



**TACONIC HILLS LITTLE LEAGUE**  
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Dear Parents / Guardians of Baseball and Softball Players,

Welcome to the Taconic Hills Little League 2018 season. It has been a busy off-season and this year will bring several changes to our league.

First, our Minors (9-10) and Majors (11-12) players will join our girls softball program in the Columbia / Greene County Interleague. Unfortunately, due to a steady decrease of players throughout District 15, our leagues cannot produce the numbers necessary to play exclusively in house and still allow players to grow developmentally.

What does this mean? The schedule will consist of around 12 regular season games to be played against the other leagues in this program. They consist of:

Southern Columbia (Germantown)	Hudson
Catskill	Cairo
Coxsackie	Greenville

Four of the regular season games will be played against our own Taconic Hills Teams, while eight games will be played against the other leagues. Four of these games will be played on our home fields (Copake and Claverack), one game in Hudson, one in Germantown and two in Greene County. The season will be followed by a playoff series that will crown a league champion.

This is an exciting opportunity for our league that will allow our children the unique opportunity to compete against teams that they have never faced before and experience game play similar to All Stars each night.

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Second, as of 01/01/18 the new USA Baseball Bat Standard was implemented. What this means for our players is that any bat purchased prior to this year is not legal to use. The bat MUST have a USA label in order to be legal for play. We will be checking all of the bats that the players bring with them to insure 100% compliance.

Unfortunately, retail stores were selling many of the bats that are no longer allowed as recent as just a few months ago. This is not a rule that we created, the rule was established by Little League International and as a sanctioned league we must comply. Our league will insure that each one of our teams is equipped with the new USA bats. If you choose to purchase a new USA bat and have questions as to the requirements, please visit our web page and facebook page for the Little League Rules.

**Registration Fees: (Cash or check payable to Taconic Hills Little League)**

<u>Division</u>	<u>Price</u>
Developmental (T-Ball)	\$55
<u>Boys/Girls</u>	
Coach Pitch (7-8)	\$65
Minors (9-10)	\$65
Majors (11-12)	\$65

Family cap of 3 or more = \$150

All registration forms are due by **Friday March 16, 2018**. We cannot guarantee that your child will be provided their shirt and hat before the start of the season if your registration form is not submitted by this time. Any form submitted after this date will result in penalty of \$15.

Thank you for your cooperation. We look forward to another great season!!

Sincerely,

Bill Mulrein, President