

SQUIRREL HILL BASEBALL ASSOCIATION

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Dear Players and Parents,

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Welcome to the Spring 2006 Baseball Season. Once again this year we had a tremendous increase in player registration. In addition to over 40 teams (ages 4 to 17) from Squirrel Hill, we are excited to welcome to our program, teams from Allegheny Valley Youth Baseball (Hurricanes - Division 3), Stanton Heights (Seton Hall - Division 2) and Sacred Heart (Harvard and Princeton – Division 2).

Below is a general guide for the spring season:

Team Info on a single sheet At the bottom of the team rosters is that team's schedule for the first half of the season. We expect to release the remainder of the schedule during the first week of May. Releasing the schedule in two parts gives us the ability to react to issues that arise early in the season, including competitive imbalances, inclement weather, and unexpected schedule conflicts. Please use the contact information at the bottom of each roster (website and phone numbers) to check the status of games when weather conditions are questionable.

Schedule Improvements Results of recent parent surveys lead us to believe the following scheduling changes will add to the positive experience for both players and parents. To make game times more convenient, barring weather problems we will have:

- Weekday games starting at 5:30 PM
- No 9:00 AM or 9:00 PM Saturday games
- No 7:30 PM Sunday games
- No games scheduled at Community Day, and
- No games on Mother's Day

Game Locations Most of the games will be at Lederman Field. A limited number of games will be at Mellon Park, Stanton Heights or Squaw Run Field in Fox Chapel. Directions will be posted on our website.

League Web Site Our website, www.sqhillbaseball.org, is much improved over last season. All game results, standings, and the league schedules will be listed on the site. The most valuable feature, the "Special Alert Section," will be used to provide updates on bad weather days.

Pirates Promotion By now you should have received the materials from the Pittsburgh Pirates, along with our cover letter. If you have not received this, please let me know at once. Please forward your orders to Randy Frankel at the above address. We will keep track of orders to insure proper credit is given towards awards from the Pirates and the additional awards provided by Squirrel Hill Baseball.

Summer, Fall, and Baseball Camps As our programs grow, registering in advance is more important than ever. The summer season will start after the July 4th weekend, the fall will run from the end of August to mid-October, and the summer baseball camp under the direction of the staff of the Bianco School of Baseball, will be the week of August 7th. Please call Randy Frankel at once to sign-up for all of the sessions.

Uniforms All uniforms will be given out at your first game. All players must wear their complete uniform (t-shirt, hat and white baseball pants). If you need white baseball pants, please see Randy or Neil at your first game.

If you need additional information, please refer to our website or call Randy Frankel at (412) 306-0369.

Looking forward to a great season,

Randy Frankel
Director of Baseball

Craig Frischman
Co-Commissioner

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