

Leduc Giants Newsletter

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**LBA
needs your
help!**

We all know the challenges that Covid has given us but on a good note we are playing an outdoor sport that can be done through this mess.

We will have a season it just might start a bit late. In the meantime there will be practicing going on until we get the green light for games!!

We are getting ready to start putting the teams together to get outside and start practicing in the next few days, however we have a low influx of parents stepping up to Coach. **The program does not happen without volunteer coaches, and we need your help!**

LBA has upped our game with coach support this year more than ever with a coaching director and a technical director to assist with coaching. Manuals and support are available for all our coaches.

Now is a good time to jump in as you can help with evaluations and see how we do things and pick up on some drills to run for coaching a team.

Please visit the LBA website to apply for coaching at:

www.leducbaseball.ca or email: coachingdirector@leducbaseball.ca

LBA WELCOMES A NEW TECHNICAL DIRECTOR

Leduc Baseball Association is excited to announce a new member to our team! Jordan Blundell will join LBA as Technical Director. With his extensive experience both on and off the field, Jordan will be an asset to the LBA technical programming in order to give our kids the best experience possible. Jordan has 20+ years of experience at the College Baseball level. As a player, Jordan was named to the NAIA All-American Team('03), was selected to multiple All-Conference and All-Region Teams, played in the 2004 NAIA World Series and was inducted into the University of Jamestown Athletic Hall of Fame. Following his collegiate playing days Jordan played professionally with the Schaumburg Flyers of the Northern League.

In 2005, Jordan became the Head Baseball Coach at Vancouver Island University, spending 12 years leading the Mariners Baseball program, winning a CCBC Championship in 2009 and having 2 players selected in the MLB Draft. While at the Vancouver Island University, Jordan started a youth development program: Vancouver Island Baseball Institute(VIBI) and was instrumental in the creation of the Dover Bay High School Baseball Academy. Over 100 players received scholarship offers during Jordan's tenure in Nanaimo with VIU and VIBI. Along with his Evolution Baseball programming duties, Jordan serves as the AGM and Head Coach of the Edmonton Prospects Baseball Club of the Western Canadian Baseball League(WCBL).

Check out what LBA has to offer

Recreational Baseball

LBA is happy to offer every child in Leduc and area the opportunity to participate in recreational baseball for kids aged 4-18 Registration is still open. Visit our website to register

'A' Baseball

'A' level teams are designed for those players from 11U-18U with a passion for the game and wish to extend their playing season into July. Registration is still open. Visit our website to register

Intro & Rallycap Baseball

LBA offers 2 introductory baseball programs: Intro (age 3-4) and Rallycap (age 4-6). These programs offer athletes at a young age to learn the love of the game and the skills needed for the next level. Registration is still open. Visit the website to register

Challenger Baseball

This is a program designed specifically to empower children living with physical and/or cognitive disabilities with a focus on teamwork, resiliency, inclusion and FUN. This program will be implemented soon. Watch for future announcements.

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2021 LBA Season- Update and things you need to know

The outdoor baseball season is almost upon us. LBA would like to thank all of the coaches and volunteers that assisted us in making the skills camps and indoor training happen and be successful for our athletes during the month of April.

With the weather changing, we can finally get outside and on the diamonds. Starting May3rd, our athletes from 11U-18U will be on the fields finishing up their pre-season training. Please watch for that information coming soon. For the Intro and Rallycap registrants, a schedule for the season and the teams they will be playing on is also expected to come out at the end of the month. If you have recently registered, but did not get a chance to participate in the indoor training, you will be joining us for the outdoor training. We expect that full teams will be created and games to start around mid-May.

LBA is vigilant in ensuring that the kids are safe as we continue to experience restrictions and follow the guidance of AHS for this baseball season. We are striving to do our best and deliver the best experiences to the kids. With the indoor training, we asked you to fill out a Covid form for every session. Moving outdoors, we are hoping to provide each team with an app that will include schedules, practice information and access to a health/Covid questionnaire for everyone's ease.

LBA would like to again thank all of the athletes, coaches, volunteers and of course you, the parents for your patience and understanding as we navigate through this scenario we find ourselves in to make the best season possible!



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Congratulations to all the athletes that were successful in making a team with the Black Gold 47's.

All Leduc Athletes that may be coming back to LBA, please contact registrar@leducbaseball.ca to have your registration changed.

Volunteer Credits and Fundraising

Leduc baseball requires each family to fulfil 2 volunteer credits every year. This is usually done through working bingo's and a few other opportunities. With the current situation, we are unable to participate in bingos right now. We are happy to announce that there numerous other opportunities for our families to fulfil their credits this year. LBA will be looking at raffle draws for fundraising and offering the following opportunities to fulfil your credits:

Board positions: Secretary, marketing/sponsorship, facilities, volunteer coordinator

Committee opportunities: Challenger committee, policy committee

Level directors, Coaches, Assistant coaches and team managers also qualify for volunteer credits

Please contact vpadministration@leducbaseball.ca to sign up now!

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