



## Welcome to the 2022 Junior Saltdogs League baseball program.

Our Lincoln Youth Baseball Organization is associated with our hometown Lincoln Saltdogs, and we use the name “**Junior Saltdogs League**”.

All program services and daily League administration are provided by our Organization. For more information and if any questions, please contact the Junior Saltdogs League Board of Directors using the email links on our website at [www.jrsaltdogs.com](http://www.jrsaltdogs.com).

### DIVISIONS AND PROJECTED NUMBER OF GAMES:

- U6 t-ball for 5-6 yr olds [**must be at least 5 yrs old as of 4.30.22**]: 13 games plus JSL tournament
- U8 machine pitch for 7-8 yr olds: 13 games plus JSL tournament
- U10 for 9-10 yr olds: 16 games plus JSL tournament
- U12 for 11-12 yr olds: 18 games plus JSL tournament
- U14 for 13-14 yr olds: 20 games plus JSL tournament
- U17 for 15-16-17 yr olds: 14 games plus JSL tournament

NOTE: The number of players, number of teams, and field availability may affect the total number of games for each division

**REGISTRATION:** All registrations must be submitted using our online registration system (see the home page of our website for the registration link). Accepted payments are credit cards or electronic checks from a checking or savings account.

1. The regular registration period will be from January 10 – February 19, 2022 with JSL covering the online processing fee.
2. The late registration period will be from February 20 until midnight on March 5. A \$25 late fee will be added as well as the online processing fee for each player. **There will be no U6-U14 registrations accepted after March 5 – NO EXCEPTIONS. U17 division, see special section below.**
3. We will have one all-inclusive player fee (there will not be a fundraiser in 2022)
4. JSL commissioners form teams based on the requests listed on each player’s registration for (1) coach request, (2) friend request, (3) school and (4) home zip code. If you plan to list a coach or friend request, check with that coach/friend **before** you register to make sure he/she plans to volunteer to coach/play and for what division. Please be sure to list his/her correct first and last name.
5. After you have registered, changes can be made until March 5 – to do this email Deb at [jslregistrations@jrsaltdogs.com](mailto:jslregistrations@jrsaltdogs.com) with the change. She will respond back to you to confirm she received your change. After March 5, no changes can be made.
6. We do not accept registration forms that are mailed in – NO EXCEPTIONS.
7. There are no registration refunds.

**U17 HIGH SCHOOL DIVISION:** For 2022, our high school division will include 15, 16 and 17 yr olds (as of 4.30.22). Since registration refunds are not given, if you anticipate trying out for a summer legion baseball team, please do not sign-up with Junior Saltdogs League until after Legion tryouts are done. For U17, we will open a second registration period in late April which will stay open until later in May (refer to the U17 page of our website for additional details and the final registration deadline). Games for the U17 division will start in mid-June and run through July. Head coaches must be at least 21 years of age. A mandatory U17 head coach meeting will be held in early June. The U17 commissioner will contact all U17 head coaches when they are finalized with the meeting details. U17 coaches will then reach out to all their players.

**NEW FOR U17 DIVISION ONLY:** Due to trouble in past seasons, a player’s pass (similar to soccer) will be used for U17. The pass will have a photo of the player (the player or head coach will supply the photo to JSL). The pass will be used by JSL to verify each player prior to the start of each game. In case any questions arise, each player must also bring a photo ID to each game. If any player’s identification is questioned from the player pass and the player does not have a photo ID at the game, he will be ineligible to play in that game.

### **What’s New for 2022**

**FEES:** Like 2021, we will have one all-inclusive player fee which includes registration, a shirt and cap. There will be no fundraiser.

**REGISTRATION:** All registrations must be submitted using our online system with credit cards and electronic checks from a checking or savings account. JSL will cover the online processing fee during the regular registration period. During late registration, a \$25 late fee will be added as well as the online processing fees.

**GAME TIME:** Game time will remain at 1 hr 15 min for U6 and 1 hr 30 min for U8; and will be increased to 1 hr 50 min for U10-U17.

**HELMETS:** All age divisions require a helmet with a full face guard. We will provide helmets to each coach for the team to share. It is an automatic out if a player wears a helmet without a full face guard.

**HEAD COACHES:** Must be at least 21 years old.

**U17 DIVISION ONLY:** At the start of the season, a player’s pass will be developed for each registered player with a photo supplied by the player or head coach. See more in the U17 paragraph at left.

