



# CHARTER OAK YOUTH BASEBALL SELECT DIVISION APPLICATION

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Choose one:

- Shetland
- Pinto
- Mustang
- Bronco
- Pony

APPLICANT'S NAME (PLEASE PRINT): \_\_\_\_\_ PRIMARY PHONE: \_\_\_\_\_

ADDRESS: \_\_\_\_\_ CITY: \_\_\_\_\_ ZIP CODE: \_\_\_\_\_

DATE OF BIRTH: \_\_\_\_\_ AGE (AS OF NEXT APRIL 30<sup>th</sup>): \_\_\_\_\_ SCHOOL (incl. City): \_\_\_\_\_

FATHER/GUARDIAN \_\_\_\_\_ MOTHER/GUARDIAN: \_\_\_\_\_

Cell phone: \_\_\_\_\_ Cell Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

E-Mail: \_\_\_\_\_ E-Mail: \_\_\_\_\_

Jersey size (Please check one):  YS  YM  YL  YXL  AS  AM  AL  AXL  A2X

Jersey number: 1<sup>st</sup> choice \_\_\_\_\_ 2<sup>nd</sup> choice \_\_\_\_\_

### BASEBALL EXPERIENCE

Last "Rec Ball" organization and team applicant played: \_\_\_\_\_

Any travel ball experience?  YES  NO If so, what organization and team: \_\_\_\_\_

Pitching experience?  YES  NO If so, what organization and team: \_\_\_\_\_

Does applicant *bat*:  LEFT  RIGHT What are the top 3 positions applicant plays? \_\_\_\_\_

Does applicant *throw*:  LEFT  RIGHT

**EMERGENCY CONTACT INFORMATION:** Name \_\_\_\_\_ Emergency Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

### EMERGENCY AUTHORIZATION

I (we) the undersigned parent(s) or legal guardian of \_\_\_\_\_, a minor do hereby authorize and consent to any X-ray, examination, anesthetic, medical or surgical diagnosis rendered under the general or special supervision of any member of the medical staff and emergency room staff licensed under provisions of the Medical Practice or a Dentist licensed under the Dental Practice Act and on the staff of any acute general hospital holding a current license to operate hospital from the State of California Department of Public Health. It is understood that this authorization is given in advance of any specific diagnosis, treatment or hospital care being required but is given to provide authority and power to render care, which the aforementioned physician in the exercise of his best judgment may deem advisable. It is understood that effort shall be made to contact the parent(s) or guardian prior to rendering treatment to the patient, but that any of the above treatment will not be withheld if the parents or guardian cannot be reached.

Does child have any history of respiratory illness, allergies or have any physical or mental disorders or limitation of any kind?  YES  NO

Please list any medications taken regularly: \_\_\_\_\_ Medical Insurance Carrier: \_\_\_\_\_

Family Physician: \_\_\_\_\_ Phone Number: \_\_\_\_\_ Policy Number: \_\_\_\_\_

### **CODE OF CONDUCT**

Yes, I have read, received a copy of, and agree to abide by the COYBSA Code of Conduct and COYBSA Rules & Regulations.

### **SELECT DIVISION PLAYER/PARENT COMMITMENT AGREEMENT**

Yes, I have read, signed, and am attaching a copy of the Select Division Player/Parent Commitment Agreement. (Application will be deemed incomplete without a signed Commitment Agreement)

### **PARENT OR GUARDIAN AUTHORIZATION AND WAIVER OF LIABILITY**

I (we) the parent(s) or guardian of the above named applicant for the Charter Oak Youth Baseball, hereby give my (our) approval to his/her participation in any and all baseball activities. I (we) assume the risks and hazards incidental to such participation including transportation to and from activities, and I (we) do hereby waive, release, absolve, and indemnify and agree to hold harmless the Charter Oak Youth Baseball, the organizers, sponsors, supervisors, participants and persons transporting my (our) son (daughter) to or from activities for any claim arising out of an injury to my (our) son /daughter, except to the extent and in amount covered by accident or liability insurance.

