

**LONGMEADOW BASEBALL ASSOCIATION 2012 SIGNUP INFORMATION**  
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*Under the auspices of the Longmeadow Baseball Association, youngsters age 7 through 19 are eligible to participate in an instructional, but appropriately competitive baseball program. **Signups for each league may be cut off after March 23, 2012 depending on team slots available.** For information on **Late Registration** please contact the Park Department at 565-4160.*

**Registration Dates at the Longmeadow Community House are as follows:**

Saturday, January 28, 2012 – 9:30 AM – 12:00 PM  
 Saturday, February 4, 2012 – 9:30 AM – 12:00 PM  
 Thursday, February 16, 2012 – 7:00 PM – 9:00 PM

All new and returning players must sign up and register at one of the above dates to be eligible to play. New players and players who have not previously shown birth certificates must show a copy of a **CERTIFIED birth certificate** at the time of registration in order to play.

<u>League Organization</u>	<u>League Age</u>	<u>Birthdates</u>	<u>Fee</u>
Longmeadow Travel Baseball	7-12 year olds	5/01/99 - 4/30/05	\$135.00
Sandy Koufax	13-14 year olds	5/01/98 – 4/30/99	\$160.00
Mickey Mantle	14-16 year olds (in high school or 15)	5/01/96 – 4/30/98	\$175.00
American Legion	16-19 year olds	1/01/93 – 4/30/96	\$175.00

<b>Additional nonrefundable fee for late registration (after March 1, 2012)</b>	<b>\$20.00</b>
<b>Last day of late registration for all Leagues</b>	<b>March 23, 2012</b>
<b>Last day for refund of registration fee, if not playing</b>	<b>March 30, 2012</b>

**Because the baseball program is instructional as well as competitive, the players are expected to attend practice and notify their coach if they will be absent from a practice or a game. Practices are scheduled at the discretion of the coaches.**

***LEAGUE ORGANIZATIONS***

**PLAYERS 7-12 YEARS OLD**

**LONGMEADOW BASEBALL 7-12 years old**

Tryouts Saturday, **March 24th at Greenwood Park, time schedule to be determined.**

**All returning players and new players pre-selected in the fall, 2011, need not attend tryouts.**

**All returning and newly selected players** regardless of age will participate in a pre-season **Instructional “Camp” which will begin on March 26 at 4 p.m. at Greenwood Park.**

Teams play at the highest level of age 7-12 competition and will represent Longmeadow in a suburban baseball league such as the Tri-Town league or Springfield John L. Sullivan Sandlot League (JLS). If interested, players who have not played in the travel league must register prior to evaluations and attend the evaluation on March 24<sup>th</sup>. Any player not selected for the **travel league** will be allowed to play in Little League.

7 – 8 year olds will play in the JLS U9 baseball league. Majority of the games will be played in Longmeadow on a 60 foot diamond with kids pitching.

All 9 year olds and some 10 year olds will play on a travel team using a 60-Foot diamond. The remaining 10 year olds and 11-12 year olds will play on travel teams using a 75 foot diamond.

The 11-12 year olds and some 10 year olds will play on a 75 foot diamond. This league also uses the **Official Rules of Baseball:** pitchers hold runners on base, runners take leads and steal. Depending on player availability, teams may participate in regional post-season tournaments.

The baseball program will field teams that will compete in skill appropriate divisions with 2-3 games per week plus practices. Each team will be limited to 12/14 players. Travel is modest as teams participating are from local towns and half of the games should be in Longmeadow. Carpooling for travel games may also be available. The regular schedule (approximately 20 games) leads to a league tournament for each team. The philosophy of the league is to try to balance the teams so that each player can be a contributing member of the team. Games may be scheduled any day of the week. Parents are strongly encouraged to participate and develop their instructional and coaching skills as a head or assistant coach. **Players participating on baseball teams in other towns are not eligible to play in these leagues.**

Coordinator is **George Viamari**

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**PLAYERS 13-19 YEARS OLD**

**LONGMEADOW SANDY KOUFAX TRAVEL 13-14**

All returning and newly selected players will participate in a pre-season Camp which will begin on April 9, 2012 at 5:00 pm at Michalik Field [Wolf Swamp]

**TRI TOWN SANDY KOUFAX**

This league provides players the opportunity to play at competitive level in a travel program and represent Longmeadow. Travel is modest as teams participating are from local towns and half of the games should be in Longmeadow. Carpooling for travel games is available. The season runs from early May through the end of June, with some post-season play possible.

Coordinator is **Max Winkler 478-1599**

**NEYSA SANDY KOUFAX**

Teams play at a higher level of competition and represent Longmeadow in a Sandy Koufax league for 13-14 year olds. **The regular season will last from about the middle of May through the middle of July.** Players will participate in pre-season games and tournaments. Post-season tournament play may also be available. All players **should be available** from Mid-March through July, although limited vacation time may be acceptable. 14 year olds in high school may play either Sandy Koufax or Mickey Mantle at the discretion of the coaches.

Coordinator is **Max Winkler 478-1599**

**MICKEY MANTLE**

Teams play at a higher level of competition and represent Longmeadow in the NEYSA Mickey Mantle League. This league is for 14-16 year olds (in high school). Teams will be decided after the regular High School season. **The regular season will last from about June 1 through the middle of July.** All players **should be available** for that time period, although limited vacation time may be acceptable. Post-season tournament play may also be available. Travel is required. Since slots are limited all players must be registered before the scheduled tryouts and must attend at least one tryout to be eligible to be placed on a team. Tryouts will be announced for some time in May. Players not selected will have their fees refunded.

Coordinator is **Jim Sotiropoulos 567-9840**

**AMERICAN LEGION**

This league is a highly competitive, varsity level program for 16-19 year olds in high school or college. **Players will be selected through tryouts. Notification of the tryout schedule will be made through local newspapers and posted at Longmeadow High School.** Should there be enough players a second 16-19 team will be added as well. **The Legion season runs from mid-June (after High School playoffs) until mid-July.** It is about one month long with 18-20 games, including one possible out of town tournament. **Players must make a commitment to be available for the one month season.**

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