

2023 PTAA Baseball/Softball General Information

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About PTAA

Founded in 1968. Situated in the heart of Harrison City, PA Westmoreland County, PTAA maintains and operates 10 baseball / softball fields at the Penn Township Municipal Park Complex. At our fields, we try to provide an exciting and safe atmosphere, in which the youth from our community and beyond our borders, can excel and triumph in the traditional American pastime. Patrons of all ages, places and backgrounds have commented on the uniqueness of our facility and conveyed their enjoyment of participating in our program.

Available Registration Types

1. Spring Season
 - a. Baseball
 - i. Baseball - Instructional (Ages 4-6)
 - ii. Baseball - Minors (Ages 7-8)
 - iii. Baseball - American (Ages 9-10)
 - iv. Baseball - National (Ages 11-12)
 - v. Baseball - Pony (Ages 13-14)
 - vi. Baseball - Colt (Ages 15-17)
 - b. Softball
 - i. Slow Pitch

1. Softball - Instructional 6U (Ages 4-6)
2. Softball - Coach Pitch 8U (Ages 7-8)
3. Softball - Slow Pitch 10U (Ages 9-10)
4. Softball - Slow Pitch 13U (Ages 11-13)
5. Softball - Slow Pitch 18U (Ages 14-18)

ii. Fast Pitch

1. Softball - Fast Pitch 10U (Ages 9-10)
2. Softball - Fast Pitch 12U (Ages 11-12)
3. Softball - Fast Pitch 15U (Ages 13-15)

2. Fall Season

a. Baseball

- i. Baseball - Instructional (Ages 3-5)
- ii. Baseball - Minors (Ages 6-7)
- iii. Baseball - American (Ages 8-9)
- iv. Baseball - National (Ages 10-11)
- v. Baseball - Pony (Ages 12-13)
- vi. Baseball - Colt (Ages 14-16)

b. Softball

i. Slow Pitch

1. Softball - Instructional 6U (Ages 4-6)
2. Softball - Coach Pitch 8U (Ages 7-8)
3. Softball - Slow Pitch 10U (Ages 9-10)
4. Softball - Slow Pitch 13U (Ages 11-13)

ii. Fast Pitch

1. Softball - Fast Pitch 10U (Ages 9-10)
2. Softball - Fast Pitch 12U (Ages 11-12)
3. Softball - Fast Pitch 15U (Ages 13-15)

Age Eligibility

PTAA Softball league selection in the spring is by age. Softball league selection in the fall is by grade or age of the player. Age based on the date of birth of the player registering. Grade is based on the grade player is entering during current or upcoming school year.

PTAA Baseball league selection in the spring and fall is by age. For many years PTAA has followed the little league age determination guidelines. Recent changes to these age guidelines have forced the PTAA baseball program to not enforce the revised little league mandates. In 2016 the board voted to **NOT** follow the new little league age changes and keep the original cut off dates for all ages. More info on this change [here](#).

1. For In-House Baseball – Spring Season Only

Player eligible if date of birth between:		
League	Date Range	Age
Instructional	May 1, 2018 and April 30, 2019	4
Instructional	May 1, 2017 and April 30, 2018	5
Instructional	May 1, 2016 and April 30, 2017	6
Minors	May 1, 2015 and April 30, 2016	7
Minors	May 1, 2014 and April 30, 2015	8
American	May 1, 2013 and April 30, 2014	9
American	May 1, 2012 and April 30, 2013	10
National	May 1, 2011 and April 30, 2012	11
National	May 1, 2010 and April 30, 2011	12
Pony	May 1, 2009 and April 30, 2010	13
Pony	May 1, 2008 and April 30, 2009	14
Colt	May 1, 2007 and April 30, 2008	15
Colt	May 1, 2006 and April 30, 2007	16
Colt	May 1, 2005 and April 30, 2006	17

2. For In-House Baseball – Fall Season Only

- a. League Age determined by child’s age as of April 30, 2023.