Signature: \_\_\_\_\_

Date: \_\_\_\_\_



# Charter Oak Youth Baseball SELECT DIVISION Player/Parent Commitment Agreement



Parents, Players, Managers, and Coaches:

Charter Oak Youth Baseball has created a "Select Division" designed to provide a more advanced playing level on a year-round basis to those that are interested. Select Teams will play baseball against Select Teams from other PONY organizations utilizing the All-Star rules as adopted by PONY (and modified for the West Zone). As a result of the "inter-league" play within the Select Division, players will need to travel to other Cities. Select Teams will also likely engage in additional practices, fundraising efforts, and other activities as compared to non-Select Teams. In consideration of the travel and other activities, persons placed on a Select Team will incur additional expenses (in addition to the registration fee).

COYBSA will schedule tryouts for placement on a Select Team; however, player selection for each Select Team shall be at the sole discretion of the Select Team manager with input and approval of the Select Division Committee. Selection shall be based upon baseball skill, baseball experience, commitment to the Select Team (including ability to attend/participate in practices, games, optional tournaments, and All-Star tournaments, and ability to participate in Team fundraising events), commitment to COYBSA, and other Team/League requirements.

**These documents will be used as a guideline and may be modified or changed, if so deemed by the Select Division Committee.**

Any player that is selected onto a Select Team must commit to the Select team (and no other Travel Team) from November 1<sup>st</sup> (or from placement on the team) through July 31<sup>st</sup> (or the natural end of the All-Star Tournament Season) of the following year.

Select Teams are still a vital part of COYBSA and teams will still have mandatory volunteer duties for COYBSA (e.g., snack bar duty, etc.).

### **Important Registration Information**

All players who are *selected* to a Select Team will be required to pay an annual *non-refundable* registration fee of \$650 registration fee (\$400 within fourteen (14) calendar days of selection to a Select Team and the balance within sixty (60) days). This fee is payable to COYBSA and will be used to cover the cost of COYBSA registration, insurance, home & away uniforms (including mandatory pants, jersey, helmet, belt, bag and socks), Select Team registration fee with the PONY/Charter Oak Select, team registration fees to host leagues for two (2) tournaments, and other amenities.

If the Select Team is also chosen as one of COYBSA All-Star teams during the PONY All-Star Tournament, players will be responsible for all registration fees and deposits associated therewith. Selection to an All-Star team is not guaranteed.

***Failure to comply with this Commitment Agreement and/or other team/league commitments could subject your child to being removed from the Select Team and will bar your child from consideration for placement on a future Select Team or All-Star team.***

**It is an honor to be selected to represent the City of Covina, Charter Oak Pony Select Team**, and we hope you will consider this opportunity seriously. In order to be placed on a Select Team, COYBSA requires a commitment from both the player and the player's parent(s).

**Please read and initial the following Select Team / League commitment statements:**

\_\_\_\_\_ We are committed to the COYBSA Select Team and NO OTHER TRAVEL TEAM through July 31st.

Although the main season for the Select Team shall be January 1<sup>st</sup> through May 31<sup>st</sup>, Select teams may conduct practices, participate in tournaments (including All Star Tournaments), participate in fundraising, or other team activities throughout any portion of the year, and Select Team players must commit to fulfilling such activities through July 31<sup>st</sup> (or the natural end of the All-Star Tournament Season).

\_\_\_\_\_ We are committed to the team for all practices and games.

Practices are crucial to a team's success. It is understood that the Select Team manager may choose to practice 4 – 5 times per week in preparation for Select Division Games and/or tournaments. Game schedules will not be known until right before the commencement of the season, but typically includes two games per week – with one being played at Charter Oak Park and the other being played at another location.

\_\_\_\_\_ We are aware of the possibility of additional personal expenses.

Although the registration fee covers the cost for all regular season Select Division games, Select Team managers may decide to participate in additional tournaments, utilize commercial batting cages, purchase additional jerseys or practice shirts, and participate in other activities which may result in additional personal expenses. A Select Team manager may conduct fundraising activities to offset the registration fee and/or other additional expenses.

\_\_\_\_\_ Participation on COYBSA Select Teams involves travel, and we are aware of the personal expense of travel.

Although Select Teams will typically play at least one game per week at Charter Oak Park, game schedules typically require Select Teams to travel to other cities located throughout Central and Southern California once per week. Parents must ensure that your child is present for and arrives on time for all games (and pre-game warm-ups) – even if not played locally. The parent must recognize this and assume responsibility for all travel accommodations and expenses as necessary. A Select Team manager may conduct fundraising activities to offset such travel expenses.

\_\_\_\_\_ Absences from team events must be verifiable and communicated to the team manager (verifiable: illness, school events, religious events or emergencies).

