## 2020 Villa Hills Longhorns Baseball & Softball Sign-Up Information

For the 2020 baseball season, the Villa Hills Longhorns Athletic Association will again be offering youth "instructional" baseball – with both "tee ball" and "coach pitch" available. Additionally, softball is also being added. More details & registration is now open at http://www.villahillslonghorns.com

These leagues are created & supported to make baseball a fun, learning experience for all kids. All practices & games are local (Villa Madonna & Franze Fields in Villa Hills), and all games are played on Saturday mornings/early afternoons.



## **Tee-Ball League (ages 4-5)**

The Villa Hills Longhorns will again offer a local league for our youngest kids, meant to introduce them to baseball. This is an "entry level" league for those playing baseball for the first time – with the purpose of using tees to allow for more "in game action" of the ball being put in play, as well as eliminating the fear-factor of playing with a hard ball. Practices will be 1x per week, and all games will be played on Saturdays at Villa Madonna or Franzen Fields in Villa Hills.

#### Tee-Ball Details:

- Organized teams made up of local Villa Hills & Crescent Springs kids (other surrounding cities are welcome assuming we can
  accommodate the # of kids)
- Targeted to ages 4-5 (but parents are ultimately the judges on the right level of play for their child)
- Season will run from ~April 1<sup>st</sup> thru June 29<sup>th</sup> (ends before July 4<sup>th</sup>)
- Games are ~3 innings long, with a tee being used to allow for a safer, more exciting experience
- Coaches: Over the years, we have been consistently low on coaches. Please consider signing up to help...no baseball experience is required and ultimately we want coaches that will make the experience fun for the players. Practice plans/tips will be offered to those coaches looking for help

### Registration Details:

- Visit <a href="https://villahillslonghorns.com/">https://villahillslonghorns.com/</a> and follow the links to register online
- Registration is open from January 6<sup>th</sup> thru February 28<sup>th</sup>. Late registrations will only be accepted if roster spots exist
- Costs: \$35 per player (includes personalized jersey & hat)
- Contact/Questions: Steve Steinbrunner (513-235-9417 or ssteinbrunner@yahoo.com)

# "Coach Pitch" League (targeted to ages 6-7)

The Villa Hills Longhorns will again offer a local league for our intermediate players, allowing them to hit "live pitching" from coaches prior to entering the "kid pitch" level at the ages of 8 & up. Coaches will pitch to all players, and adjust to each player's needs (with a tee available if a player isn't making contact). Practices will be 1x per week, and all games will be played on Saturdays at Villa Madonna or Franzen fields in Villa Hills.

### Coach Pitch Details:

- Organized teams made up of local Villa Hills & Crescent Springs kids (other surrounding cities are welcome assuming we
  accommodate the # of kids)
- Targeted to ages 6-7, and those that have some baseball experience (i.e. a 5 year old with older brothers/sisters that has advanced skills for their age)
- Season will run from ~April 1<sup>st</sup> thru June 29<sup>th</sup> (ends before July 4<sup>th</sup>)
- Games are ~3 innings long, with a coach pitching to all players
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## **Lady Longhorns Softball Offered (First time ever!)**

"The Longhorns have heard your feedback, and we are ready to help. Beginning in Spring '20, we will be helping the future softball players in NKY get the experience that has been missing in recent years. We are looking for girls in the Villa Hills/Crescent Springs/Ft. Mitchell area, in the general age range of 4-13, that are looking for a local softball option this coming spring/summer. Depending on the interest across the various age ranges, we will determine the right game schedule, leagues, and practice sessions. The goal will be to have games & practices played locally in the Villa Hills area. Perhaps most exciting, we will have access to some of the local high school softball programs, including Notre Dame & Villa Madonna, for coaching clinics, pitching clinics, player development clinics & special events at Varsity softball games. If you have a daughter and are interested in learning more as we get closer to Spring '20, please send an email villahillslonghorns@gmail.com with your daughter's name & age. Thanks!"

### **Registration Details:**

- More details to be offered online once the # of players and ages are determined
- Costs: TBD (includes jersey & hat)
- Contact/Questions: Steve Steinbrunner (513-235-9417 or ssteinbrunner@yahoo.com)