

The **Bettendorf-Pleasant Valley Youth Baseball Association** is now accepting **registrations online** at <https://active.leagueone.com/Olr/Pages/Welcome.aspx?ClubId=14196>.

Renewing registrations from past years is as easy as reviewing contact information and making necessary corrections. First-time users also will find using the system less time-consuming while offering greater data accuracy. Online registration also offers credit-card payments (check also may be sent to: BPV, P.O. Box 215, Bettendorf, Iowa, 52722).

Note: The season starts **March 24** with tryouts/evaluations for all but the oldest and youngest divisions. All players are placed on a team; the evaluations are only used for a draft by coaches to try and ensure a competitive balance. Division drafts for the coaches are planned the week after the tryouts and before Easter Sunday (assignments are generated by those drafts).

Practices for all but the oldest division begin **after Easter**, with games planned to start on or about **April 30**. (The Seniors Division begins May 14). All-Star Games are planned on and around the **July 4** holiday. Depending on weather, all seasons should wrap up by **mid-July** (Seniors run until approximately July 31).

In general: Expect to play a couple of games each week. Once games start, practice time is mostly available on the weekends, decided on by a team-by-team, first-come basis. (The two oldest divisions usually play 3 games per week).

All players receive a **jersey, hat and baseball socks** for their uniform. Baseball pants and shoes, as well as gloves are the responsibility of the participant. (Some also provide their own helmets and bats, but BPV also provides those, along with catchers gear, in a set of team equipment).

Note: BPV does not exclude participation due to financial hardship. Contact Bob Tappa (rftappa@gmail.com or 563-499-4702) for more information or to discuss payment options.

Behind-the-scenes help running the all-volunteer organization also is necessary. Please consider volunteering by contacting Steve Tappa (tappa@qconline.com or 563-676-8111). For sponsorship information, please contact Dan Escontrias (danesco33@gmail.com or 563-210-3489). Umpires are also needed and compensated for their work; contact Ron Johns (johnsronald@johndeere.com at 706-220-7286).

Coaches also are needed in all divisions! (Contact any of those listed).

The divisions offered this year are the same as last season (in all divisions, all players bat in order and participation rules are followed):

-- **Coach Pitch:** A beginning program for Grades 1-3. Coaches pitch to batters. Players run the bases with some restrictions. Six-inning games. Fields used are at Hoover School and the diamonds nearest to Splash Landing at Middle Park (Called Lowry & 23rd St.). Most teams grouped by school. Also: LeClaire-only teams are a registration option on a first-come, first-serve basis.

-- **Intro to Kid Pitch:** Geared for 3rd graders and any advanced/veteran coach pitchers ready for a new challenge. Kids pitch to hitters with restrictions. A mixture of rules are used from the Coach Pitch and Minors Division to prepare players for the next level. Six-inning games. Field used: Crow Creek #6 (by the soccer fields). LeClaire-only teams are a registration option on a first-come, first-serve basis. New this year: Evaluations & a draft!

-- **Minors:** For Grades 4-5. Full kid pitch with base-running restrictions. Regulation games are six innings. Fields used: Scheck Park and Crow Creek #10 & #11 at the 4-Plex. Teams formed by a draft following evaluations. LeClaire-only teams are a registration option on a first-come, first-serve basis.

-- **Majors:** For Grades 6-7: Full base running rules. Regulation games now seven innings. Fields used: Crow Creek #8 & #9 at the 4-Plex. Teams formed by a draft following evaluations.

-- **Juniors:** For Grades 8-9. Full baseball. Fields used: Crow Creek #5 and Paul Norton School. Teams formed by a draft following evaluations. Games are seven innings. Fields have lights; night games are normal. Also plays games with and at North Scott Little League. Note: If pairing BPV with high school baseball, consider playing in Seniors on a full-sized diamond against older competition.

-- **Seniors:** Ages 15-20. Full baseball. Fields used: Devils Glen Park and McCausland City Field. Grab your friends and create a team (adult coach needed). All players are placed on a team. Schedule includes doubleheaders on lighted fields on Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays.

For more information about the BPV, visit our website at <http://www.eteamz.com/BPV/>. All general questions may be directed to Steve Tappa at 563-676-8111 or tappa@qconline.com.

Online registration remains open for all ages and divisions for spring and summer play in the **Bettendorf-Pleasant Valley Youth Baseball Association**.

Registration only takes a couple of minutes

at <https://active.leagueone.com/Olr/Pages/Welcome.aspx?ClubId=14196>.

However, for those that need to register in person, walk-up sign-ups will be offered Thursday, **March 22**, from 6:30-8 p.m. at the **Bettendorf Public Library** in the "Bettendorf" room. (A volunteer rally & information session is 8-8:30 p.m.).

Last-chance walk-up sign-ups also are offered prior to the **tryouts/evaluations** on Saturday, **March 24 at Crow Creek Park**. (Rain date Sunday, March 25).

For first-time registrations, please make sure to bring a copy of the birth certificate for participants. While credit card payments are offered online, only checks or cash are accepted at the walk-up sign-ups. The registration fee is \$100.

The schedule for the tryouts/evaluations are as follows:

Crow Creek Park 4-Plex (off Tanglewood Rd., near the back entrance to the YMCA):

9-11 a.m.: Minors (Grades 4-5) and Majors (Grades 6-7) for last names with letters beginning A-L. (If you have a conflict, please attend the other session).

1-3 p.m.: Minors (Grades 4-5) and Majors (Grades 6-7) for last names with letters beginning M-Z. (If you have a conflict, please attend the other session).

Crow Creek Park Diamond #5 Smitty Field (main entrance off Devils Glen Rd.; turn left at the stop sign, away from the DEK hockey rinks, past the skate park; turn right and travel past the Dog Park; turn right again between diamonds; Field 5 is all the way back with a batting cage and lights).

10-noon: Kid-Pitch (3rd Graders or Coach-Pitch players seeking a new challenge); all comers.

1-3 p.m.: Juniors (Grades 8-9); all comers

Notes about the tryouts/evaluations:

- 1) The goal this year is to dramatically reduce any time spent waiting in lines, with special express check-in for those already registered and a separate line for those still needing to register. Once checked in, a new format for the tryouts/evaluations should allow for players to move quickly through the stations.
- 2) All players are placed on teams. The importance of the tryouts/evaluations is two-fold: A) To help strike a competitive balance in divisions, with tryout/evaluation numbers used to draft teams, and B) The top players in the tryouts/evaluations eligible to play on special BPV weekend tournament teams this season (players that do not tryout are not eligible for consideration).
- 3) There are no tryouts for the Coach-Pitch (Grades 1-3) and Seniors (Grades 9-up) Divisions.
- 4) Grades 7-9 are eligible to participate in Juniors. However, if planning to try out and/or play on the high school team, those players should play on a full-sized diamond in the Seniors Division.

For more details about the BPV and this season, please visit eteamz.com/BPV.