

## Spring 2022 Baseball & Softball

**Recreation Philosophy:** The goals of our youth baseball and softball leagues are not intended to be high pressured or fiercely competitive. Rather, we want to focus on providing each participant with an instructional and rewarding experience, which aims to target and enhance new and previous talents

**These goals will be achieved by:**

1. Building character through the sports of baseball and softball.
2. Promoting good sportsmanship, both on and off the field.
3. Encouraging participation for everyone.
4. Focusing on skill development.
5. Teaching the rules related to the sport.
6. Teaching participants to lose and pursue victory with honor.
7. Have fun!



**Important Dates and Information Coming Up:**

1. Practices are scheduled to begin on and after April 2<sup>nd</sup>. Each team will practice one to two times per week for a minimum of one hour depending on field availability. All practice times are based on our volunteer coaches' schedule.
2. Game schedules and uniforms will be distributed one week prior to the league start date. Tentative Distribution date is Saturday, April 16th.
3. Games are tentatively scheduled to begin Saturday, April 23rd. Please be sure to review the game schedule for game time, date and location. Due to limited enrollment in some divisions, we will be joining in and playing with local recreation centers. This information will be published on the game schedules.
4. We will be using the Telegram Messenger App (available on iPhone/android) to communicate all information regarding our season program (i.e., notifications/announcements, picture day, schedules, etc.) If you need assistance setting up your device please drop by our main office to speak with a staff member. Emails will come from [VALLEYPLAZA.RECREATIONCENTER@LACITY.ORG](mailto:VALLEYPLAZA.RECREATIONCENTER@LACITY.ORG) OR [JUCHELL.WARDLOW@LACITY.ORG](mailto:JUCHELL.WARDLOW@LACITY.ORG)

**Covid-19 Protocol for Spring Sports:**

- OUTDOOR SPORTS (Moderate – High Risk): All Ages 12 and over will be required to show a weekly negative test if they are not fully vaccinated (proof of vaccination required). All Ages 11 and under are not required to test.
- Masks will not be required.

**Good Sportsmanship and Code of Conduct**

- All participants, coaches and spectators are expected to demonstrate good sportsmanship at all times. Make sure the game is fun for everyone involved. Meet the responsibilities to the coach and the team. Maintain an environment free of drugs, tobacco, and alcohol. Make positive and encouraging comments. Keep emotions under control. Address problems, concerns or anything to the coach before approaching staff. Treat the public, officials and staff with respect. Avoid coaching and yelling out instructions from the sidelines. Those exhibiting poor sportsmanship, or unethical behavior may be asked to leave, be suspended or removed from the league.



- We are looking for volunteer coaches! If you are interested in coaching please contact our office at (818) 765-5885 or email us at [valleyplaza.recreationcenter@lacity.org](mailto:valleyplaza.recreationcenter@lacity.org)
- All Volunteer coaches must be fully vaccinated, fingerprinted, cleared by the Department of Recreation and Parks prior to coaching any team.