

DRACUT BASEBALL ASSOCIATION

January 2011

Dear Parents and Guardians,

Although it's hard to believe with all this snow and cold weather, Baseball season is almost here, and it's time again to register. Over the last few seasons, we have had over 800 boys and girls playing baseball in the program, and the program continues to grow each and every year. Please make sure to get your registration in early so we can guarantee your player placement on a team. We don't want anybody to miss out on another exciting season of Baseball in Dracut!

As many of you are aware, Dracut Baseball will have use of the new baseball field at Dillon – McAnespie Park. This field has 70' base paths, and is a little bigger than the smaller diamonds we use at fields like Hovey and Veterans Memorial Park. With the use of this new field, Dracut Baseball will be introducing a new league, **Major 70**, and it will be used by all **12 year olds**, and any **13 Year olds** who request to be part of the new league. Having this new field is a tremendous benefit to the players and Association as it allows for a smoother transition from the 60' to the 90' diamonds. This new league will also have the benefit of using patched umpires and rules similar to the Babe Ruth League.

Lastly, I would like to add that the program can not be a success without the many volunteers and sponsors that make Dracut Baseball a positive and rewarding experience for the young baseball players in Dracut. Dracut Baseball Association is always looking for help, so if you would like the rewarding experience of coaching, helping administer the program, or sponsoring a team, please contact us at feedback@dracutbaseball.com or visit our website at <http://www.dracutbaseball.com> for more information.

On behalf of the Dracut Baseball Association, I thank you for your continued support and look forward to another successful season!

Sincerely,

Brian Duff

President, Dracut Baseball Association

DRACUT RECREATION REGISTRATION INFORMATION

FOR:

BASEBALL AND SOFTBALL 2011

ATTENTION RETURNING PLAYERS

Simply print the registration form and return it by mail by the deadline to:

Dracut Recreation Dept.

11 Springpark Ave.

Dracut, MA 01826

Baseball

T-ball	Must be 5 by 4/30/11	\$45.00
Farm	Must be 7 by 4/30/11	\$45.00
Rookie	Must be 8 by 4/30/11	\$45.00
Minor National	Must be 9 by 4/30/11	\$80.00
Minor American	Must be 10 by 4/30/11	\$80.00
Major 60	Must be 11 by 4/30/11	\$80.00
Major 70	Must be 12 by 4/30/11	\$95.00
Babe Ruth	Must be 13 by 4/30/11	\$95.00

(Cannot turn 16 before 4/30/11)

Girl's Softball

Minor	Must be 7 before 9/1/11	\$70.00
Junior	Must be 10 before 9/1/11	\$80.00
Senior	Must be 13 before 9/1/11	\$80.00

(Cannot turn 17 before 9/1/11)

Registrations will also be accepted in the Dracut Recreation Office from February 14th through March 11, 2011. Any registration received after 3/11 and before 3/18 will be charged a \$25.00 late fee and put on a waiting list. The waiting list does not guarantee placement on a team. Absolutely no registrations will be accepted after March 18, 2011.

Programs are offered to Dracut residents only. Fraudulent registrations will result in a no refund expulsion from the program. First time participants; please bring proof of birth. Please contact the Dracut Recreation Office with any questions you may have.

978-458-4478

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DRACUT BASEBALL REGISTRATION

11 SPRINGPARK AVE. 978-458-4478

LAST NAME: _____ FIRST: _____

STREET ADDRESS: _____ PHONE: _____

EMAIL: _____

DATE OF BIRTH: ____/____/____ AGE AS OF **4/30/2011**: _____

Please check appropriate league:

TBall (5, 6): _____ Farm (7): _____ Rookie (8): _____

Minor National (9): _____ Minor American (10): _____

Major 60 (11): _____ Major 70 (12 or 13): _____ Babe Ruth (13+): _____

ARE THERE ANY MEDICAL ISSUES WE SHOULD BE AWARE OF: YES NO
IF YES, PLEASE EXPLAIN _____

Please read the Parent's and Player's Code of Ethics on the reverse side and review the behavior policy with each participant. The objective of the Dracut Recreation program is to provide an opportunity for boys and girls to participate in activities in a structured, safe and friendly environment. Good sportsmanship will be emphasized not only to participants, but also to coaches, parents and other spectators. Behavior contrary to Dracut Recreation objectives is unacceptable and will not be tolerated.

My signature below indicates that I am the legal parent/guardian who has custody and resides in Dracut with this minor. In addition, my signature below indicates that my children and I have read, understand and will abide by the Code of Ethics and the Behavior Policy.

PRINT NAME: _____ SIGNATURE: _____

D.R.C. SIGNATURE: _____ DATE: _____

The Town of Dracut has no insurance coverage for program participants. False statements are grounds for non-refundable dismissal from our programs.

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PARENTS' CODE OF ETHICS FOR YOUTH SPORTS

The essential elements of character building and ethics in sports are embodied in the concept of sportsmanship and six core principles: **TRUSTWORTHINESS, RESPECT, RESPONSIBILITY, FAIRNESS, CARING AND GOOD CITIZENSHIP**. I hereby pledge to provide positive support, care and encouragement for my child participating in youth sports by following this Parents' Code of Ethics:

- I will not force my child to participate in sports.
- I will inform the coach of any physical disability or ailment that may affect the safety of my child or the safety of others.
- I will learn the rules of the game and the policies of the league.
- I (and my guests) will encourage good sportsmanship by demonstrating positive support for all players, coaches, and officials at every game, practice or other youth sports events.
- I will place the physical and emotional well being of my child ahead of my personal desire to win.
- I will insist that my child play in a safe and healthy environment.
- I will support coaches and officials working with my child, in order to encourage a positive and enjoyable experience for all.
- I will teach my child to play by the rules and to resolve conflicts without resorting to hostility or violence.
- I will require that my child's coach be trained in the responsibilities of being a youth sports coach and that the coach upholds to Coaches' Code of Ethics.
- I will remember that the game is for youth—not adults.
- I will do my very best to make youth sports fun for my child.
- I will praise my child for competing fairly and trying hard, and make my child feel like a winner every time.
- I will never yell at or ridicule my child or other participants for making a mistake or losing a competition.
- I will remember that we are guests in the schools and that it is my responsibility to supervise non-playing children and to dispose of any trash that I bring into the gym.
- I will demand a sports environment for my child that is free from drugs, tobacco and alcohol and will refrain from their use at all youth sports events.

PLAYERS' CODE OF ETHICS FOR YOUTH SPORTS

I hereby pledge to be positive about my involvement in Youth Sports by following the Players' Code of Ethics.

- I will encourage good sportsmanship from fellow players, coaches, officials and parents at every game and practice, by demonstrating good sportsmanship myself.
- I will attend every practice and game that I can, and I will notify my coach if I cannot attend.
- I will expect to receive a fair and equal amount of playing time.
- I will do my very best to listen and learn from my coaches.
- I will treat my coaches, other players, officials and fans with respect, regardless of race, sex, creed or abilities and I will expect to be treated accordingly.
- I deserve to have fun during my sports experience and will alert parents or coaches if it stops being fun.
- I deserve to play in an environment that is free from drugs, tobacco and alcohol and expect adults to refrain from their use at all youth sports events.
- I will encourage my parents to be involved with my team in some capacity because it is important to me.
- I will do my very best in school.
- I will remember that sports participation is an opportunity to learn and have fun.