

Hub City Baseball League

League Overview

League Structure – Hub City Baseball League, Inc. (HCBL) was formed as a nonprofit organization for the purpose of organizing and running a competitive youth baseball league for 10U-14U teams in the Lubbock/ West Texas area.

Purpose – To provide a positive baseball experience for 10 thru 14 year old players in the Lubbock area who wish to participate in a competitive league whereby coaches and players can form their own teams. The League was initially formed as a viable alternative to Little League's existing draft league format. HCBL places an emphasis on competition, sportsmanship, and respect – individually and for the game of baseball.

Management – The HCBL Executive Committee, consisting of approximately four (4) individuals, will be responsible for the operations of the League. The Executive Committee will ensure that the teams and participants adhere to and abide by the rules, regulations and policies of the League. Any protests and or disciplinary issues will come before the Executive Committee for resolution and enforcement.

Coaching Responsibilities - The Manager and Assistant Coaches (collectively Coaches) of each team must be leaders and must recognize that they hold a position of trust and responsibility. In addition to teaching the fundamentals of the game and handling the administrative tasks of registering their teams, the Coaches are expected to focus on the following tasks:

- Have fun and make the game fun for all the parents and players
- Be positive role models and teach respect for the game, players, coaches and officials
- Teach, encourage, and demonstrate teamwork and good sportsmanship
- Control parents and insist that they adhere to the same principles of sportsmanship

It is the policy of Hub City Baseball League that no person who has a history of sexual abuse toward children be given any volunteer responsibilities in the League.

Participation – Teams have been required to be registered and in good standing with either Fivetool or USSSA. Register your teams and submit your USSSA rosters on-line. Further, the teams will be required to collect and pay a league registration fee of \$1095 per team to HCBL. Team insurance, purchased through Fivetool or USSSA, naming HCBL and the City of Lubbock as an additional insured is required. All players on such teams shall meet the age requirements of a 10U, 11U, 12U, 13U or 14U team (10 - 14 years olds as of May 1 of the current season). Any and all players meeting these requirements are deemed eligible to participate in the League.

Each team will be responsible for paying a non-refundable deposit of \$250 to secure a spot. We will potentially limit the number of teams to 10-13. Each team will be responsible for selling one outfield sign sponsorship at \$350 per sign. Once the signs have been sold and money collected, the team will receive their \$250 deposit back. If a team does not sell their sign, the league will just keep the \$250 deposit. Additionally, teams will receive \$100 reimbursement of league fees for every sign sold in addition to the one required. Teams are responsible for their own uniforms and team equipment. Sign Sponsorships are due by NLT March 10th to ensure signs can be placed before the start of the season. All sponsors will also have their logo published on our league website.

Signups – Begin on December 13th and run through February 15th, 2022. *Coaches meeting to be held on Sunday, January 16th , at 6:00pm on Zoom or at 5614 126th St B-1.

Season – March 21 – May 24, 2020, approximately 8 games per team. Scheduling will be done to determine and match teams in divisions whereby teams will be competing with teams of similar abilities. Each team will play every team twice in their division. There will be an end of season tournament that will be championship style (single elimination) tournament play.

Rules of Play – See separate handout.

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Rules of Play for 2021 Season

Age Restrictions – 10, 11, 12, 13 and 14 year olds as of April 30, 2022.

Roster Limits – **No limits.** A recommendation of 11 minimum players is suggested. Players shall only be permitted to play on a single team. Any roster additions or removals must be coordinated with the League Director. Roster changes must be approved by the Executive Committee. No mandatory play requirement.

Code of Conduct - HCBL emphasizes sportsmanship and stresses proper conduct by players, managers, coaches and spectators. Accordingly, HCBL will not tolerate inappropriate conduct at any time. Coaches are responsible for the behavior and conduct of his team's assistant coaches, players and fans. Ejections will result in a minimum one game suspension and additional penalties as deemed appropriate by the Executive Committee (see separate handout on ejections).

