



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.

U17 DIVISION

PLAYERS: U17 is for 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 team, please do not sign-up with Junior Saltdogs League until after legion tryouts are done.

PROJECTED NUMBER OF GAMES:

- 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 first registration period for U6-U17 is from January 10-March 5.
2. The second registration period just for U17 will open in late April and close at midnight on May 25. We are not able to accept registrations after May 25.
3. 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.
4. After you have registered, changes can be made until Mat 25 – to do this email Deb at jslregistrations@jrsaltdogs.com with the change. She will respond back to you to confirm she received your change. After May 25, no changes can be made.
5. There are no registration refunds.

GAMES

Games will start in mid-June and run through July. Head coaches must be at least 21 years of age. A mandatory head coach meeting will be held in early June. The U17 commissioner will make the final decision on who is a head coach. Those individuals will be contacted in late May with meeting details. U17 coaches will then reach out to all their players.

PLAYER'S PASS

NEW FOR 2022: Due to trouble in past seasons with teams playing non-registered players, a player's pass (similar to soccer) will be used for U17. The pass will have a photo of the player - Deb will reach out after receiving the registration with information on the photo and how to submit it. 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.

AGE VERIFICATION: Submitting your online registration certifies that all information is accurate. 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.

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.

GAME TIME: Game time for U17 will be 1 hour 50 minutes.

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. See more in the U17 paragraph at left.

ROSTERS: Players will be assigned to a team 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. 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: The U17 schedule will be finalized and linked on the U17 page of the website in early June. Games will begin in mid-June and end no later than July 31. Games are generally held on Tuesday and Friday evenings and 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 3rd 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: U17 games are generally played at Densmore field

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 inspections for U17 will be done at the field on the first game night. We follow high school bat rules for U17 so a bat must be a -3 and have the BBCOR stamp on it. If it does, JSL will put a green sticker on the bat before it can be used in a game. Umpires will look for this sticker. If a player steps in the batter's box with an unstickered bat, the player is out.

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. For more information, see the "Sponsors" page on our website at 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.

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.