3. For In-House Softball

- a. League age determined by child’s age as of December 31, 2022.
- b. League grade determined by current or upcoming school year

Schedule Information

1. In-House Registration

a. Spring

- i. Registration Opens 1/15/23
- ii. Registration Closes 3/19/23
- iii. Regular Registration (ONLINE Only) 1/15/23 to 3/19/23
- iv. Late Registration (BY REQUEST email ptaa@playptaa.com) 3/20/23 to 4/21/23
- v. Work Parties 4/20/23 and 4/21/23
- vi. All player drafts week of 3/20/23

b. Fall

- i. Registration 6/5/23 to 8/13/23

2. Seasons

a. Softball and Baseball In-House

- i. **Spring**
 - 1. Player Draft week of 3/20/23
 - 2. Opening Day 4/22/23
 - 3. Season 3/25/23 to 6/15/23 (weather may impact dates)
- ii. **Fall**
 - 1. Player Draft week of 8/14/23
 - 2. Season 8/19/23 to 10/31/23
- b. **Baseball Travel** – Teams are self-funded. To be on a PTAA Baseball Travel team you need try out in August for a travel team.
 - i. Teams selected from player evaluations in August each year.
 - ii. Season Runs 11 Months August Current Year to July Following Year.
 - iii. Baseball Travel is not associated with the Baseball In-House program.
- c. **Baseball All-Stars/Softball Tournament Teams**
 - i. Any players wishing to be on an all-star/tournament team try out in May.
 - ii. Only In-house Softball and In House Baseball players are eligible to tryout.
 - iii. Formal Player Evaluations – May
 - iv. Practice – June
 - v. Tournaments – June to July

Registration Fees

Registration during the Spring Season is online via credit card. Fall Season registration is by credit card only. Checks NOT accepted online during registrations. If other financial arrangements need to be made, please contact ptaa@playptaa.com.

Optional Concession Stand Fee of \$75 selected during registration will cover parents/players who would like to opt out of concession stand duty. We strongly encourage every parent to volunteer to work the stand and not opt out. If you agree to work the stand, you will be asked to provide a \$75 check to PTAA at the first practice. Your check will ONLY be cashed if you agree to work the stand but then don't work as committed. When you work the stand, your check will be returned or destroyed.

1. Spring Season

Registration Type	Regular Registration Fee
Baseball - Instructional (Ages 4-6)	\$70.00
Baseball - Minors (Ages 7-8)	\$90.00
Baseball - American (Ages 9-10)	\$95.00
Baseball - National (Ages 11-12)	\$110.00
Baseball - Pony (Ages 13-14)	\$125.00

Baseball - Colt (Ages 15-17)	\$155.00
Baseball – Travel (Ages 7-14)	\$60.00
Baseball – All Stars (Ages 7-14)	\$30.00
Softball - Instructional 6U (Ages 4-6)	\$70.00
Softball - Coach Pitch 8U (Ages 7-8)	\$80.00
Softball - Slow Pitch 10U (Ages 9-10)	\$90.00
Softball - Slow Pitch 13U (Ages 11-13)	\$95.00
Softball - Slow Pitch 18U (Ages 14-18)	\$100.00
Softball - Fast Pitch 10U (Ages 9-10)	\$110.00
Softball - Fast Pitch 12U (Ages 11-12)	\$115.00
Softball - Fast Pitch 15U (Ages 13-15)	\$120.00
Softball – Tournament (Ages 7-14)	\$60.00

Eligible Spring Registration Discounts

1. Softball/Baseball families who register more than one player and the total registration costs are more than \$250.00, the family will only pay the max of \$250.00 for the spring season. Family max discount is not available in the Fall season and/or does not apply to Baseball All-Star, Junior Legion, Baseball Travel, or Softball Tournaments players.

2. Fall Season

Registration Type	Regular Registration Fee
Baseball - Instructional (Ages 3-5)	\$45.00
Baseball - Minors (Ages 6-7)	\$55.00
Baseball - American (Ages 8-9)	\$70.00
Baseball - National (Ages 10-11)	\$90.00
Baseball - Pony (Ages 12-13)	\$100.00
Baseball – Travel (Ages 7-14)	\$30.00
Softball - Instructional 6U (Ages 4-6)	\$55.00
Softball - Coach Pitch 8U (Ages 7-8)	\$55.00
Softball - Slow Pitch 10U (Ages 9-10)	\$55.00
Softball - Slow Pitch 13U (Ages 11-13)	\$55.00
Softball - Fast Pitch 10U (Ages 9-10)	\$55.00
Softball - Fast Pitch 12U (Ages 11-12)	\$55.00
Softball - Fast Pitch 15U (Ages 11-12)	\$55.00
Softball – Tournament (Ages 7-14)	\$30.00

Baseball/Softball Registration Fees Breakdown and Allocation

The PTAA organization is a non-profit and the goal for our program is to offer low-cost sports opportunities to the Penn Township community while covering the costs the organization realizes each year at the same time. We offset most of our costs through sponsorships, fundraisers, and concession sales. Per player, costs listed below would be the costs of our programs if we did not have sponsors, fundraisers, or run the concession stand. It is important that every player and parent volunteers and participates in these fundraisers and works the concession stand to offset the PTAA program costs.

