



# Ponce de Leon Baseball League

## Spring 2020

Baseball's "Fountain of Youth"  
WEBSITE: [pdlmaryland.com](http://pdlmaryland.com)



**Play Ball!**

**P.O. Box 332 Highland, MD 20777**

Alumni - Welcome back! Once again it's time to play ball. We look forward to seeing you again at the ol' ball park.

New players - Welcome aboard! You haven't played baseball in years. Its been softball or nothing. You really want to get back into playing this great game but are concerned that you will embarrass yourself. Put your fears to rest! Hundreds of men throughout the Washington Baltimore area had similar concerns at the onset of their Ponce careers. They quickly learned that our special rules, including the requirement that no one can pitch unless they are at least 36 years of age, enables any person with at least average ability to play successfully in the league. They are now playing Ponce Baseball and loving it!

### **PONCE de LEON BASEBALL**

The Ponce de Leon Baseball League offers the opportunity for men over the age of 30 (average age 40) to play baseball in a more relaxed fashion, without the need for intense competition, weekly practices or excessively expensive team uniforms. We recognize that due to family, business and social obligations your time is limited. For this reason all details of league play are handled by the main office and on-field league representatives, including team schedules, rosters, umpires and equipment. All that is required of you is to come out to the park and play ball! Everyone does the best that they can in an attempt to have fun and win the game. But when you leave the field for the day, you leave the game behind. No team standings, no statistics. Just the pure and simple joy of playing baseball. This is what the Ponce de Leon League is all about.

#### ***\*FREE NEW PLAYER PRE-SEASON WORKOUT\****

All new prospective players have the opportunity to attend a **free, no obligation pre-season workout**. Here you can meet other new players, ask questions, do a little throwing, fielding, hitting and judge for yourself if the league is right for you. No one will be singled out or embarrassed. If you are in doubt as to if you fit in, then you owe it to yourself to attend this practice.

#### **NEW PITCHERS AND CATCHERS**

If you intend to pitch or catch you need to attend the practice session. This is for evaluation purposes in order to properly balance the teams.

#### **DATE, LOCATION AND TIME**

Sunday, March 29th, 2020 (*Rain or Shine*)

9:00 a.m. - 10:30 a.m.

Landon Burns Upper Field

Located next to Carroll County Hospital

## **GAME INFORMATION**

The season begins Sunday, April 12th, 2020. Games start at 9:00 a.m. Sunday mornings. Fall Joe Cannon games start at 7:00 pm.

**GAMES** - All teams are scheduled for 10 games, with the 10th game being the first playoff game. We will try to make up rain-outs where necessary.

***You will be notified two to three days before your first game and told the time and location.  
A team roster and schedule will be distributed at your first game.***

**INNINGS** - All games are scheduled for a maximum of 9 innings. However, no new inning will start after 2 hours and 50 minutes. An inning that is started must be completed. One extra inning if game ends tied and there is at least 20 minutes of playing time remaining. Playoff games play same time frame as regular season games.

**TEAM FORMATION** - All enrolled players will be placed on a team. Pitchers and catchers will be spread among the various teams. Players requesting to play with other specific players will be so placed to the extent possible. There is a maximum of 16 players per team unless team approves additional player(s).

**PRACTICES** - There are no regularly scheduled practices for any team during the playing season. Any team wishing to hold separate practices must provide their own equipment and facilities.

## **OFFICIAL UNIFORM**

*Jerseys* - Both Jerseys are top quality, pro weight, 100% polyester, - Pro style.

*away* - Gray with royal blue script.

*home* - Royal blue with white script, V neck (batting practice style)

*Pants* - Gray with belt loops - 100% polyester - double knee - Wilson brand

*Belt* - Royal blue - adjustable

*Socks* - Royal blue - (you can wear white socks with royal blue stripes if you prefer.)

