



FOSTER CITY YOUTH BASEBALL ASSOCIATION

PO Box 4552

Foster City CA 94404

PROUDLY AFFILIATED WITH PONY AND COLT BASEBALL SINCE 1981

November 17, 2009

Dear New and Returning PONY Baseball Players and Parents:

Welcome to the 2010 PONY baseball season. Signups are now underway.

PONY is a 2-year program for "league age" 13 and 14 year olds, and uses the same rules as college/professional baseball, including stealing, balks and metal cleats. To be eligible to participate in this program, you must be a current resident of Foster City and must have been born between May 1, 1995 and April 30, 1997 (inclusive). The program begins with practices in mid-February, games from mid-March thru May, playoffs in early June, and all-star competition thru mid-July.

New "PONY PLUS" tournament option

Starting this year, FC Pony will be teaming with Foster City Tournament Baseball (www.fctb.org) to offer year-round baseball to interested 13/14 year old Foster City players. Tournament activities will be scheduled around the Pony practice/game schedule, to provide the best of both intercity Pony league and U14 tournament play – or "PONY PLUS" baseball.

The tournament program will be comprised of one or more U14 tournament teams, which compete throughout Northern California during the summer and fall seasons, with practices year-round. The precise number of tournament teams will depend on Foster City player interest, and Foster City Pony players will be afforded preference in assembly of these tournament team(s).

Please note that the tournament program is entirely optional, and players are welcome to play just Pony if they so desire.

Applications

Each year the FC Pony organization is fortunate to be able to accommodate most/all players that sign up. If you are interested in playing PONY baseball, it's important that you sign up by **December 15, 2009**. Applications received after this date will be placed on a waiting list.

Tryouts are required for all players (including returning PONY players) and are scheduled for Saturday, January 23, 2009 at 10am, 11:30am and 1:00pm (rainout date is January 24 at same times). Please indicate your first and second preferred tryout times on the enclosed application.

To complete the application process, please send the following back to Foster City Youth Baseball:

- Completed/signed Application form along with *your email address that you access frequently*
- Completed/signed Information/Medical Release form
- Check made payable to FCYBA for \$200
- Copy of the players birth certificate (**if new Pony Player**)
- Mailed to FCYBA, PO Box 4552, Foster City, CA 94404

Further information regarding registration, schedules, organization, forms and other details is available on the league's website at www.fcpony.org. Please also see the reverse side of this page for a list of the current FCYBA Board of Directors, as well as important information regarding participation in parallel spring sports programs.

If you have other questions or concerns, please feel free to contact either of us at the numbers below. For questions regarding tournament baseball, please call Dennis Millstein at 578-8534. We look forward to your participation in the 2010 PONY program.

Sincerely,

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Board members of Pony/Colt Baseball for 2010 season

Gary Pollard	President and Colt Rep	415-519-4279
Mark Nielson	Pony Rep and Website	415-412-7628
Mike Shaffer	Treasurer and Fall Ball Rep	573-6942
Kathy Luther	Tournaments	759-4901
Dennis Millstein	Fields, Equipment & FCTB liaison	578-8534
Glen Weisman	At-Large	572-9023

Foster City Youth Baseball Association is a parent-run volunteer organization. There are many board and non-board member duties that need to be completed during the baseball season. To keep this program a success, parents are urged to “get involved”!

Please feel free to contact any of the above board members throughout the year to discuss FCYBA or to become active in board or other volunteer activities.

Foster City Pony/Colt Parallel Sports Policy

FCYBA is anxious for players to enjoy a positive and rewarding experience through its PONY/COLT baseball programs. Attaining this requires a certain level of commitment to the program on the part of all players. In fairness to teammates, coaches and the players themselves, the League has accordingly adopted the following policy regarding Parallel Sports Programs:

Scholastic sports programs will take precedence over FCYBA.

Except for Foster City Tournament Baseball, players are not eligible to play in another Baseball league (Babe Ruth, etc) during the Spring/Summer season.

Participation in other tournament teams (Starmakers, Traveling All-Stars, etc) may be permitted during the Pony/Colt season only with prior board approval during the registration process.

Please contact a Board Member if there are any questions.

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2010 APPLICATION TO PLAY

(Print Player's Name)

I/We, the parents of the above named candidate applying for a position on a Pony/Colt team, hereby give my permission to participate in any and all Pony/Colt activities.