This is a team sport and individual absence from team events impact the entire team and can hinder morale and performance. If you are aware of dates that your child will **not** be available for Select Team events, you must indicate said dates below.

\_\_\_\_\_ Select Teams are competitive and all players may not play in all games, nor are they guaranteed specific playing time.

It will be the goal of each Select Team manager to develop each player to be able to play at the competitive level demanded by the Select Division. Although we encourage Select Team managers to allow all players to participate in every game, the Team Manager is responsible for determining which players will play in each game, how much playing time the player will get, and which position(s) the player will play – and COYBSA will support the Team Manager in doing so.

\_\_\_\_\_ As a parent, I understand that I am required to abide by the Charter Oak Youth baseball Code of Conduct while my child participates with the Select Team at **any** team event, and that my child needs to have and maintain at all times a grade point average (GPA) of 2.0 or its equivalent.

\_\_\_\_\_ We will support the Select Team and League and provide service hours as directed by the Team Manager and/or COYBSA.

Such service hours could include, but are not limited to, field preparation, field maintenance duties, snack bar coverage, and other similar activities.

\_\_\_\_\_ We understand that failure to fulfill all of our commitments (including providing service hours and participating in all practices) could result in less playing time and/or removal from the Select Team.

I understand and agree to the player/parent commitment and verify that \_\_\_\_\_  
meets all eligibility requirements – including residency requirements. (Name of child)

Player's Date of Birth: \_\_\_\_\_ Player's Residence: \_\_\_\_\_

Player's School of Attendance and City: \_\_\_\_\_

Contact Phone and Email for parent(s):  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

**Please check one:**

My child  does /  does not participate in a conflicting season (soccer, baseball, basketball, football etc.)

My child will be on vacation and not available from \_\_\_\_\_ to \_\_\_\_\_

Parent signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Player signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

**Manager:** Please keep accurate written records of player absences and or disputes with players or parents for future participation in COYBSA's Select Division and/or All Star selections. Please attach any written records to this form and return to COYBSA.



# Charter Oak Youth Baseball (COYBSA) Pony Select Guidelines

The Pony Select program is for playing travel baseball under the authority of COYBSA and using the Charter Oak Park Pony Fields as home fields. It is an opportunity for players to play more total games against different competition and requires greater time and financial commitment than just solely participating in our Rec. leagues. Pony Select teams representing COYBSA are held to the same code of conduct and responsibilities as Rec. League participants. Pony Select Team participants should view this program as a privilege. Failure to follow these guidelines may result in consequences including the team's removal from COYBSA.

The purpose of the Pony Select Program at COYBSA is intended to:

1. Grow the overall league membership to capacity
2. Develop teams to successfully compete in tournaments
3. Prepare players to make their school teams

Pony Select teams may participate in the Mustang, Bronco, Pony, Colt and Palomino divisions. Teams are also formed in the Pinto division to represent COYBSA in tournaments. All Pony Select Players will play during the Rec. season on the team they are drafted by, in accordance with COYBSA rules and by laws. After the regular season, Pony Select and All-Stars Try Outs will be conducted. The Pony Select Try Out will require an application to be submitted first, whereas the All-star try-out requires no application. If selected by the Pony select Team you shall be considered a Pony Select Player for Charter Oak for one full year before you must try out again. No Pony Select events may interfere with rec. league activities or events.

## **Pony Select Team Responsibilities**

- Creating a team roster of players, coaches and organizers. See Registration notes below.
- Scheduling games, coordinating home dates with the Rec. leagues. See Scheduling notes below.
- Expenses for away games and tournaments.
- If Pony Select Teams participate in the PONY International Organization World Series tournament, they must play through completion of each tournament level until eliminated.
  - o Information on dates and location(s) of PONY World Series tournaments may not be available until July 1, so teams must be patient and flexible if they wish to participate.
  - o COYBSA pays the registration fee and provides 1 set of tournament patches.
  - o Pony Select teams must meet eligibility requirements as defined by PONY.
  - o Pony Select teams are responsible for franchising, scheduling or other requirements to qualify for participation in PONY tournaments
- Acquiring any sponsorship.

