

McLean County PONY Baseball, Inc. Fall Baseball Registration Information

McLean County PONY (*Protect Our Nations Youth*) is a non-profit organization (501c 3 designation) for youth baseball in McLean County, Illinois. Its goals are for players to enjoy and learn the game of baseball. MCPB is part of the national PONY organization and is staffed by volunteers. Continued success is dependent on volunteer support, and your help in any way is appreciated.

Divisions: PONY fall baseball is divided into 4 divisions, based on a player's age as of April 30, **2012** (Next Season):

9U Mustang	12U Bronco
10U Mustang	18U Colt/Palomino

Ages are as of 4/30/2012 (next season). Players must be eligible to play in the Mustang Division in the 2011 season (DOB 5/1/2002-4/30/2003 or 2011/12 school year grade 3) to register for the 9U Mustang Division. 9U Mustang division games will be played on the Pinto Field using Mustang division rules, including player pitch and base stealing. Requests to play above a player's age division and for 11 and 13 year olds to play in the 10U and 12U Divisions will be considered, but not guaranteed.

Location: All 9U, 10U and 12U games are played on the PONY Fields at the Shira Baseball Complex located near the corner of Ireland Grove and Towanda Barnes roads in Bloomington, Illinois. 18U games may be played at the Complex or other nearby high school fields. The complex includes practice facilities such as batting cage available for use by all players. Coolers, outside food and drink, alcohol and pets are not allowed. Players are allowed to bring water bottles.

Uniforms: Shirts are provided for the fall league. Players should furnish their own white baseball pants, gloves and optional baseball shoes. Other baseball equipment, including batting helmets and catcher's equipment, is furnished.

Sized to fit: Field sizes and playing rules are customized to each age group. Score is kept and paid umpires are used.

Teams: Team rosters include 4-6 teams of 11 to 13 players for each division. Every player plays every game. An effort is made to build balanced teams based on player skills. New players will be evaluated using input from the parent or guardian for those players who did not participate in PONY the previous summer. Returning players from the summer are evaluated by coaches the previous season.

Coaches: Coaches are volunteers and are assigned to coach their own children. Those interested in coaching are asked to sign up at registration.

Schedule: Games are scheduled on Sunday afternoons from August 14, 2011 through October 9, 2011 with no games on Sunday, September 4, 2011. Each team will be assigned a practice night Monday through Thursday at the Complex. Each team will be scheduled for 8 game days. 18U Colt/Palomino teams will play doubleheaders starting at 1:00, all others will play single games starting at 1:00, 3:15 or 5:30.

Photos: No team photos are taken for fall baseball.

Fundraising: No fundraising obligation for fall baseball.

Concession Stand: The PONY Complex includes a concession stand. The concession stand provides convenient drinks, snacks, and sandwiches while at the complex, and is also an important financial resource for MCPB. The concession stand will be opened for games on Sundays.

Refund Policy: Full refunds are available if written requests are postmarked by August 10, 2011. No refund request are accepted after August 10. Refund requests should be sent to: McLean County PONY Baseball, Inc., PO Box 1779, Bloomington, IL 61702.

Contact MCPB: Most information is available on our web site (www.mcponybaseball.com) which has email addresses for specific concerns. Additionally, MCPB has a hotline at 309-662-7669 (PONY), please leave a message and someone will return the call. During the season, call 309-823-0402 for information about cancellation and updates.