



Licking Heights Youth Association
WHATS NEW FOR BASEBALL IN 2010

LHYA Members,

My name is Jason Harvey and I am the new LHYA Baseball Director. I have been involved in LHYA for two years as a head coach for the tee ball division. I am looking forward to an exciting 2010 baseball season.

In efforts to strengthen our baseball program, we will be instituting a core team concept. This will allow our coaches to better understand player abilities and lead to more competitive teams. It also changes how the draft will be conducted. For further details please refer to the recreational draft procedure link.

New this season, we will be offering girls 6U tee ball. Our new girls tee ball is an effort to better prepare our young ladies making the jump from tee ball to softball. This new division will be played very similar to the existing tee ball rules, only with a softball and an emphasis on softball fundamentals. This will be a self-contained division requiring a minimum of four teams.

We will be offering free open gyms before the season starts so please keep checking the website for upcoming dates.

We are very proud to announce the start of the Challenger Softball Program in association with LHYA. This is a coed program designed for youth ages 4 – 18 who are intellectually, developmentally or physically disabled. Challenger softball is open to all regardless of their disability. Play in this division will be a “buddy ball” system; a “buddy” is designated to each player on the field to help during practices and games, should one be needed. Even if a child is physically able to throw or catch a ball, all are encouraged to play, their “buddy” is there to help. It’s all about the experience of being on the field and part of a team. A “buddy” may be a softball or baseball player from our other divisions, a coach, parent, family member or a volunteer member of our community. The Challenger Program is a self-contained league that will be starting play on Sunday afternoons in June. Look for upcoming news and information regarding registrations for this program soon.

Feel free to contact me with any questions or concerns at Director-Baseball@lhya-sports.org.

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