	Spring Baseball	Spring Softball	Fall Baseball	Fall Softball
Total Expenses 2019	\$35,509.08	\$26,084.78	\$14,282.00	\$4,820.94
Projected # Players 2020	290	140	220	90
Per player cost	\$122.45	\$186.32	\$64.92	\$53.57

Fundraisers/Events – All Dates Pending Penn Township Recreation Board Approval

1. PTAA

- a. Dicks Sporting Goods Shopping Days March 17th to 20th 2023
- b. Amazon Smile program, shop amazon and support PTAA @ <http://smile.amazon.com>

2. Baseball In-House

- a. **1 fundraiser in 2023.**
 - i. All Star Baseball Tournament June 22nd to 28th
 1. For more information send email to baseball.tournaments@playptaa.com

3. Softball In-House

- a. **2 fundraisers in 2023.**
 - i. PTAA Softball Tournament May 26th to 28th
 - ii. Rec/Community Allstar Tournament July 21st to 23rd 2023
 1. For more information email softball.director@playptaa.com

4. Baseball Travel

- a. **1 fundraiser in 2023.**
 - i. Father's Day Classic – June 15th to 18th
 1. For more information email travel.director@playptaa.com

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PTAA Refund Policy

The Penn Township Athletic Association has a comprehensive refund policy that we've outlined below: All refund requests must be submitted in writing to either the Director of Baseball or the Director of Softball depending on the division player registered for. Contact info listed on our Board Members page.

- 100% of registration fee up until player uniforms are ordered (minus a \$5 processing fee/Website service fee is non-refundable)
- 50% refund between uniform orders and season start (minus a \$5 processing fee/Website service fee is non-refundable)
- 0% refund after season officially starts

Refunds also issued under the following circumstances subject to review by the board of directors.

- Injury
- Relocation
- Unable to be placed on a team

If the PTAA Organization incurs any fees related to disputes or refunds, PTAA will add these fees to the players account online or final refund amount.

By-Laws and Rules

[PTAA By-Laws](#)

Uniforms

Spring Baseball Players receive shirts, hats, and pants in all leagues except Instructional. These players only receive a shirt and hat. Spring Softball Players receive shirts, hats, pants, and socks. Fall Baseball/Softball Players receive shirts and hats only. Please make your size selections properly using the sizing guide provided. PTAA is not responsible for sizing errors. [Sizing guide](#)

Parent Commitments, Committees, Coaching, and Board Membership

The continued success of the Penn Township Athletic Association and its programs is from its volunteers. PTAA is always looking for help. During the registration process you will have the ability to select if you would like to help the association or not.

The minimum parent commitment when you register a player is providing concession stand support with your team during the regular fall or spring season. If you have multiple children in the program you will need to participate for each player.

If you are interested in coaching, please select this option during registration.

The association has many different key areas that require lots of support and volunteers. These key areas are Maintenance, Concessions, Team Mom, League Representatives, Tournaments, Sponsorship and/or Equipment. If you are interested in anyone of these programs, select your interest during registration or send an email to ptaa@playptaa.com.

Disclaimers

1. Registration Final Message

PTAA is under no obligation to grant special requests for your child to be on a specific team, have a specific coach, or be placed on a team with a specific player other than a sibling, or be re-drafted. Any such request must be made to the BASEBALL or SOFTBALL BOARD and requires board approval. Penn Township Athletic Association also reserves the right to use any photograph/videography taken at any event, sponsored by PTAA, without the expressed written permission of those included within the photograph. Photographs may be used in publications or other media material produced, used or contracted by PTAA including but not limited to: newspapers, magazines, television, websites, etc. Any person desiring not to have their photo taken or distributed must contact the PTAA President in writing of their intentions and include a photograph. The photo will be used for identification purposes and will be held in confidence by the PTAA organization.

2. Association Release and Consent

I / We, the parent or legal guardian of the registered applicant(s), hereby give my/our approval for his/her participation in any or all association activities during the current year. I/We assume all risk and hazards to, during, and from the activities, and do hereby waive, release, absolve, indemnify, and agree to hold harmless the "Penn Township Athletic Association" and its sponsors, managers, assistants, and umpires for any claim arising out of any injury to the applicant incurred while participating in any association related activities. Activities include scheduled games, practices, and workouts. I/We agree to return uniforms and other equipment belonging to the "Penn Township Athletic Association" in an as good as received condition, less reasonable normal usage.