- To equalize the benefits of the league for all participating teams, solicitation of funds shall be for the treasury of the league and contributions to individuals or teams shall be discouraged.
  - Sponsors must satisfy PONY guidelines, such as no advertising of alcohol or tobacco.
  - Pony Select teams are encouraged to generate funds by assessing fees to participants, securing private donations (non-business contributions from individuals, grandparents/other relatives) and conducting fundraising activities such as working concessions, bagging groceries, selling magazine subscriptions or team apparel, etc.
  - Pony Select Teams may also participate in existing COYBSA sponsorship options by soliciting businesses to become an official team, sign or combination team & sign sponsor. A portion of the fees collected from these options will be returned to the team to help cover expenses.
  - Pony Select teams must disclose any businesses from which funds are collected so they can be coordinated with similar league activities. Businesses must be made aware that only official sponsors of the league will be recognized by the league.
  - Pony Select Teams may use COYBSA's name in fundraising activities in a positive way with COYBSA Board approval. Since COYBSA is a 501(c)(3) organization, donations may be tax deductible – donors should consult with their tax advisor. Fundraising efforts using COYBSA's 501(c)(3) status must be coordinated through the COYBSA Treasurer.
- Maintaining of Pony Select team funds:
    - A Pony Select Team Report must be submitted to the Treasurer by August 31st of each year.
      1. Documentation of expenses incurred must be submitted with the Pony Select Team Report.
      2. Funds remaining at the end of a team's affiliation with Charter Oak Youth Baseball & Softball Association must be deposited with the COYBSA Treasurer and may be used at the discretion of the board.
      3. Expenses incurred by the Pony Select Team must be reasonable and customary.
      4. It is suggested that each Pony Select Team maintain a separate checking account.
      5. The account in which funds are deposited and disbursed is subject to audit performed by the Charter Oak Youth Baseball Board of Directors.
  - Uniforms – Pony Select Teams are responsible for purchasing their own uniforms.
  - Equipment or related baseball expenses beyond the standard COYBSA provided items. COYBSA will provide:
    - Batting helmets; catcher's mitt, helmet, face mask, shin guards and chest protector; equipment bags; scorebooks; line-up cards and rule books.
    - Home game and practice baseballs.
    - Liability and limited medical insurance is the same as for in-house players (as documented on the Player Registration Form). A certificate of insurance is available upon request. Limited medical insurance coverage is provided throughout the year.
  - Umpire costs for Pony Select games at Charter Oak Park are paid by COYBSA at the same rate as Rec. games. Umpires usually make a commitment to work games well in advance and are expected to keep their obligation. Therefore, umpires must be given at least 5 days' notice if a date is cancelled (other than for weather), allowing them to secure other opportunities. If a Pony Select game is cancelled and less than 5 days' notice is provided, the COYBSA team(s) may be responsible for the umpires' loss of pay or giving up future game dates unless a replacement game is scheduled.

- Pony Select Team's COYBSA obligations:
  - Snack Bar shifts. Many Pony Select Team shifts will be scheduled during April. If a shift is cancelled for weather during April, it may be rescheduled within the month.
  - COYBSA fundraising obligation or donation.
  - Volunteers to support the league – field maintenance, work days, ongoing work, and committee work, etc.
  - Assisting with Pony Select tryouts
- Pony Select Teams are not separate from Rec. Teams, and are considered part of COYBSA and their specific division (i.e. Mustang, Bronco, Pony and Colt).
  - This means following all applicable COYBSA policies, having access to COYBSA resources and coordinating actions with COYBSA officers. Examples include:
    - Umpire scheduling, addressing issues with The Director of Compliance
    - Addressing player issues with The Director of Baseball, Director of Compliance and The Division Commissioner.
    - Game and practice scheduling with the Division Commissioner
    - Addressing Complex improvements with Director of Field Maintenance and Board of Directors.
  - Pony Select Teams are expected to follow the PONY Baseball Rules and Regulations as well as the COYBSA Rules & By-laws for all games played at Charter Oak Park.

### **Registration**

- Additional fees, deadlines and age guidelines are the same for Pony Select players as Rec.
- Each division will set a maximum number of teams and players, as approved by the COYBSA Board of Directors.
- Players Try-out before All-Stars and after the Rec. Season.
- In addition to individual registration forms, a Pony Select Team must complete a **“Supplemental Application for a Pony Select Team”**.
  - Players may sign-up as individuals and later be submitted as a Pony Select Team player.
- Registration Priority
  - Two-thirds of the roster must consist of PONY players from the preceding summer season to register as a travel team at initial registration (summer and fall registration before a division's limit is reached),
    - If less than 2/3 of the roster is able to stay with a team due to circumstances beyond the control of coaches, such as players moving out of the area, the team may be allowed to continue pending COYBSA BOD review and approval.
    - If less than 12 players from the preceding summer register at initial registration for a team, the remaining spots will be filled through invitations by coaches and a tryout process coordinated by COYBSA.
  - After initial Try-Outs and if space is available, Pony Select team(s) may be formed based on Executive Board approval.
 