*Hat* - Royal blue - official Ponce logo - Flex Fit

**All players are required to wear cleated shoes (metal or plastic)**

## **UNIFORM FACTS**

1. All Ponce players will have the same uniform package. When you are the home team you wear the royal blue jersey and when away you wear the gray jersey. Pants, belt, stirrups and hat are the same home or away. Only the jerseys change. (Home and away teams will be indicated on schedules. Bring both jerseys to be safe.)
2. By everyone having the same uniform package you are able to change teams during your career and never have to purchase a new uniform.
3. **You only need to buy a uniform once.** This uniform should last you for several seasons.
4. The uniform can be worn for any of the Ponce Seasons - Spring and Fall.
5. The Ponce uniform will make it possible for you to enter special tournaments sponsored or endorsed by the Ponce de Leon League. Teams that play outside of the league and want to play in a Ponce Spring or Fall season must have permission to wear their respective team uniforms approved by the Commissioner.

## **UNIFORM DISTRIBUTION**

**New Players are encouraged to pick up their uniforms at open workout.**

## **REGISTRATION DETAILS**

Full payment is due at the time of registration. Absolutely no one will be placed on a team unless his completed application and full payment has been received. There will be no pro rata refund of fees and no player may substitute another for himself. Teams will be formed after Friday, April 5th, 2020. Teams may not honor requests to be placed on a particular team if your application is received after Friday, April 5th, 2020, and the requested team already has 16 players.

## **REGISTRATION DEADLINE**

Registration deadline for returning players is Friday, April 5th, 2020. All applications postmarked or received after Friday, April 5th, 2020, pay the late fee (**NO EXCEPTIONS**) and will not be guaranteed a place on a particular team. Registration deadline does not apply to new players.

**NO REFUNDS** after Friday, April 5th, 2020.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CALL – (410) 531-9434**

<b><u>FEE</u></b>	Ponce de Leon Registration Fee		\$ 175.00
	Late Fee (Returning players only)	\$20.00	_____
	(Postmarked or received after Friday, April 5th, 2020)		
	Uniform Fee (New players only)		_____
		\$149.00 or \$136.00 (Light Wt. Jerseys)	_____

**INDIVIDUAL REPLACEMENT UNIFORM ITEMS:**

Gray Jersey	\$45.00	_____
Gray Lightweight Jersey	\$35.00	_____
Blue Jersey	\$45.00	_____
Blue Lightweight Jersey	\$35.00	_____
Gray Baseball Pants	\$35.00	_____
Official Ponce Hat	\$20.00	_____
Belt	\$6.00	_____
Solid Blue Socks	\$5.00	_____

**TOTAL \$** \_\_\_\_\_

**REGISTRATION - PONCE de LEON BASEBALL – SPRING 2020**

Name \_\_\_\_\_ Age \_\_\_\_\_ D/O/B \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_ City \_\_\_\_\_ St \_\_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_

Home Phone (\_\_\_\_) \_\_\_\_\_ Work Phone (\_\_\_\_) \_\_\_\_\_ Occupation \_\_\_\_\_

Preferred Playing Positions: 1st Choice \_\_\_\_\_ 2nd Choice \_\_\_\_\_ 3rd Choice \_\_\_\_\_

Please list any registered players with whom you would like to play \_\_\_\_\_

Email Address \_\_\_\_\_

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**MAIL YOUR CHECK AND REGISTRATION TO:**

**PONCE de LEON BASEBALL LEAGUE  
P.O. Box 332, Highland, MD 20777**

**PAY FEE WITH VENMO OR CASH APP**

**CASH APP #TommyTater  
Venmo @Thomas LaGrave**  
Players paying by CASH App or Venmo Please forward  
Registration form

