

Winston **Baseball**

Spring 2009 General Information

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www.winstonbaseball.com

Board of Directors: The Board of Directors for the Fall 2008 – Spring 2009 season was elected in May, 2008. The board members are appointed/elected for one-year terms. The current board consists of ...

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The Board of Directors for the Fall 2009 – Spring 2010 season will be elected/appointed in May, 2009. If you are interested in serving on the Board of Directors, please contact a current board member.

Registration: Registration for the Spring 2009 baseball season will be available online until January 8th then held onsite on January 10th and January 17th at the Winston Elementary School library (located next to Winston Park). The onsite registrations will be held from 10 AM to 3 PM.

To control the association's continued growth, the Board of Directors has decided to cap the number of players in each age group for the Spring 2009 season.

Here are the cap levels established for the Spring 2009 season at Winston Park.

Pre-T 4 teams of 8 to 12 players (32-48)
Shetland 8 teams of 12 players (96)
Pinto 8 teams of 12 players (96)
Mustang 7 teams of 12 players (84)
Bronco 6 teams of 12 players (72)
Pony 3 or 4 teams of 12 to 13 players (36-52)

Once the cap levels are reached, waiting lists for each division will be formed. Each age division is expected to fill quickly. Winston Baseball will again be a strong organization during the spring 2009 season. Please register early to guarantee yourself a roster slot.

Winston Baseball uses the PONY (Protect Our Nations Youth) Baseball rules and regulations. PONY Baseball's Headquarters are located in Washington, Pennsylvania. PONY Baseball provides the following age divisions; the registration rates listed are set by the Winston Baseball Board of Directors:

Ages 4-6 (6U): Shetland/T-ball with coach pitch option (\$90)
Ages 7-8 (8U): Pinto/Coach Pitch (\$100)
Ages 9-10 (10U): Mustang/Kid Pitch (\$110)
Ages 11-12 (12U): Bronco (\$120)
Ages 13-14 (14U): Pony (\$130)

Winston Baseball also provides a Pre-T program/T-ball (\$50) for four-year old players.

The registration fee is used to cover the player's full basic uniform (socks, pants, belt, shirt and cap), umpire fees, league insurance and PONY charter fees. There is a \$10 discount for each additional child of the same family that registers to play. Please provide a copy of each player's birth certificate during registration or prior to the first game. **A fee of \$30 will also be assessed for each returned check.**

League Age is the age attained by a player prior to May 1st for the specific year in question (i.e. 2009). PONY has adopted "THE AND UNDER" option (6U, 8U, 10U, etc.) so that a player may play up one age division from their birth date designated age group and still be eligible for All-Star selection.

Player Evaluations: Player Evaluations will be held for the Pinto, Mustang, Bronco and Pony age divisions. Player Evaluations will be conducted at the Diamond Starz Academy in Douglasville. The player evaluations will be used to gauge a player's skill level for purposes of forming the teams during the team draft process. Each coaching staff in each specific age group is responsible for assessing the skill level of the players in their respective age draft pool.

Players not tied to a team as a returning player (i.e., not playing in the same age division as the previous spring season), and players not tied to a team because their father/mother or relative is not on a team's coaching staff need to attend player evaluations. Each player will be advised during registration whether he/she needs to attend player evaluations. A list of players needing to attend player evaluations will be compiled for each age group and posted on the league website.

Volunteer Support: Winston Baseball is a non-profit organization run solely by volunteers. All parents are encouraged to volunteer to help with league activities. Parent volunteers are needed to serve on the Board of Directors, coaching, "Team Moms", field maintenance, concession stand, and fund-raising activities. Without parent volunteers there would not be a league for the kids.

Coaches: All coaches are volunteers and relied on heavily to carry a large burden of responsibility for the league. The coaches are the "life-line" for information that needs to

be passed from the league to the parents. All coaches (managers, head coaches, assistant coaches, etc.) are required to submit a coaching application form that is subject to review by the Winston Baseball Board of Directors.

Concession Stand: The concession stand is the primary revenue source for Winston Baseball. Each team is asked to work the concession stand six to eight times during the season. The scheduled times to work the concession stand normally occur during an assigned practice time or before or after a scheduled game. The concession stand work times are normally 90 minutes to two hours. Two to three parents from each team are asked to work during a team's assigned concession stand time.

The Board of Directors is also searching for someone who has the desire to serve as the Concession Coordinator. The Concession Coordinator will be responsible for notifying teams of the concession schedule, maintaining the concession schedule, stocking the concession stand, and meeting any third party vendors that deliver supplies/food items to the concession. If you are interested, please contact a member of the Board of Directors.

Sponsorship: Winston Baseball has provisions to handle league and team sponsorship donations. All team sponsorship donations are allocated to the team and spent at the discretion of the team. The team is also responsible for showing appreciation to the sponsor for their donation (i.e. plaque or banner).

League sponsors donating \$300 or more will be given a plaque or have a banner displayed at the park with their company's name to show appreciation for their generous sponsorship. The monies collected from league sponsorships are placed in the league fund and used for various league expenses. All team and league sponsorship donations are 100% deductible. Please contact a board member for more information or take a look at the sponsor form on the Winston Baseball website (www.winstonbaseball.com).