I/We acknowledge that participation in baseball may result in serious injuries and that protective equipment does not prevent all injuries to players. I/We do hereby waive, release, absolve, indemnify, and agree to hold harmless the local Foster City Youth Baseball Association (FCYBA), Inc., the organizers, sponsors, supervisors, participants, and persons transporting my/our child to and from activities for any claim arising out of any injury to my/our child and whatever the result of negligence or for any other cause except to the extent and in the amount covered by accident and/or liability insurance. I/We assume all risks of such participation, including, but not limited to, transportation to and from activities.

I/We agree to support the FCYBA Pony/Colt program and to work with the League to promote the best possible atmosphere for baseball. I/We acknowledge that the League exists because of the volunteer efforts of many people providing the best they can and I/We will treat the volunteers (managers, coaches, umpires, board members, and other volunteers) with the highest respect befitting their service to the community and to my/our child.

I/We agree to return the uniform and other equipment issued to my/our child in good condition as when received except for normal wear and tear or I agree to pay a sum of \$150 to cover replacement cost. Uniform and equipment will be returned when my/our child's season ends or when participation in the program ends.

I/We will furnish a copy of the potential player's birth certificate to the league officials if this is the player's first year in PONY.

I/We certify that our child is physically able to engage in the type of physical activity required by Pony/Colt Baseball. I/We further agree to notify the League officials of any change in our child's physical health that would limit or not allow his/her participation.

I/We further agree to observe the local rules and requirements such as, but not limited to, the prohibition of alcoholic beverages and drugs on the playing fields, and to observe the need to drive safely in the areas around the playing fields.

My/Our child played baseball last year in -

Foster City Little League (circle one): Majors AAA Foster City Pony/Colt
Another City: _____ What level: _____ Did not play: _____
Check if player participated last year as a Pitcher _____ and/or Catcher _____.

Is player interested in the "PONY PLUS" program, incorporating year-round tournament baseball in addition to the Pony program? (circle one) **YES NO** (NOTE: Further information for interested tournament players will be provided separately at a later time).

Is player participating in another sport during Feb 15 – July 15, 2010

(Soccer, Basketball, etc) If yes, please identify sport and school or non-school activity

Tryouts for **All Players** will be held Saturday, January 23, 2010 at 10AM, 11:30AM and 1:00PM (weather permitting, rainout date is January 24 at same times).

Please give us your first & second choices: _____ Times will be granted on a first come first served basis.

Enclosed is a: _____ Completed Application
 _____ Check made payable to FCYBA for \$200
 _____ Completed Medical Release Form
 _____ Copy of Birth Certificate (NEW PLAYERS ONLY)

Mail to: FCYBA, PO Box 4552, and Foster City, CA 94404 City by December 15, 2009

Signature: _____
Father/Mother/Guardian (Circle One)

Date: _____

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2010 Information and Medical Release

PLAYERS INFORMATION

Name: _____ Birth Date: _____

Address: _____

Street

City

ZIP

Home Phone: _____ Player Cell Phone: _____

Primary e-mail contact: _____

PARENT/GUARDIAN INFORMATION (complete address, etc. if different from child)

Father's Name: _____ Home Phone: _____

Address: _____ Work Phone: _____

e-mail: _____ Cell Phone: _____

Mother's Name: _____ Home Phone: _____

Address: _____ Work Phone: _____

e-mail: _____ Cell Phone: _____

Child lives with (circle one) Mother Father Both

MEDICAL EMERGENCY INFORMATION

In case of emergency and you cannot notify either of the above, please contact the following person(s) and/or appropriate medical professionals listed below:

Name: _____ Home Phone: _____

Address: _____ Work Phone: _____

Physician: _____ Phone #: _____

Dentist: _____ Phone #: _____

Hospital & Location: _____

Medical Insurance Co: _____ Plan #: _____

Are there any special medical needs or allergic conditions that should be brought to the attention of an attending medical person?

PARENT/GUARDIAN MEDICAL RELEASE

In the case of emergency, the team manager, adult coach, or any board member of the Foster City Youth Baseball Association is hereby authorized to have my/our child treated by any licensed physician, dentist and/or hospital. I/We will be financially responsible for such treatment.

Signed: _____ Date: _____