Game Limits - 6 innings with 1:45 minute time limit. Run rule of 15 after 3, 12 after 4 and 8 after 5. Extra inning games will consist of one inning of an "International tie-breaker" – last player to complete an official bat from the previous inning starts as a base runner on 2nd base. Games tied after one additional inning will be considered a tie. 10:30 pm curfew Sunday – Thursdays. 11:00 pm curfew on Friday and Saturdays.

Lineups – 8 player minimum to start the game and a team may finish with 1 less than started, subject to an out being recorded for each player less than 9. All players may re-enter once in the same batting position. Extra Hitter (EH), Designated Hitter (DH) and bat the lineup options allowed.

Pitching Limits – HCBL will use a pitch count with Pitchsmart.com

Note: There are no catcher restrictions.

Field Sizes – 50/70, 54/80 or 60/90 as available. Teams to designate their preference for home games.

Courtesy Runners – A player not in the game (Sub) may run for pitcher or catcher. If a team is batting a continuous line-up, the courtesy runner shall be the player whom recorded the previous out.

Bat Rules – 10u/11u/12u USSSA or USA -12 bat or heavier. 13u/14u Qualified BBCOR Bat -3 or have the USSSA mark -5, or a wood bat.

Fields – *Maxey Park* (28th & Quaker), *1585/Cooper Field* (FM 1585 and Milwaukee), *Hodges* (40th & University)

Days of Game – Daily, Monday through Friday most weeks

Season – March 21 – May 24, 2022

Contacts – President: Evan Heath (evan.heath89@ptgsports.org); 806-438-6719,

Vice President: Steve Pagendarm 806-773-3749

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Disciplinary Issues for Ejections

The Executive Committee met and, in an effort to reduce and hopefully eliminate ejections, unanimously approved the following penalties for player, coaches and fan ejections:

- Player - must serve a minimum one game suspension and be cleared by the Executive Committee before playing another HCBL game. ***Manager must contact league director to notify of player ejection within 24 hours of ejection, failure to do so will result in manager suspension and an additional game suspension for player.**
- Coaches - minimum one game suspension penalty and a \$50 fine for first offense, minimum of one game penalty and payment of \$250 fine for a 2nd offense - subject to additional penalties as deemed appropriate by the Executive Committee. 3rd offense will result in manager/coach being removed from the league indefinitely.
- Fans - if a parent or fan gets ejected, the child or relative of the fan/parent will also be removed from the game, a minimum one game suspension penalty and a \$50 fine for first offense, minimum of one game penalty, player ejection and payment of \$250 fine for a 2nd offense - subject to additional penalties as deemed appropriate by the Executive Committee. 3rd offense will result in fan and player being removed from the league indefinitely.

Umpires who eject a player, coach or fan will be required to meet with Evan and/or the Executive Committee before umpiring another HCBL game. **Any coach or player who has been ejected must contact League Director within 24 hours of ejection to discuss the issue to prevent any further penalties.** A player, coach or fan who does not abide by the league disciplinary policies can be removed from the league indefinitely.

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TEAM SUMMARY SHEET AND CHECKLIST

Team Name _____

Classification (circle one) 10U 11U 12U 13U 14U

USSSA Team Membership # _____

To register your team and create your roster with USSSA,

- Go to fivetoolyouth.org or www.ussa.com, click on “Baseball” under “Register Here”
- Create your Fivetool or USSSA Login ID
- You will receive a confirmation email containing login id and password
- Go to either site, login and “Register/Create Team”
- Create your roster and purchase insurance (either on-line or by calling 1-800-741-3014), naming both the (1) **City of Lubbock**, 1611 10th Street, Lubbock, Tx 79401, contact – 806-775-2673 and (2) **Hub City Baseball League, Inc.**, Lubbock, TX, contact – Evan Heath, 806-438-6719, as additional insured’s.

