kevin Kerlin ([majors@rlyba.com](mailto:majors@rlyba.com))

## Teeners

This division is for our 13-17 year olds. These young men will play on a 60/90 field against teams in the Greater West Shore League. Teams at each age group are broken up into an American and National division. The age groups are 13-14 and 15-17. Generally these teams are formed after high school tryouts are over to see which players will want to play in our league. High School tryouts are the first week in March and our teams will start taking shape after that. Your coordinator is Chris Campbell ([senior@rlyba.com](mailto:senior@rlyba.com)).

## Bambino

This is something new we are trying to start this year. The Bambino Buddy-Ball Division allows our challenged or special needs athletes to develop confidence and positive self-esteem. It allows them to be part of organized sports and assists with physical fitness as well as their social skills. The joy and emotion you experience when you put on that first baseball uniform or cap on a challenged child's head is like no other. As you can see, the Bambino Buddy-Ball Division is an emotionally rewarding experience for everyone as it also allows the "buddies" to feel good about helping their challenged friends, while at the same time making it a fun and memorable time for all. This is open to players 5-15 years old. If you have any questions, please email [bambino@rlyba.com](mailto:bambino@rlyba.com).