Credit Card Number \_\_\_\_\_ Expiration Date \_\_\_\_\_

Print Name on Credit Card \_\_\_\_\_ Amount To Be Charged \_\_\_\_\_

**(Visa or Mastercard Only)**

**BY PHONE: (410) 531-9434 OR FAX: (410) 531-5244**

**RELEASE OF LIABILITY -- READ BEFORE SIGNING**

1. The risk of injury from the activities involved in this program is significant, including the potential for permanent paralysis and death, and while particular rules, equipment, and personal discipline may reduce this risk, the risk of serious injury does exist; and,
2. I KNOWINGLY AND FREELY ASSUME ALL SUCH RISKS, both known and unknown, EVEN IF ARISING FROM THE NEGLIGENCE OF THE RELEASEES or others, and assume full responsibility for my participation; and,
3. I willingly agree to comply with the stated and customary terms and conditions for participation. If, however, I observe any unusual significant hazard during my presence or participation, I will remove myself from participation and bring such to the attention of the nearest official immediately; and,
4. I, for myself and on behalf of my heirs, assigns, personal representatives and next of kin, HEREBY RELEASE AND HOLD HARMLESS THOMAS W. LAGRAVE, INC., T/A PONCE DE LEON BASEBALL LEAGUE, INC. their officers, officials, agents and/or employees, other participants sponsoring agencies, sponsors, advertisers, and if applicable, owners and lessors of premises used to conduct the event ("Releasees"), WITH RESPECT TO ANY AND ALL INJURY, DISABILITY, DEATH, or loss or damage to person or property, WHETHER ARISING FROM THE NEGLIGENCE OF THE RELEASEES OR OTHERWISE, to the fullest extent permitted by law.

**I HAVE READ THIS RELEASE OF LIABILITY AND ASSUMPTION OF RISK AGREEMENT, FULLY UNDERSTAND ITS TERMS, UNDERSTAND THAT I HAVE GIVEN UP SUBSTANTIAL RIGHTS BY SIGNING IT, AND SIGN IT FREELY AND VOLUNTARILY WITHOUT ANY INDUCEMENT.**

PARTICIPANT'S SIGNATURE \_\_\_\_\_ DATE \_\_\_\_\_



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Baseball in the Baltimore Area!**

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**Baseball's "Fountain of Youth" - SPRING 2020 SEASON - WOOD BATS FOR GAME USE**

## *Official Rules of Ponce*

Please read these rules carefully. They have been adopted to promote safety, provide equal times at bat and on the field, reduce boredom and make the game a fun time for everyone.

1. You **MUST** be age 36 or older to pitch.
2. A continuous batting order and set lineup will be used. The batting order picks up in the next game where it ended. (**excluded for playoffs only**)
3. All players must wear a helmet at bat and on the bases. Base coaches are encourage to wear batting helmets.
4. The last player to make an out is the pinch runner for the catcher with 2 outs and in all other pinch running situations.
5. The offensive team's inning will end after 3 outs or 6 runs scored, whichever comes first. This rule is waived in the 7th, 8th and 9th innings.
6. A pitcher **MUST** be removed and may not return to the game as a pitcher if he hits 3 batters during his time on the mound.
7. A pitcher **MUST** be removed and may not return to the game as a pitcher if he walks or hits a combined total of 4 batters in any one inning.
8. No pitcher may pitch more than 5 innings during any one game. Any appearance constitutes an inning.
9. All players will rotate defensively and never be off the field defensively for more than 1 consecutive inning (unless they so desire).
10. A runner trying to advance to a base must either slide or attempt to go around a fielder if the fielder has the ball in his possession or in the umpires judgement, is about to receive the ball. A runner colliding into a defensive player in an intentional attempt to jar the ball loose will be called out and ejected from the game. This is not a "must slide" rule but a NO COLLISION RULE.
11. A fielder is not permitted to fake a tag on an incoming runner. The fielder must be in possession of the ball when making a tag. Violation of this rule will result in all runners, including the batter runner, being awarded an additional base.
12. ONLY players are permitted in the team dugout or on the bench. NO children, wives, friends, dogs, etc..
13. Injured players coming to bat must run the bases. If a player is injured running to a base, player must either stay in the game and run the bases, or be removed for a pinch runner. If player is removed for a pinch runner due to injury, to replicate Major League Baseball and for players safety, he will no longer be able to participate in game that day or night.
- 13a. Teams are now able to designate, before the start of a game, up to two players that will have designated runners. The designated runner will be the previous out and replace the player on base.
14. If a defensive player is injured during play, he may be replaced but will not bat in his team's next offensive inning.
15. During playoffs a team forfeits if it has less than 8 players. If it has 8, it plays with 8. During regular season there are NO forfeits. Teams who have less than 9 will borrow players from opposing tem for defense.
16. Players are required to wear Ponce issued uniforms or Individual team approved uniform at Commissioners discretion.
17. A player ejected from a game will be suspended for his team's next played game. If this happens twice in a season the player will be suspended for the season.
18. **NO** intentional walks.
19. Wood Bats will be used at all times.
20. All other rules if not specifically stated above will follow MLB rules and regulations.