

# SQUIRREL HILL BASEBALL ASSOCIATION

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Dear Players and Parents:

September 10, 2005

Welcome to the Fall 2005 baseball season. This season will feature the largest number of players in the history of our fall league. Over 500 players, ages 4 to 17, will be dispersed over 43 different teams. In fact, in Pony and Colt alone, we have close to 200 participants. We thank everyone for all the great feedback and suggestions and are very grateful to the large number of you that have volunteered your time. With your continued support, we look to once again provide good competition in a safe and enjoyable environment.

Over the first eight months of 2005, there were many improvements to our program:

- 1) The “Spring Training” and “Summer Baseball Camp” programs were run by the Bianco School of Baseball and received many great reviews. We look forward to the Bianco School once again directing these programs in 2006. You can now look for spring Training 2006
- 2) Junior Pirates was a big hit in the spring for the newer players in pre-school through 2<sup>nd</sup> grade. We will continue our affiliation with this program for the fall season.
- 3) Communications between the league, its coaches, and the players and families saw a great improvement during the spring. We hope to continue to improve by constantly updating all pertinent information. Please review the information listed on the team roster that will be given out next weekend and contact Randy Frankel at (412) 306-0369 with any changes or additions.
- 4) Full use of the league’s website, [www.sqhillbaseball.org](http://www.sqhillbaseball.org), (please note .org) was a major highlight of the spring season. Once again, all game results, standings, and the league schedule will be listed on the site. The most valuable feature, the “Special Alert” section will be used to provide updates on bad weather days. It was a very successful time saver during the spring.

**LEAGUE MAKE-UP** – The Pony League will consist of six teams, comprised of two Squirrel Hill teams and one team from Sacred Heart, Munhall, Swissvale and West Mifflin.

The Colt League will consist of seven teams comprised of teams from Squirrel Hill, Sacred Heart, Mt. Lebanon, Peters, Munhall, Alderdice and the Steel Valley baseball teams. There might be an eighth team added to this Division.

**FIELDS** - In the Pony League Division, we will use Alderdice, Mellon, Magee, Calhoun Field in Munhall, and Whittaker in West Mifflin.

Colt League games will be played at Alderdice, Mellon, Magee, South Park and Wildcat and Mellon Fields in Mt. Lebanon. Directions will be given out next week to all of these fields.

**SCHEDULE** - The majority of the games will be played on Saturdays and Sundays. The complete schedule will be dispersed next weekend. There will be playoffs at the end of the season which will take place at the end of October.

**PNC PARK DAY** – PNC Park Day is set for Sunday, October 30<sup>th</sup>. More information to follow.

**INCLEMENT WEATHER** – If weather conditions are questionable, first call your coach and then call (412) 306-0369 an hour and a half before your game to confirm if we are playing. Even if it rains during the day, the field may still be playable.

I want to thank everyone in advance for what I am sure will be a great season. As always, please feel free to contact me with any questions or comments.

Sincerely,

Randy Frankel  
Director of Baseball