

Newcastle Baseball Club League Registration Frequently Asked Questions



Q: What are the league registration fees?

Division	Ages (as of May 1)	Early Bird Fee (by Jan 15)	Regular Fee
Shetland	5-6	\$90	\$110
Pinto	7-8	\$125	\$145
Mustang	9-10	\$160	\$180
Bronco	11-12	\$200	\$220
Pony	13-14	\$300	\$320

Q: How long does the season last?

A: Generally, practices begin in March, games begin in April and end mid-June.

Q: What programs do you have available for various age groups?

A: Shetland Division (T-Ball) ages 5-6 (**age as of May 1st**)
Pinto Division (Machine pitch) ages 7-8
Mustang Division (Kid pitch) ages 9-10
Bronco Division ages 11-12
Pony Division ages 13-14

Q: Does Newcastle offer girls Softball?

A: At this time, Newcastle does not offer Softball. The closest league that does is Bellevue Thunderbird.

Q: Does my child need to try out?

A: Shetland (T-ball) and Pinto (7-8 yrs old) **do not** try out. All other divisions conduct skills assessments in order to balance the teams.

Q: Can my child request to play for a specific coach or with a specific player?

A: Coach and player requests are allowed for Shetland (T-ball) and Pinto (7-8 yrs old). In all other divisions, players are drafted by the coach.

Q: Can you describe the level of commitment for Shetland/T-Ball?

A: Typically the T-Ball season has 10 practices and 10 games, each lasting approximately 1:15. T-Ball practices start late March at two per week. Practices are often on two weeknights, and occasionally on a Saturday. The focus is on exposure to fundamental skills: throwing, hitting, fielding.

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Q: My son played last year, and he is returning to the same division. Does he need to try out again?

A: All players returning to Mustang, Bronco and Pony divisions must attend the skills assessment/try outs again and will potentially be drafted by another team. Returning players are not automatically placed on their former teams. The only exception is that the children of the 3 coaches are automatically placed on the team coached by their parents and are not required to attend the skills assessment.

Q: What happens if my child tries out but does not make a team?

A: For Mustang, Bronco and Pony divisions, occasionally there are simply too many players for a given division and a small number of players are not placed on a team following the skills assessment and player draft. Those players are given the opportunity to play one level lower (and a credit for the fee difference) or a complete refund from Newcastle Baseball.

Q: If my child plays down a level, is he allowed to pitch?

A: Players that are one year older than the designated age range (measured on May 1) may still pitch in the lower division. Players two years older may not pitch. For example, a player who is 12 on May 1 may play in Mustang but not pitch.

Q: Does my child need to live within a specific boundary to be eligible?

A: The general border is south from Hwy 169 (Maple Valley Hwy), east to Issaquah, north to Kirkland and west to lake Washington. Please email board@newcastlebaseball.com if you are requesting an exception (most are approved).

Q: At the end of the season, are there any Select/All-star teams?

A: Assuming there are enough coaches and players interested, Newcastle typically fields All-Star teams for all age groups, as young as 7 (first year of Pinto). Your coach will have try out details sometime after the regular season has begun.