Please complete and submit the following team documents to HCBL:

- This completed form
- Copy of your team’s Fivetool or USSSA Certificate of Liability Insurance naming both the City of Lubbock and Hub City Baseball League, Inc. as additional insureds
- 2021 Team Roster (Fivetool)
- Field Preference and Conflict Form

Head Coach _____ Assistant Coach _____

Assistant Coach _____ Assistant Coach _____

For each coach listed, please submit the following documents:

- Coaches Application
- Volunteer and Criminal History Record Information Release Form
- Copy of Driver’s License3

of Players on Roster _____

In addition to completing the roster form for your team, please submit the following documents for each player listed on your roster:

- Player Application (includes Medical Release)
- Release/Indemnity of All Claims
- Payment of \$1095 per team (checks made out to Hub City Baseball League or HCBL)

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Field Preference and Conflict Form

Team Name _____ Age (circle one) 11U 12U 13U 14U
Team Manager _____

Please indicate your field preference for your team's home games (only check one):

Maxey Field (54/80) located at 28th & Quaker _____
Hodges or 1585 Field (60/90) _____
Comments: _____

The season begins March 21st and ends May 31st. We will try to avoid scheduling games on known LISD, Cooper or Frenship track days and on Easter weekend. Also, you may provide an additional 10 kill dates on which you wish to avoid playing HCBL games. Each date used as a kill date can only be listed once. Example, 3/23, 3/24, 3/25 would count as (3) separate dates. Please list each of these kill dates, if any, below:

Kill Dates - Dates for which our team does not wish to have games scheduled:

- | | |
|----------|-----------|
| 1. _____ | 6. _____ |
| 2. _____ | 7. _____ |
| 3. _____ | 8. _____ |
| 4. _____ | 9. _____ |
| 5. _____ | 10. _____ |

Coach Signature

Date

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COACHES APPLICATION – 2022
FORM MUST BE FILLED OUT COMPLETELY

Name Address

City State Zip code

Home # Work# Cell#

Email Address (used to communicate all league info.)

Position (please circle one) Manager Assistant Coach

Team Name _____ Age 13U 14U 15U

Do you have a child playing for this team? _____ Yes _____ No

Name of child _____

Have you ever coached baseball ____ Yes ____ No _____
Dates Where

Have you ever been reprimanded, warned, put on probation, denied the opportunity to coach, or disciplined in any manner as a result of your conduct or alleged conduct, by any sports association? _____ Yes _____ No

- If the answer is yes please provide the following information on the back of this form.
Describe circumstances, league, year, team name, and director of organization.

Have you ever been convicted of or entered into any plea agreement, as a result of being charged with any crime involving a minor? _____ Yes _____ No * If yes provide details on the back of this form

By signing this application, I do hereby give the written permission to HCBL to verify any and all information in which I have provided herein. I understand the selection of coaches for baseball teams governed by the HCBL is at THE SOLE DISCRETION OF HCBL'S DIRECTORS. As a coach, I agree to abide by all rules and regulations of HCBL. I understand that if I violate any rules or engage in conduct detrimental to HCBL, I am subject to disciplinary rules and/or sanctions, which include being prohibited from continuing in HCBL as a participant.

Signature Date

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Volunteer and Criminal History Record Information Release Form

Please print and use extra paper to complete if additional space is needed

Full Name: _____ Date: _____
Address: _____ City: _____ Zip: _____
Home Phone: _____ Work Phone _____ Cell Phone _____
Email Address: _____
Occupation: _____ Employer: _____
Date of Birth: _____ Social Security No.: _____
Previous volunteer experience (including baseball and year): _____

Do you have children in the program? Yes No If yes, on which team? _____

Special Certification (i.e. CPR, Medical, etc.): _____

Do you have a valid driver's license? Yes No If yes, Driver's License # _____

In which of the following would you like to participate? (Check one or more)

