

Homer's Heroes Baseball League

A Division of Junior SaltDogs



HOMER'S HEROES BASEBALL was founded in 1992, when the Optimist Clubs of Lincoln began providing boys and girls with a wide range of disabilities the opportunity to experience the fun and emotional development of playing in an organized baseball league.

Games: All Homer's Heroes Baseball games, with the exception of the June 22nd game, will be played on the Lewis fields at 2210 M St. Games will begin at 9:30 A.M. each Saturday beginning June 1 with the final game on July 13. The June 22nd game will be played on the UNL Women's softball field at Haymarket park. Salt Dog management, players and Homer will join us for this game.

Structure: Games will not be played according to the standard rules of baseball. Score is not kept, the goal is to provide the thrill of participation. Every attempt is made to allow each player an equal number of at bats throughout the course of a game. Players may elect to hit off a tee or have a coach pitch.



Safety: The Optimists believe safety is the first priority. During games "Buddies" help their partners who have special needs by giving appropriate assistance as needed, such as guiding someone who

is visually impaired, using hand over hand assistance to help a child to bat or throw a ball, or pushing for a child who uses a wheelchair around the base paths. This interaction has proven to be a positive experience for all participants involved.

Team Pictures: Order forms will be passed out following the game on June 8. Team pictures will be taken at the game on June 22 at Haymarket Park. **The Optimist Clubs have secured funds to help parents with the cost of the photo for those in need of financial assistance.**

Night of Fun: Two free tickets will be available for each player to attend the June 22 Saltdogs Baseball game. Additional tickets will be available by order through Homer's Heroes Baseball, quantities will be limited. Before the game, several lucky Homer's Heroes players will escort the Saltdog players out on the field during the introductions.

Awards Night Family picnic: There will be a family night picnic following the season. Each player will receive a special award for participating in the Homer's Heroes Baseball League.

Monday, July 15 at 6:30 pm

Location TBD



Age: Minimum age is five (5) years old on or before June 1, 2024. Players cannot be over seventeen (17) years old on June 1, 2024. **Players will be divided into different teams based on age.**

League Furnishes: The Optimist Clubs will provide all certified batting equipment, all helmets, specialized softballs and bottled ice water for the games. League T-Shirts and caps will also be provided. **Players may furnish gloves for use during the game if players so wish, though this is not a requirement.**

There are times when it is raining in North Lincoln and sunny in South Lincoln. Our volunteers / ground-keepers will update the **Rain Out Information** if it is determined conditions are not suitable to play. Rainout and other announcements will also be posted on Facebook.

**Rain Out Information will be via
Facebook and Email**

Homer's Heroes League Baseball

Registration: Complete the Registration and Release and return to:

Homer's Heroes Baseball
c/o Dottie Williams
2300 Atwood Circle
Lincoln NE 68521

Registration Fee: There is no fee required to participate in Homer's Heroes Baseball. A registration received after **May 16** will be allowed to play but cannot be assured of receiving a league T-Shirt. *The only way a league T-Shirt can be guaranteed for the start of the season is to register prior to May 16.* No players may be registered after the first games on June 1.

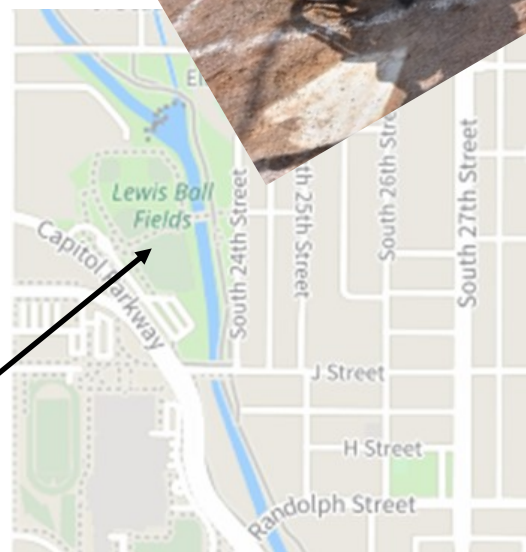
2024 Schedule

June 1	9:00 sign-in/9:30 game Lewis Field
June 8	9:30 game Lewis Field
June 15	9:30 game Lewis Field
June 22	9:00 UNL Women's softball field Haymarket Park—team pictures attend Salt Dog game - 6:05 pm
June 29	9:30 Cornhusker State Game Lewis Field
July 13	9:30 game Lewis Field
July 15	6:30 pm Family Awards Picnic location to be determined (TBD)

Other Information: If you have any questions or suggestions please inform an Optimist member during the game. We are more than willing to listen to ways we can improve the Homer's Heroes Baseball League. You may call Jeanne Cuda 430-7394 or Dottie Williams 304-2583.

Lewis Fields 2210 M Street

Registration Due No Later Than May 16, 2024



Don't Delay...Register Today!
Season Begins June 1, 2024