These factors will be considered when determining if new teams will be formed:

    - Teams with players returning to COYBSA from the previous year
    - Providing a mix of teams in each age group

- Commitment to the success of COYBSA (see purpose of Pony Select program)
  - Future capacity issues for teams to continue as part of COYBSA
  - New teams will be formed through a tryout process coordinated by COYBSA
- A Pony Select Team must have a minimum of 12 players and maximum of 15 players (18 in Colt and/or Palomino).
  - Roster changes that require approval by Director of Baseball and Executive Board of Directors include:
    - Players registered on a different: Pony Select Team
    - Rec. players joining a Pony Select Team after Rec. Teams are created
    - Roster changes after March 1<sup>st</sup> (except players who quit and will not play at COYBSA)

### Miscellaneous

- Substitutes for Pony Select Team must be registered with COYBSA for the current year.
- The league will not ordinarily schedule games between Pony Select and Rec. Teams. Exceptions must be agreed to by Division Commissioner and both teams' coaches.
- Pony Select Teams have the responsibility to ensure visiting teams are aware of and follow Charter Oak Park rules. The White Hat collaborates with Pony Select Teams to deal with violations as necessary. The complex rules **include no coolers, no outside food or drinks, no alcohol, no tobacco, and no pets allowed on COYBSA Property**, remembering that concession stand revenues help fund umpire expenses. A copy of our Complex policy should be provided to the visiting team prior to the date of the game. The COYBSA host team is encouraged to handle violations before involving the white hat. Failure to enforce this policy may result in consequences including suspending the game until a situation is resolved, the team paying the umpire expense and/or giving up future game dates. Outside travel teams that have no regard for the complex rules may be barred from returning.
- Pony Select teams may have their own playing time policies as agreed to within that team. This policy must be clearly communicated within the team and should be submitted to the Director of Compliance for reference in case of any complaints.
- At the 8U level, when select teams are formed, in cases of scheduling conflicts involving select players, select team games have the highest priority, followed by Rec. League games, select team practices and Rec. practices.

### Scheduling

- The goal is a fair balance of scheduled games for Pony Select and Reteams for both field time and financial commitment from COYBSA.
  - Typical Rec Teams game counts are approximately 20 regular season scheduled games, plus the Rec Team Tournament.
  - A Pony Select Team Players should have 20 to 25 home games at COYBSA fields
    - These counts are based on their Rec. Team's and Pony Select Team's schedule of 20-25 total games.
    - More games may be scheduled by a Pony Select Team with the assumption that there will be rainouts, at the Division President's discretion.



- If a Pony Select Team plays more than 25 games at COYBSA fields, it may be asked to pay umpire expenses for the extra games or give up future game dates to allow teams with fewer games played to schedule additional games.
- Depending on weather and rainouts, actual games played may not meet the guidelines.
- Rainouts may be rescheduled subject to field availability with priority to teams losing the most games to weather.
- Pony Select Team games may be played before the Rec. season, starting April 1. The Rec League Season is defined as Opening Day (typically the last Saturday in April) until Closing Day (typically the last day of July). These dates must be coordinated with COYBSA and Rec. League activities.
- Scheduling constraints a Pony Select Team can expect:
  - Before Opening Day – much flexibility and a good time to schedule games.
  - Opening Day to Rec. League tournament (starts mid to late July) – can expect to play the same or fewer games than an Rec. League Team am during this time. Rec. League Teams should be given first opportunity to schedule on Opening Day and Picture Weekend.
  - During Rec. Leagues tournament – no games, unless there is a natural break in the tournament schedule
  - After Closing Day– no games may be scheduled.
- If a Pony Select Team chooses to host additional games away from Charter Oak Park, they will be responsible for all arrangements and costs, including scheduling and paying umpires and communicating weather related information. In the case of an unusually high number of rainouts or unique circumstances, the COYBSA Board of Directors may approve providing umpires for off-site games.
- The Decision to play or cancel games at Charter Oak Park will be made by a league official.