**AGE VERIFICATION:** Submitting your online registration certifies that all information is accurate. JSL reserves the right to require a birth certificate to be shown upon request by a JSL board member. For the U17 division, the player's birth certificate, learner's permit, driver's license, or passport must be shown before the final registration deadline for age verification. If you've played in our high school division in past years and you have already provided the age verification document, we have that noted in our system so you will not need to provide it again. If you are new to our high school division, Deb will reach out after receiving the registration so that you can forward her the age verification document. A player's age as of April 30, 2022 determines the youngest age division that he/she can play in. We recommend that all players play in their appropriate age division; however, players can play up one age division. **To play in the U6 t-ball division, players must be at least 5 years old as of April 30, 2022.**

**ROSTERS:** Players will be assigned to a team in the division they registered for based on their requests for coach, friend, and school. Requests are not guaranteed but we do our best to honor them when we are able to.

**COMMUNICATION:** If you have questions, please check the FAQ page of our website at [www.jrsaltdogs.com](http://www.jrsaltdogs.com). If your question is not answered there, email the board member/commissioner that you need using the email addresses listed on our website.

**HEAD COACHING:** Everyone should answer the question about the willingness to head coach which is part of the player registration. Background checks will be conducted on all individuals indicating a willingness to be a head coach. We do allow and encourage anyone wanting to head coach to attach a list of the players you anticipate being on your team to your child's registration form. It will be used as a guide only. Commissioners will refer to the individual player registration forms as their primary source, but having a coach list is helpful when they begin the team sort process. Note that JSL reserves the right to add or remove players. Roster sizes will vary by team and division. Commissioners will make the final decisions on individuals selected to head coach a team and will contact them directly with the date of the mandatory head coaches meeting.

**GAME SCHEDULES:** U6-U14 games will most likely begin in mid-May (for U17 see the special paragraph on page 1). Please plan accordingly as games will not be rescheduled. Each year, the number of teams and available fields vary. Schedules are not finalized until late April and until that time, we cannot commit to certain days for any division. Possible game days are week day evenings; Saturday morning, afternoon and evening; or Sunday afternoon/evening. Sunday games would not begin before 1pm

**RAINOUTS:** The playing fields are checked by JSL, city park officials, and field owners before a determination for safety and playability is made. Game cancellations are forwarded via mobile text alert (see next section) and also posted on the Rainout Info page of our website by 5 pm. Please note that JSL does not own any fields so we must wait for representatives from each of the fields to contact us as to whether games can be played. Field and weather conditions may improve or deteriorate after the fields are checked and may be different in other areas of town. The rainout decisions are final, and teams should not play the game on their own.

- The first two rainouts will not be rescheduled; after that we will attempt to reschedule rainout games, **but no guarantees can be made.** Head coaches should notify their commissioner as soon as they have their 3<sup>rd</sup> rainout. All tournament games are an added bonus and may not be rescheduled if rained out.

**MOBILE TEXT ALERTS:** At the start of each season, all parents, players, coaches, and umpires must register to receive text alerts. Directions will be emailed out and added to the website Rainout Info page closer to the start of the season.

**GAME FIELDS:** Each year, we work closely with the City and other privately-owned organizations to secure playing fields. Many fields across Lincoln are used in order to complete the schedule.

**PRACTICES:** Where, when, and how often to practice is left completely up to the head coach of each team.

**NO SMOKING:** Smoking is not allowed at any fields that we rent.

**BAT RULES/INSPECTIONS:** Bat rules remain the same as in the past few years and are listed on the home page of our website. Bat inspection dates (beginning in May) will be added to the home page when dates are set. Bats without our orange sticker (U10-U14) or green sticker (U17) must be inspected and stickered before they can be used in a game. Any bat can be used in U6-U8 with no bat inspections or stickers required.

**SPONSORSHIPS:** Team sponsorships are a great way of supporting youth baseball in Lincoln. Businesses can choose to sponsor a specific team, player, or coach. Team sponsors are given prominent recognition with the name and/or logo of the company on the team shirts as well as on our website and in our Season Highlights in the *Lincoln Journal Star* in August. For more information, see the "Sponsors" page on our website at [www.jrsaltdogs.com](http://www.jrsaltdogs.com). If you know of a business that might be interested, please let them know about this opportunity or contact a JSL board member at [jslsponsors@jrsaltdogs.com](mailto:jslsponsors@jrsaltdogs.com).

**Our Junior Saltdogs "Know Your Role" philosophy:** Players will play, coaches will coach, umpires will umpire, and parents will parent.

**Play ball . . .**

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**Concussion information for coaches, parents and players is posted on the "Concussions" page of our website.**