



Welcome to the 2023 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**.

DIVISIONS AND PROJECTED NUMBER OF GAMES:

- U6 t-ball for 5-6 yr olds [**must be at least 5 yrs old as of 4.30.23**]: 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 9 - February 18 with JSL covering the online processing fee.
2. The late registration period will be from February 19 until midnight on March 4. 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 4 – NO EXCEPTIONS. U17 division, see special section below.**
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 March 4 by emailing Deb at jslregistrations@jrsaltdogs.com with the change. She will respond back to you to confirm she received your change. After March 4, no changes can be made.
5. We do not accept registration forms that are mailed in – NO EXCEPTIONS.
6. There are no registration refunds.

U17 HIGH SCHOOL DIVISION: 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 (see 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.

A Player’s Pass will be used in U17. The pass will have a photo of the player (watch for an email after you register for directions on how to submit a current head & shoulders photo). JSL will keep all the players’ passes on file during the season. They will be used by JSL to verify each player prior to the start of each game. In case any questions arise, each player should 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: For our U6-U14 divisions, 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. After you have registered, watch for an email from Deb on how to submit the document. If you’ve played in our U17 division in the past, your age verification is already completed. A player’s age as of April 30, 2023 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, 2023.**

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. 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: 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. Season games for U6-U14 games will most likely begin in mid-May (for U17 see the special paragraph on page 1). Please plan accordingly as games are not rescheduled.

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: To keep our text alert system current, we delete those who registered to receive the alerts the prior season. So at the start of each new 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. 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.