Practice/Game Schedules: Practice may begin as early as January 31st; Games will begin in March (Opening Day, Saturday, March 7th). Practice and game schedules will be developed after registration has been completed and the number of teams that comprise each age division is known. Game schedules are also affected by the number of teams from other parks (possibilities include Bill Arp, Fairplay, etc.) as games may be played against teams from these other parks. Your patience is greatly appreciated as it takes a lot of time and coordination to compile the game schedules for teams from multiple parks in multiple age divisions.

Adaptive Baseball: This will be our first spring season offering an opportunity for children with special needs to play baseball. We will need players 9 years and older that would like to help these special players. This will be an experience that will enrich their lives. The game times and other information will be announced at a later date.

Dates of Interest:

- Coaches Meeting: December 11th, 7 PM, Location: Winston Elementary Cafeteria
- Onsite Registration: January 10th and January 17th, 10 AM – 3 PM, Winston Elementary Cafeteria
- Player Evaluations: Player Evaluations will be held at Diamond Starz in Douglasville.
Diamond Starz Academy
8950 Highway 5, Suite B
Douglasville, GA 30134
678-715-1472
www.diamondstarz.com
- Pinto: January 19th, 630 PM, Diamond Starz
Mustang: January 20th, 630 PM, Diamond Starz
Bronco: January 22nd, 630 PM, Diamond Starz
Pony: January 23rd, 630 PM, Diamond Starz
- Team Drafts: Saturday, January 24th
Each age division: Time: TBD; Location: Winston Elementary Library
- Parents Meeting: Tuesday, January 27th, 700 PM, Winston Elementary School Cafeteria
Topics of discussion to include: Introduction of Board Members, League Calendar, Concession Stand, Opening Day, Q&A session, etc.
- Practice Starts: As early as January 31st
- Team Mom Meeting: Tuesday, February 10th, 7 PM, Location: TBD
- Field Work
Weekend: Saturday, February 21st and Sunday, February 22nd
- Opening Day: Saturday, March 7th; a more comprehensive schedule will be published at a later date.
- Coaches Charity Softball Game: Sunday, March 8th, 2 PM, Winston Field 2, Donations raised will support the Jimmy V. cancer research foundation.
- Picture Day: Sunday, March 22nd; Winston Elementary School Gym

Douglas County Spring Break: Monday, April 6th – Friday, April 10th
No games including the Saturday following Spring Break; practices are optional and requested by the teams and assigned by the league on a first come – first serve basis. No more than two practices assigned per team.

Easter: Sunday, April 12th

Home Run Derby: April 17th, Winston Baseball

CRCT Testing: Monday, April 20th – Friday, April 24th; Bronco games (8 PM starts) will not be scheduled April 20th - 24th; Pony will play early games starting at 6 PM or 7 PM; Shetland, Pinto and Mustang will be scheduled as normal.

Douglas County Night
At Turner Field: TBD; 800 tickets were sold last season.

Board of Director Elections: Distribute nomination form, Friday, April 17th
Nominations are due, Saturday, April 25th
Compile ballot, Monday, April 27th
Distribute ballot and coach evaluation form, Thursday, April 30th
Collect ballots, last day Saturday, May 9th
Announce the results, Monday, May 11th

End of Season Tournament: Double elimination tournament (except Pre-T) for each division.
Tentatively scheduled for May 9th – May 21st

Memorial Day: Friday, May 23 – Monday, May 25th
No games.

Last Day of School
Douglas County: Friday, May 29th

Park Cleanliness: We encourage everyone to keep Winston Park clean. Please pick up the trash around the seating areas and the dugouts after each game and practice. Trash receptacles are located at various locations around the park.

Adult Conduct: Adults (parents, coaches, fans, etc.) are asked to conduct themselves in a business-like manner while at Winston Park. Adults are asked to provide a proper environment for children participating in youth sports by demonstrating positive support for all players, coaches, officials and volunteers at every practice and game. Adults who do not demonstrate appropriate behavior will be warned and if the problem persists may face disciplinary actions and/or may be asked to leave the park.

Also, per Douglas County ordinances, alcoholic beverages are not allowed on county park properties, and per Winston Park policy pets (i.e. dogs) are not allowed on Winston Park property.

Fundraisers: Fundraisers are used to generate additional revenue for the association. This year's fundraisers include ticket sales for Douglas County Night at Turner Field, sale of Winston Baseball magnets (\$4 for large magnets, \$2 for small magnets), sale of Winston Baseball T-shirts (\$11 youth, \$13 adult), a home run derby contest on Friday, April 17th, and Winston Baseball Opening Day. The profits generated from the fundraisers are used to benefit Winston Baseball.

Opening Day March 7, 2009: Opening Day activities are scheduled for Saturday, March 7th, 2009 at Winston Park. There will be several carnival type activities set-up for kids and adults to enjoy. The concession stand will be open. Baseball games will also be scheduled for the Winston teams. Volunteers are needed to make this a successful day. Please contact one of the Board of Directors if you are interested in helping with Opening Day. Further details will be provided after registration.

Questions, Comments, Ideas, etc.: Please contact a member of the Board of Directors if you have any questions, comments, issues, concerns or ideas. Thanks!

Thanks for playing baseball at Winston Park and let's have a fun 2009 spring season!!!!!!