

Lighthouse Christian Chargers

2026 Baseball Informational Meeting 6U – 12U

Lighthouse Christian Athletics Organization - Vision & Values- www.lcachargers.com

Chargers Baseball is a program that instills strong Christian values and produces leaders of character. We are a competitive team within the public, private, and homeschool programs both regionally and nationally. The organization strives to set an example for our families through hard work and high standards. We emphasize teamwork, character development, and sportsmanship. Our purpose is to bring glory and honor to Jesus Christ while encouraging athletes to be personally responsible for their actions and to work with other athletes as a team in competing against other teams in all athletics.

Chargers baseball is part of the Lighthouse Christian Athletics, a sports ministry that provides ten sports (baseball, basketball, cheer, cross country/track, football, soccer, softball, tennis, & volleyball) to homeschool students in southwest Missouri. Lighthouse Christian Athletics is a separate organization from Lighthouse Christian Academy, a homeschool co-op.

Player Eligibility:

To play for the Chargers 6u-12u teams, it is preferred that the player be a full time homeschool student but not required.

Registration:

Returning players will be able to register the week of **January 19th -23rd**.

New players interested in joining need to complete the wait list form found here:

<https://forms.gle/gh1QnZwbPhoDyCDu9>

Player Fees:

The fee structure for the 2026 season:

Lighthouse Christian Chargers Athletics annual membership fee:

For athletes 10 and up:

\$75 for the 1st athlete

\$50 for the 2nd athlete

\$25 for the 3rd athlete

Free for the 4th athlete and beyond

For athletes under 10:

\$25 per athlete

Free for the 4th athlete and beyond

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| 6u T-ball/Coach pitch | \$150 |
| 7u Coach pitch | \$250 |
| 8u Coach pitch \$ | \$250 |
| 9/10u Player Pitch | \$275 |
| 11/12u Player Pitch | \$375 |

Fees include but are not limited to spring & summer league registration fees, indoor practice cage rentals, turf field rentals, equipment, porta potty fee for practice fields, tournament fees, end of season celebration, coach & volunteer appreciation, etc.

Fees must be paid in full via bank draft or credit card at the time of registration for 6U & 7U teams and for 8U-12U we will offer a monthly payment structure to be paid in full by May 31, 2026.

Refunds will not be issued after March 15th & processing & general fund fees will not be reimbursed.

12U Players will be required to upload a sports physical at the time of registration. The physical is good for 2 years.

Players will need to plan to provide their own fielding glove, batting helmet w/ c-flap, bat that meets the league guidelines typically USA or USSA rules, *batting gloves, molded cleats, *athletic cup required for catchers, gray baseball pants, orange or navy belt & socks, home & away jersey & hat for 7U-12U, one jersey for 6U & hat. (*optional)

Roster Size: 12 players per team, minimum 11 players

Playing Time Policy:

Our belief is that every player must earn their spot on the field from youth thru high school.

Please read thru the Athlete Code of Conduct with your and Parent Code of Conduct.

We do expect every player to be seen and heard by their coaches as well as challenged and encouraged to grow in their athletic and playing capabilities.

Please guide your son through any frustrations over playing time and encourage them to communicate with their coaches. Coaches will commit to work hard with all players to improve their level of play while mentoring players through expectations and goal setting.

Practice & Game Schedule

We are working on practice schedules & details for indoor practices to begin in February at one of the following locations: D Bat -Nixa, Allison Sports Town- Springfield, or Revolution Gaming-Strafford & move outdoors in March 1x a week for 6U & 2x a week for 7U-12U at the First Baptist Church Battlefield, Mo.

We will strive to avoid scheduling practices, games, & tournaments on Wednesday nights & Sundays, however if we cannot avoid those days, we will respect a family's decision to not have their player participate in the game or tournament.

Communication:



Crossbar App

Game & practice schedules will be communicated on Crossbar.

Coaches:

As a robust Christian Athletic organization, we have over 1,000 student athletes, we require anyone in any coaching capacity to complete the following training & forms to ensure the **protection of our student-athletes, our volunteers, and the integrity of the organization.**

- **Background Check:** Protects athletes by verifying coach suitability and ensuring financial integrity for those with bank access. (Required every two years.)
- **Child Protection Training:** Ensures all coaches understand appropriate boundaries and conduct, minimizing risk for the entire organization. (Required with each background check.)
- **Concussion Protocol Training:** Coaches must recognize concussion signs, follow protocol, and understand safe return-to-play guidelines to prevent long-term injury. Concussions are possible in **all sports**.
- **Coach Agreement:** Ensures accountability by confirming a coach's commitment to our statement of faith, organizational reflection, competitive play, and athlete safety.
- **Coach Liability Waiver:** Protects the organization from liability claims in the event a coach sustains an injury during their duties.
- **Crossbar Coach Registration:** Streamlines coach roster management by placing the registration responsibility on the coaches, providing a clear and up-to-date record of who is cleared to coach.

As a volunteer-based organization, we need a head coach & 4 assistant coaches per team at all age levels to be able to develop the players/team so your involvement is crucial to our program. If you are interested in coaching, please contact Kristin Etem at:

baseball.admin@lcatchargers.com

Volunteers:

During registration you will be required to select at least 1 area that you are willing to volunteer in this year. We need every family to plan on volunteering a minimum of 3 hours per registered player. It takes a community to make all this work. 😊