**LCYO Mustang Division Facts Sheet**

The Mustang division is an important step in your child’s understanding of baseball and development of skills. In this division the players will begin playing traditional baseball, with live pitching, base stealing, bunting and all the related offensive and defensive strategies. Generally, to be eligible to play in the Mustang division your child **must be league age 9 or 10. For information regarding how to determine your child’s league age, please see PONY’s website at http://www.PONY.org.**  We are confident this Mustang season will be an exciting and productive experience for you and your children.

All players for Spring ball need to be participate in LCYO’s Player Evaluation process. Information regarding when that will occur will be distributed each season, but evaluations are normally the 2nd or 3rd weekend of January. The purpose of the evaluations is to promote a competitive balance between teams.  Participation of all players is required, and you will be notified of the exact time your child should arrive for his/her evaluation.

The player draft of the undesignated players will be held in late January and coaches will contact players shortly thereafter.  Typically, practices begin early February, with league play starting in early March and ending in early June.  The preseason consists of two practices per week, one during the week and one on Saturday.  Once games begin there will be two games per week, one during the week and one on Saturdays. Practices and games will be held at Mission Estancia Elementary School, Poinsettia Park and Stagecoach Park.

LCYO provides each player with a team jersey and a hat.  Parents must provide a leather glove, rubber cleated shoes, belt, socks, and batting helmet with a protective face guard attached.

The key to the success of our organization is parent involvement.  Parents are needed as managers, coaches, sponsors, team parents, scorekeepers, and in assisting with field preparation.  Please volunteer on your registration form to help in some way.  Participation will allow you to get to know the other parents and children and enhance your enjoyment of the game.

I am pleased you decided to participate in LCYO. We are committed to ensuring that your child has a rewarding and enjoyable experience playing baseball in LCYO.