

# PAYBAS Baseball Program Overview

## BASEBALL

PAYBAS regularly supports baseball programs for the following age groups:

- 4U Foal - Non-competitive Tee-Ball
- 6U Shetland - Competitive Tee-Ball
- 8U Pinto - Coach Pitch
- 10U Mustang - Kid Pitch
- 12U Bronco - Kid Pitch
- 14U Pony - Kid Pitch

### Team Formation Rules

PAYBAS host two different seasons each calendar year - a spring and a fall season.

- The Spring Season typically runs from March - May (plus All Stars May - July)
- The Fall Season typically runs from September through November, ending before the holidays.

### Games and Practices

There's usually a game on Saturday (and often an additional weekday game during the Spring), plus 1-2 practices per week. The younger kids often practice once per week while the older kids often practice twice per week. The Head Coach will set the practice date and time for each team.

### Location

Games are played at the PAYBAS complex - 701 Immanuel Rd. We share the lot with Pflugerville Elementary School.

### 4U Foal

As much as possible, parent requests for coaches and teammates will be honored in this league. There is no player evaluation and no draft - only a random assignment of players beyond the teammate requests.

Every effort is made to balance ages, but this age group is more about running around the field than any formal type of baseball.

### 6U Shetland, 8U Pinto, 10U Mustang, 12U Bronco, and 14U Pony

Each of these age groups will have a player evaluation and a re-draft format each season. Any player who does not attend the evaluation or relevant make-ups (unless protected) will be drawn randomly from a hat to be assigned to a team.

#### *Protected Players*

For age groups 6U and above, a coach can protect players onto their team. Protecting a player means they are automatically on the coach's team and cannot be drafted by a different team. Every protected player **MUST** have a completed affidavit that is signed by both the parent and the Head Coach turned into the Director of Baseball prior to the player evaluation day. If the player is a returning PAYBAS player, then one of the team's 4 coaches needs to have coached the player in the past two regular seasons (all stars excluded).

#### *Playing Up*

Parents of players may request to play in a division that is the next age division up (e.g. an 8-year old playing in 10U). In order for a player to be considered for an older division, the parent needs to send an email to [board@paybas.org](mailto:board@paybas.org) requesting their child play in the higher division before the end of registration. The player must attend the scheduled skills assessment with the coaches in that division in order to determine if the player is able to play in the older division.

Even if your player is a protected player for an older age division, they must still attend the play up assessment.

### **6U Shetland**

Each coach will be able to protect 5 players onto their team. These 5 must include children of coaches first.

### **8U Pinto, 10U Mustang, and 12U Bronco**

Each of these age divisions will have a *National League* and an *American League*

#### *National League:*

Each of these age divisions will have a National League. The NL coaches will draft their teams first and is intended to represent a more competitive recreational format. The NL teams often play against teams from around the north Austin area, though none of these locations are more than 20-30 minutes from Pflugerville. These teams will be tryout format, and will be drafted from the available player pool first. Coaches in these leagues can protect up to 8 players, which must include any coaches' kids. All coaches will start drafting in the first round, regardless of keepers.

8U Pinto: 3 Teams

10U Mustang: 2 Teams

12U Bronco: 1 Team

#### *American League:*

This will be a standard recreational format, and every kid who signs up will be drafted or randomly drawn from a hat to be assigned to a team. These teams will generally play most, if not all, of their games against other PAYBAS teams within the American League. These teams will be a tryout format. Coaches in these leagues can protect up to 5 players, which must include any coaches' kids. All coaches will start drafting in the round of the draft after their number of keepers. For example, a coach with three keepers won't have a draft pick until the 4th round.

Should we not have enough teams to logically separate the NL and the AL, then we will revert to the AL format and all coaches will be able to protect 5 players. Minimum team numbers are:

- 8U: 6 (6 8U Teams leaves the option of 2 NL and 4 AL still)
- 10U: 6
- 12U: 5

At the player evaluation, parents will be asked to note if their kid(s) should be considered for the National League draft, or only the American League draft.

### **14U Pony**

Each coach will be able to protect 5 players onto their team. These 5 must include children of coaches first and then any subsequent players.