3. Injury Disclaimer

PTAA is not responsible for monitoring the health or injury status of your child. PTAA is not responsible for any injuries incurred by your child during his or her participation in PTAA activities. As a parent, if you think your child (defined herein as under 18 years of age) may have an injury, preexisting or otherwise, you should:

1. Remove your child from play.

2. Keep your child out of play on the day of the injury. Your child should be seen by a healthcare provider and only return to play with permission from a healthcare provider who is experienced in evaluating injuries.

3. Ask your child's healthcare provider for written instructions on helping your child return to play. You can give the return-to-play instructions to your child's coach. Do not try to judge the severity of the injury yourself. Only a healthcare provider should assess a child for a possible severe injury. You may not know how serious the injury is at first, and some symptoms may not show up for hours or days. A child's return to sports should be a gradual process that is carefully managed and monitored by a healthcare provider.

4. Communicable Diseases Waiver/Release

PTAA WAIVER/RELEASE FOR COMMUNICABLE DISEASES INCLUDING COVID-19

ASSUMPTION OF RISK / WAIVER OF LIABILITY / INDEMNIFICATION AGREEMENT

In consideration of being allowed to participate on behalf of the Penn Township Athletic Association (PTAA) and related events and activities, the undersigned acknowledges, appreciates, and agrees that:

1. Participation includes possible exposure to and illness from infectious diseases including but not limited to MRSA, influenza, COVID-19, and Multisystem Inflammatory Syndrome in Children (MIS-C) Associated with Coronavirus Disease 2019 (COVID-19). While rules and personal discipline may reduce this risk, the risk of serious illness and death does exist; and,
2. I KNOWINGLY AND FREELY ASSUME ALL SUCH RISKS, both known and unknown, EVEN IF ARISING FROM THE NEGLIGENCE OF THE RELEASEES or others, and assume full responsibility for my participation; and,
3. I willingly agree to comply with the stated and customary terms and conditions for participation as regards protection against infectious diseases. If, however, I observe and any unusual or significant hazard during my presence or participation, I will remove myself from participation and bring such to the attention of the nearest official immediately; and,
4. I, for myself and on behalf of my heirs, assigns, personal representatives and next of kin, HEREBY RELEASE AND HOLD HARMLESS PTAA their officers, officials, agents, and/or employees, other participants, sponsoring agencies, sponsors, advertisers, and if applicable, owners and lessors of premises used to conduct the event ("RELEASEES"), WITH RESPECT TO ANY AND ALL ILLNESS, DISABILITY, DEATH, or loss or damage to person or property, WHETHER ARISING FROM THE NEGLIGENCE OF RELEASEES OR OTHERWISE, to the fullest extent permitted by law.

I HAVE READ THIS RELEASE OF LIABILITY AND ASSUMPTION OF RISK AGREEMENT, FULLY UNDERSTAND ITS TERMS, UNDERSTAND THAT I HAVE GIVEN UP SUBSTANTIAL RIGHTS BY SIGNING IT, AND SIGN IF FREELY AND VOLUNTARILY WITHOUT ANY INDUCEMENT.