League Official Coach Umpire Other

1. Have you ever been convicted of or plead guilty to any crime(s): Yes No

2. Have you ever been refused participation in any youth programs? Yes No

If you answered "Yes" to questions 1 or 2 provide complete details:

I certify that all statements on this Application are true and correct. As a condition of volunteering, I give permission for HCBL to conduct a background check on me, including a review of sex offender registries, child abuse and criminal history records. I understand that, if appointed, my position is conditional upon HCBL receiving no inappropriate information on my background. I hereby release and agree to hold harmless from liability HCBL, City of Lubbock, directors, volunteers, any organization associated with HCBL, or any other person or organization that may provide such information. I understand that HCBL is prohibited by Federal Regulations from providing me with a copy of my criminal history record; however, I further understand that, upon my request, HCBL may quote to me data from the report. I also understand that, regardless of previous appointments, HCBL is not obligated to appoint me to a volunteer position. If appointed, I understand that, prior to the expiration of my term I am subject to suspension by the President and removal by the Executive Committee or directors for violation of HCBL policies or principles.

Applicant Signature: _____ Date: _____

HCBL Use Only: Background check completed by _____ Title _____ Date: _____ Systems used for background check ____ Sex Offender Registry ____ Criminal History Records Accepted: Yes No

A copy of your current driver's license must be submitted with this form.

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BACKGROUND CHECK GUIDELINES

Applications for all coaches and volunteers are subject to a background check. Applications will be rejected if applicant's record indicates a pattern of criminal behavior and/or applicant has committed any of the following crimes:

- Any offense against a child
- Any felony offense involving domestic violence
- Any sexual offense or is a registered sex offender
- Any acts of lewd or lascivious conduct
- Any offense involving use of firearm or deadly weapon
- Any offense involving stalking, kidnapping or harassment
- Any active warrants
- Any 2 convictions of misdemeanor assault
- Any 2 convictions of misdemeanor theft

Application will be rejected if applicant has committed any of the following within the past 2 years:

- Any single offense for DUI or DWI
- Any offense for possession of a controlled substance

Application will be rejected if applicant has committed any of the following within the past 10 years:

- Any 2 or more DUI or DWI
- Any felony offense

Any and all issues that fall outside of the current policy are to be addressed by the Executive Committee. All arrests must be reported to HCBL within 48 hours, at which time the person will be suspended until the case is reviewed.

HCBL does not discriminate against any person or persons, based on age, race, gender, religion, nationality, or ethnicity.

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PLAYER APPLICATION FOR 2021 SEASON
FORM MUST BE FILLED OUT COMPLETELY

Player's Name: First _____ Last _____ M.I. _____

Address _____

Street City State Zip

Team name Date of birth _____ / _____ / _____
Month Day Year

Email _____ Phone number _____

Note: You must provide your coach with a copy of original birth certificate, not the one from the hospital. This must be received before child will be allowed to play.

Fathers Name _____ Phone _____

Mothers Name _____ Phone _____

Emergency contact _____
Name Relationship

Home # _____ Cell# _____

I/WE THE PARENTS/GUARDIANS OF THE ABOVE NAMED PLAYER/APPLICANT GIVE MY/OUR PERMISSION FOR THE PLAYER TO PARTICIPATE IN ALL ACTIVITIES OF THE HUB CITY BASEBALL LEAGUE HEREAFTER REFERRED TO AS HCBL. I/WE ASSUME ALL RISKS AND HAZARDS INCIDENTAL TO SUCH PARTICIPATION INCLUDING TRANSPORTATION TO AND FROM THE ACTIVITIES, AND I/WE DO HEREBY WAIVE, RELEASE, ABSOLVE, INDEMNIFY, AND AGREE TO HOLD HARMLESS HCBL, CITY OF LUBBOCK, DIRECTORS, COMMITTEE MEMBERS, COACHES, SPONSORS, UMPIRES, VOLUNTEERS, AND SCOREKEEPERS FROM ANY CLAIM ARISING OUT OF ANY INJURY TO MY/OUR CHILD, WHETHER SAID INJURY OCCURS DURING A PRACTICE, A SCHEDULED GAME, OR WHILE BEING TRANSPORTED TO OR FROM GAME.

