



Hashmonaim Baseball Registration Form

Baseball starts on Sept. 2, 2011

1. **Program Fee:** NIS 1,650 (NIS 150 discount for 2nd child).

2. **Fee includes:** IAB League Registration, Insurance, team equipment, administration, baseball cap and T shirt, field maintenance fee.

Fee Does Not include: Personal equipment (glove, protective supporter, pants), and medical exam, as required by the Sports Law.

3. **Practices and Games:** Baseball regularly meets on Friday. Some practices and games will be scheduled on other weekdays. Practices typically last between 60 to 90 minutes. Games can take 2 hours or longer.

4. **Terms for dropping out:**

The Hashmonaim baseball program is part of the Israel Association of Baseball (IAB) league.

The IAB requires a financial commitment for the entire season ending in June 2012. Exceptions must be approved by the Regional Director. No refunds will be granted after November 15, 2011.

5. **ATTENTION:**

- You must register your son for baseball with Bryna Hartman and via the IAB website:
www.baseball.org.il
- No child will permitted to play without registering and arranging payment.
- Parents are expected to share travel costs to away games, by driving or paying for a taxi.
- Playing time in games is determined by the discretion of the coaches.

Respectfully yours,
Ephraim Keren
IAB Regional Director
052)566-6246

The player must present this slip (signed by Bryna Hartman) to the coach in order to play:

We parents of the player _____ birthdate: _____ T.Z. # _____
have read and agree to the terms above for registering our son in the Israel Association of Baseball A"R
to play on a Hashmonaim team, indicated below, at the discretion of the coach and Regional Director.

Circle the correct division: **Minors** (2nd – 4th grade) **Juveniles** (4th – 6th grade) **Cadets** or **Juniors**

Payment Terms: Payment in full must be completed before June, 2012.

- by **Hora'at Kevah**: We authorize a total charge of NIS 1,650 to be divided in ___ tashlumim.
- NIS 1,650 in cash or by ___ **checks** payable to the Hashmonaim Vaad Mekomi.

Parents names: _____ **Signature** _____ **Date** _____

Telephone(s): _____ **Email:** _____

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August 2011

Youth baseball has been popular in Hashmonaim for 20 years. As with other sports, kids enjoy playing with their friends. So, when friends sign up together, we make an effort to keep them on the same team, if possible. Together with the Israel Association of Baseball (IAB) we are making greater efforts to attract *Dovrei Ivrit* from the younger grades who have no prior exposure to the game.

We plan practices that are FUN, but also focus on promoting physical fitness, conveying fundamentals of the game, and developing the child's individual skills of throwing, catching, and hitting. In addition to teaching skills, we stress the importance of "hustling" (making a maximum effort to do one's best).

Teams play in the IAB leagues; this separates baseball from many other *chugim*. Players have an opportunity to demonstrate what they have learned in actual competition against teams from different locales. Win or lose, this experience teaches the kids what good sportsmanship is all about.

The teams meet on the baseball field or other venues, including indoors during the winter. Transportation to away games and a sports medical test are extra charges not included in the fee for the baseball program.

Friday is the main day for baseball. Some practices and games will be scheduled on another mid-week day (or evening for the juveniles & cadets); coaches will keep parents informed by email. *Every player is responsible for knowing when and where practices and games will be held and must bring his own baseball glove and other personal equipment.*

A unique aspect of our program is the involvement of parent and youth coaches, approved by the IAB. We encourage new coaches and umpires to participate. Please contact Dr. Ephraim Keren if you are interested in coaching or would like further details about the baseball program (ph. 0525-666-246).

There are four age categories in the IAB youth leagues:

1. **Minors** - 2nd, 3rd, 4th graders (Birthdates 2004- 02).
The youngest kids with no previous knowledge of the game learn together with players who have previous experience. Games are played with "coach pitching". A RIF (reduced impact) or "regular baseball" is used.
2. **Juveniles** – 4th, 5th, - 6th graders (Birthdates 2002 - Sept. 1999).
This group is open to beginners (subject to the coaches' discretion) and returning players. At this level "real" baseball is played – the players pitch and there is base stealing.
3. **Cadets** are open for advanced players with previous baseball experience.
The IAB is dividing this division into 2 age categories in the coming year:
 - i. **Cadets** - 7th & 8th graders (Birthdates Aug. 1999 - 1998).
 - ii. **Juniors** - 9th & 10th graders (Birthdates 1997- 1996).
Older Cadets from Hashmonaim, will play in Modiin on a "combined" team.
Further details will be determined in September after players register.

REGISTRATION:

As with other *chugim* in the yishuv, no child will be permitted to play without registering for baseball with Bryna Hartman. First, register your child on the IAB website: www.baseball.org.il. Then, print out the form, sign it and bring it to Bryna during chug registration hours. The fee (NIS 1650) must be paid in full or in 'tashlumim' (at the time of registration) to the Vaad Mekomi via hora'at kevah or by check.

A pro-rated refund will be considered if a child withdraws from the chug, depending on when the parent formally notifies Bryna. No refunds will be granted for a child who drops out after November 15, 2011.

