

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 27th game, will be played on the Lewis fields at 2210 M St. Games will begin at 9:00 A.M. each Saturday beginning May 30 with the final game on July 11. The June 27th 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 has proven to be a positive experience for all participants involved.

Night of Fun: Two free tickets will be available for each player to attend the June 27 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.

Thursday, July 16 at 6:30 pm—Haymarket Park



Age: Minimum age is five (5) years old on or before May 30, 2026. Players cannot be over seventeen (17) years old on May 30, 2026. **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:

Register online at www.jrsaltdogs.com using the Homer's Heroes Division registration form.

Registration Fee: There is no fee required to participate in Homer's Heroes Baseball.

Registration closes May 1, 2026.

2026 Schedule

May 30	8:30 sign-in/9:00 game Lewis Field
June 6	9:00 game Lewis Field
June 13	9:00 game Lewis Field
June 20	9:00 Cornhusker State Game Lewis Field
June 27	9:00 UNL Women's softball field Haymarket Park—with Salt Dogs
June 27	6:05 pm Salt Dogs game
July 4	Off week—Have a Safe & Happy 4th
July 11	9:00 game Lewis Field
July 16	6:30 pm Awards Picnic Haymarket Park

Other Information: If you have any questions or suggestions, we are more than willing to listen to ways we can improve the Homer's Heroes Baseball League. The best way to contact us is by email at homershéroesbaseball@gmail.com.

Registration Due No Later Than May 1, 2026



Don't Delay...Register Today!
Season Begins **May 30, 2026**