

Fall 2024 Registration Information

Big Shanty Fields will be under construction beginning the middle of July through a portion of our fall season to remove and replace the original septic system. The good news is that the construction will eliminate our need to have porta potties at the entrance to the fields, the bad news is that there will be some disruption to the location of our practices and games for at least part of our fall season. We have worked closely with the county to have a plan in place, so we have included that below. Please keep this information in mind during registration. We appreciate you being with us through the years and appreciate your patience during this construction phase as well. The best news is WE WILL HAVE A FALL SEASON! Practices will be held at either Lost Mountain Park (3 fields) or Wild Horse Creek Park (1 field).

Cobb Baseball is for children age 13 to 18 years of age by April 30, 2025.

The registration fee is as follows:

League: Ages 13-14 \$220* League: Ages 15-18 \$220* *PLUS Cobb County Fees

Early Bird Discount of \$10 will be applied for anyone registering **before** July 10th.

Late Fee of \$15.00 will be applied for anyone registering **after** July 22nd.

County Fee: Cobb County charges a fee of \$10 for all players who live in Cobb County. Cobb County charges a fee of \$15 for all players who live outside of Cobb County. The \$10 base fee will be added to all registrations. Out of County registrations will be charged an additional \$5 during the registration process. The fees will be paid to Cobb County Parks and Recreation.

Included in the registration fee is a shirt, hat, socks and belt (pants are not provided) for each player. If a team chooses to add names to the shirt, this is an additional expense. Your child will need a glove, helmet, cleats, and bat.

Bat Rules: Updated: i. All non-wood bats “MUST” meet BBCOR (Batted Ball Coefficient of Restitution). i. Pony Exception – Pony players may use bats that are USA Baseball Certified and no lighter than drop 10. The USA Baseball Stamp must be on the bat. ii. Pony Exception - Pony players may use bats that are USSSA BPF 1.15 Certified and no lighter than drop 5. The BPF1.15 USSSA Stamp must be on the bat.

15U-18U age levels: BB Cor Drop 3 required.

Refunds: All refund checks will be processed and mailed the week of September 9th. 100% refund until July 28th, 50% from July 29th to August 5th. Zero refund after August 5th.

Schedule: You will have a schedule when you are assigned a team after the skills assessment in August. Practices will begin after skills assessment. ***Due to the work being completed at Big Shanty, practices will be held at either Lost Mountain Park or Wild Horse Creek Park until the work at Big Shanty is completed.*** Typically, you will play two games per week with one game during the week and one on the weekend once games begin after Labor Day. Your coach may or may not schedule additional practices with locations to be determined based on availability.

Interleague Play: West Cobb Baseball will be participating in Interleague Play in the Spring. West Cobb teams will play against the following teams: East Side, Kennesaw, Smyrna, Powder Springs, Sandy Plains, Acworth, Roswell and West Cobb. ***Due to the work being completed at Big Shanty, games will likely be held at one of our interleague parks during the week and on the weekend. When possible, we will try to schedule games closer to “home” during the week.*** The Saturday games will likely be against Roswell, East Side or Sandy Plains since they are further away. ***Subject to change.***

Skill Assessment: We will hold a skill assessment for all ages on August 10th at *Lost Mountain Park*. The rain date is August 11th. If for some reason both of those days are rained out skills assessment will be on August 17th. The times will be posted to www.westcobbbaseball.com closer to the assessment date.

Concession Stand: *Concession stand access will depend on local parks used during practices and games. Unfortunately, we will not have access to whether or not they will be available ahead of time. Once we have returned to games at Big Shanty, the concession stand will open during games. The concession stand is not open during practice days/nights at Big Shanty.*

Field Conditions at Big Shanty: When playing at Big Shanty, there will be updated information posted under field conditions on the website when the field status is changed. Please be sure to include a phone number and email address with registration in case notification is sent that way. Please do not use any part of the field, infield or outfield, if the field status is listed as closed. *Communication about games and field conditions at local fields being used while Big Shanty is closed will be communicated to coaches to share with their team.*

Contacts: Board member contact information is listed on our website under contacts.