Website Registration Questions

Spring 2023

Required	Question	Instructions	Type	Values
Yes	Baseball/Softball Shirt Size	Size YS = Youth Size 6-8, Size YM = Youth Size 10-12, Size YL = Youth Size 14-16, Size YXL = Youth Size X-Large 18-20, Size AS = Adult Size Small, Size AM = Adult Size Medium, Size AL = Adult Size Large, Size AXL = Adult Size X-Large, Size A2XL= Adult Size 2X-Large	Dropdown	YS,YM,YL,YXL,AS,AM,AL,AXL,A2XL
No	Baseball Pants Size	Size YS = Youth Size Small 22-24, Size YM = Youth Size Medium 24-26, Size YL = Youth Size Large 26-28, Size YXL= Youth Size X-Large 28-30, Size AS = Adult Size Small 29-32, Size AM = Adult Size Medium 32-35, Size AL = Adult Size Large 36-38, Size AXL = Adult Size X-Large 39-41, Size A2XL= Adult Size 2X-Large 42-44	Dropdown	YS,YM,YL,YXL,AS,AM,AL,AXL,A2XL
No	Softball Pants Size	Size YS = Youth Size Small 21-22, Size YM = Youth Size Medium 23-24, Size YL = Youth Size Large 25-26, Size YXL = Youth Size X-Large 27-28, Size AS = Adult Size Small 29-30, Size AM = Adult Size Medium 31-34, Size AL = Adult Size Large 35-38, Size AXL = Adult Size X-Large 39-42, Size A2XL= Adult Size 2X-Large 43-46	Dropdown	YS,YM,YL,YXL,AS,AM,AL,AXL,A2XL
No	Softball Socks	Small, Medium, or Large (Sizes Run Large)	Dropdown	S,M,L
Yes	I have selected the correct items and sizes	Spring Baseball Players receive shirts, hats, and pants in all leagues except Instructional. These players only receive a shirt and hat. Spring Softball Players receive shirts, hats, Shorts, and Socks. Please make your size selections properly using the sizing guide provided. PTAA is not responsible for sizing errors. Sizing errors may incur additional fees.	Dropdown	Yes,Pick Correct Sizes
No	BASEBALL: My Son/Daughter is interested in the Junior Umpire Program for Baseball?	Umpires get \$10 per game. Applies to age 12 and up only. Umpires will umpire Minor league games.	Dropdown	Does Not Apply,Yes,No
No	SOFTBALL: My Daughter is interested in the Junior Umpire program for Softball?	Umpires get \$10 per game. Applies to age 12 and up only.	Dropdown	Does Not Apply,Yes,No
No	Special Requests/Comments		Text	

Fall 2023

Requirement	Question	Instructions	Type	Values
Yes	Baseball/Softball Shirt Size	Size YS = Youth Size 6-8, Size YM = Youth Size 10-12, Size YL = Youth Size 14-16, Size YXL = Youth Size X-Large 18-20, Size AS = Adult Size Small, Size AM = Adult Size Medium, Size AL = Adult Size Large, Size AXL = Adult Size X-Large, Size A2XL= Adult Size 2X-Large	Dropdown	YS,YM,YL,YXL,AS,AM,AL,AXL,A2XL
Yes	I have selected the correct items and sizes	Fall Baseball/Softball Players receive shirts and hats only. Please make your size selections properly using the sizing guide provided. PTAA is not responsible for sizing errors.	Dropdown	Yes, Pick Correct Sizes

2023 PTAA Members of the Board

[PTAA Members of the Board](#)

Sponsorship Opportunities

As an all-volunteer organization, PTAA provides Softball & Baseball opportunities to the youth of Penn Township. While every player is charged a registration fee, this unfortunately does not cover all expenses. For a small donation, your business can help us in our endeavor to provide first-rate opportunities to the children of our community. Last year, approximately 800 Penn Township children participated in our various programs. Your sponsorship of a local team or scoreboard goes a long way in assisting our organization with the day-to-day costs of operating a volunteer program.

If you are interested in sponsoring a team please see our online form on the main page of the site.

If you are interested in a 3 year scoreboard see our online form on the main page of the site.

If you have a question about sponsorships please contact the PTAA Sponsorship Coordinator via email ptaa.sponsors@playptaa.com.

Association Player Safety Information

[Link to General Player Safety Policy](#)

[Link to Concussion Policy](#)

Baseball/Softball Approved Equipment

PTAA recommends the following MANDATORY equipment for its players ages (3 to 6)

1. Glove
2. Athletic shoes/cleats optional
3. Shorts/pants optional
4. T-Ball Bat
5. Helmets provided by coaches/own helmet optional.

PTAA recommends the following MANDATORY equipment for its players ages (6+)

1. Fielders Glove
2. Cleats
3. Sliding shorts, athletic supporters, and a cup. Catchers are required to wear a cup. No catcher can catch without a cup.
4. Chest Guard. Pitchers are required to wear a chest guard in order to pitch. No pitcher can pitch without a guard.
5. Bat - Only USA stamped bats up to 2 5/8 and wood bats are allowed. Any other bat is not allowed.

PTAA recommends the following OPTIONAL equipment for its players ages (6+)

1. Batting Helmet - PTAA Provides coaches with helmets if needed by players.
2. Equipment Bag
3. Mouth Guard
4. Sunglasses
5. Batting Gloves
6. Water Bottle

More Information If you would like more information or have a question for PTAA please send an email to ptaa@playptaa.com.