Mount Laurel Baseball is proud to announce that registration for the spring 2019 season will commence on Wednesday, December 26, 2018. Registration will run through Thursday, January 31, 2019. A late registration period will begin on February 1 however <u>late registrants will be charged a $25 late fee and run the risk of being waitlisted</u>. **Don't delay and register on time!**

In addition to the programs outlined below, we will again be offering indoor training sessions at Pro Skills Baseball Academy for our membership to utilize prior to the beginning of the season. These free sessions for players ages 7 through 12, will be conducted on March 9th & 10th and will feature both hitting and fielding drills. Times will be announced separately.

This year we are offering the following programs:

- **Instructional League (age 5)**   **$80.00**   **[Pre-K]**
    - This league accommodates players born between 5/1/13 and 9/30/14 (see footnote A regarding your Grade Based Election options)
    - Emphasis will be on providing a fun environment while learning the skills of hitting from a height-adjusted batting tee for a level swing, throwing, fielding ground balls, base running and catching. Practice sessions and games will be held one to two days per week lasting a little over an hour. Teams will be put together based on neighborhoods or closest schools.
    - Fields utilized – Hillside School & Triplex @ Laurel Acres
    - Dates / Times: Weeknights at 6:00 pm and Saturday morning – early afternoon

- **T Ball (age 6)**   **$80.00**   **[K]**
    - This league accommodates players born between 5/1/12 and 4/30/13 (see footnote A regarding your Grade Based Election options)
    - This division serves two major functions: to teach the fundamentals of proper hitting, base running, fielding and throwing techniques; and the ideals of good sportsmanship. Practice sessions and games will be held one to two days per week.
    - The season will start off with all players hitting from the tee. As the season progresses we will switch to coach pitch, with use of the Tee only after 5 coach pitches to a batter. Games are Saturdays and one evening during the week.

- Fields utilized – Hillside School & Triplex @ Laurel Acres
- Dates / Times: Weeknights at 6:00 pm and Saturday morning – early afternoon

- **Rookie League (ages 7 & 8) $100.00   [1st-2nd]**
  - This league accommodates players born between 5/1/10 and 4/30/12 (see footnote A regarding your Grade Based Election options)
  - 7 and 8 year old players will be combined to form the Rookie League. In addition to good sportsmanship, this division teaches the fundamentals of proper hitting and fielding techniques.
  - Based on player evaluations the League will be split into two (2) divisions – Patriot (player pitch) and Freedom (machine pitch).
  - Fields utilized – Triplex @ LAUREL ACRES
  - Dates / Times: Weeknights at 6:00 pm and Saturday morning

- **Minors (ages 9 & 10) $100.00   [3rd-4th]**
  - This league accommodates players born between 5/1/08 and 4/30/10 (see footnote A regarding your Grade Based Election options)
  - Based on player evaluations the League will be split into two (2) divisions – Patriot and Freedom.
  - The Patriot Division is a competitive division comprised of no more than eight teams with rosters of eleven or twelve players. This is an ability based group. The fundamentals of throwing, catching and batting are refined. The division

introduces pitching, the catching position and base running/stealing. Scores and standings are maintained with trophies awarded to the Playoff Tournament champion and runner-up. Games are typically Saturday afternoons and Wednesday evenings.

o The Freedom Division refines the fundamentals of throwing, catching and batting. The division introduces pitching, the catching position and base running/stealing. Playoffs follow the regular season for all teams with trophies awarded to the teams reaching the playoff finals. Games are typically Saturday afternoon or evenings and one evening during the week

o Fields utilized – Quad @ LAUREL ACRES, 46' pitching and 60' bases

- **Majors (ages 11 & 12)**   **$100.00**   **[5th-6th]**
  o This league accommodates players born between 5/1/06 and 4/30/08 (see footnote A regarding your Grade Based Election options)
  o Based on player evaluations the League will be split into two (2) divisions – Patriot and Freedom.
  o The Patriot Division is a competitive division comprised of no more than eight teams with rosters of eleven or twelve players. This is an ability based group. Games are typically Tuesday and Friday evenings.
  o The Freedom Division is a competitive division with scores and standings maintained; trophies are awarded to the Playoff Tournament champions and runner-ups. Games are typically Saturday mornings and Monday evenings.

- Fields utilized – Quad @ LAUREL ACRES, 50' pitching and 70' bases

- **Babe Ruth (ages 13 - 15)**   **$120.00**   **[7th-10th]**
    - This league accommodates players born between 5/1/03 and 4/30/06 (see footnote A regarding your Grade Based Election options)
    - Based on player evaluations the league will be split into two (2) divisions – American & National. The American Division will be comprised of 15 year old players and some 14 year old players. The National Division will be comprised of some 14 year old players and 13 year old players.
    - National Division games are typically played Saturdays at either 9am or noon and once during the week. American Division games are typically Saturday afternoons and once during the week.
    - This is a multi-town league of competitive baseball with other neighboring towns.
    - Fields utilized – LAUREL ACRES, Creek Road, Harrington, and other participating town fields. 60'6" pitching and 90' bases.

- **Sr. Babe Ruth (ages 16 - 18)**   **$120.00**   **[11th - 12th]**
    - This league accommodates players born between 5/1/01 and 4/30/03
    - This is a multi-town league of competitive baseball with other neighboring towns. Players from any municipality not offering Sr. Babe Ruth are permitted to register. Games are played on the weekend with an occasional game during the week.

Footnote A – (Grade vs. Age Option)

Mount Laurel Baseball continues to define its leagues in accordance with Cal Ripken Baseball Division definitions. Cal Ripken divisions are age-based and utilize an age determination date of April 30th (i.e. player's age as of 4/30).

Mount Laurel Baseball recognizes that this date is different than the age cut-off date for schools (10/1) and those players with birthdates after 4/30 are prevented from playing with other players in their grade whose birthdates are prior to 4/30. Therefore, MLB will again provide these players with the "option" to play up with their school grade instead of with their assigned age-based league. The following table highlights this option for the 2019 season:

	League Date	Cal Ripken League (age based)	However		Optional League (grade based)
If player is born after	4/30/06	Majors	**If player is in grade**	7th	Babe Ruth National
If player is born after	4/30/08	Minors	**If player is in grade**	5th- 6th	Majors
If player is born after	4/30/10	Rookie	**If player is in grade**	3rd – 4th	Minors
If player is born after	4/30/11	T Ball	**If player is in grade**	1st – 2nd	Rookie
If player is born after	4/30/13	Instructional	**If player is in grade**	K	T Ball

Mount Laurel Baseball continues to follow Cal Ripken's "age-based" divisions and website registration will assign players accordingly. **If you wish to exercise the option to play in a "grade-based" league, please send an email to info@mtlaurelbaseball.com with "grade-based option" referenced in the subject line after completing registration.**

A Player's eligibility for District / Tournament Summer baseball is based on the league in which the Player participated in for Mount Laurel Baseball's recreational season.

If you have any questions please contact Mount Laurel Baseball at info@mtlaurelbaseball.com