As the parent/Legal Guardian of the above named player/applicant, I request that in my absence the above-named player be admitted to any hospital or medical facility for diagnosis and treatment. I request and authorize physicians, dentists, and staff, duly licensed as Doctors of Medicine or Dentistry or other such licensed technicians or nurses, to perform any diagnostic procedures, treatment procedures, operative procedures, and X-ray treatment of the above minor. I have not been given a guarantee as to the results of examination or treatment. I authorize the hospital or medical facility to dispose of any specimen or tissue taken from the above-named player/applicant.

Name of parent/Legal guardian: _____

Signature of Parent/Legal Guardian: _____ Date _____

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RELEASE/INDEMNITY OF ALL CLAIMS
FORM MUST BE FILLED OUT COMPLETELY

I, the undersigned, am the parent or legal guardian of _____ (Player's name).
I understand and acknowledge that there are certain inherent risks in player participating in youth baseball or any degree of baseball, and have voluntarily assumed those risks on Player's behalf by granting player permission to play such baseball. I also understand and acknowledge that protective equipment cannot prevent all injuries player might receive while participating in such baseball. Therefore, in consideration of player participating in a Hub City Baseball League hereafter referred to as HCBL game or event, be it in tournament play, league play, or practice at any facility used by HCBL, I _____ on behalf of myself and player hereby release the organizers, City of Lubbock, HCBL directors, committee members, coaches, managers, sponsors, volunteers, supervisors, participants, and persons transporting our child to and from any activities associated with HCBL from liability for any and all injuries, regardless of the cause of such injuries or whether such injuries are anticipated or unanticipated, on the field or off, which may be sustained by player during participation in any HCBL game or event at any facility used for HCBL event.

I further agree that all organizers, City of Lubbock, HCBL directors, committee members, coaches, managers, sponsors, volunteers, supervisors, participants, and persons transporting our child to and from any activities associated with HCBL shall be saved and held harmless by me from and against any and all claims, damages, losses or liability of any type for any injury to my child, received or sustained from my child's participation in a HCBL game or event, be it in tournament play or otherwise, held at any facility used by HCBL including claims and damages arising in whole or in part from the negligence and/or gross negligence of organizers, City of Lubbock, HCBL directors, committee members, coaches, managers, sponsors, volunteers, supervisors, participants, and persons transporting our child to and from any activities associated with HCBL.

I acknowledge that I have read the Release and Indemnity, understand its terms, and have executed it voluntarily, with full knowledge of its significance on this _____ day of _____ 2022.

By: _____
Signature

Team Name: _____

Printed

Relationship

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2021 Sign Sponsor Form and Invoice

Sign Sponsor: \$ 350 per sign

This cost includes a 3'x 5' sign with your business information or any information you choose to be on the sign. Logo artwork or specific information should be e-mailed to the address below and the sign will be created and put up at Maxey Field (28th & Quaker Avenue). Signs will be hung by March 21st until the conclusion of the season. Artwork must be turned in by March 1, 2020.

Invoice:

Company: _____

Contact: _____

Mailing Address: _____

Phone: _____

Email: _____

Number of Signs _____ x (\$350) = _____ Total Amount Due

Hub City Baseball League (HCBL) greatly appreciates your contribution for the 2022 season. Please return this invoice along with any artwork and/or the message you would like to have included on the sign. Please make checks out to Hub City Baseball League and mail to:

Evan Heath
5614 126th St B-1
Lubbock, TX, 79424
806-307-1312
evan@ptgsports.org

Sign Message:

HCBL Team Responsible for Sign Sponsor: _____

HCBL Team Contact for Sign Sponsorship: _____

Contact Info for HCBL Team Contact: _____