

Questions for the Great Neck Baseball League from the RiverHaven Civic League meeting this evening's call.

1. Can you work with the city to add trees to the berm along Shorehaven? To help with sound and appearance? Absolutely, we will be happy to work with the city on landscaping ideas.
2. When is baseball season? Spring - Summer: March - July, Fall September – November
3. Will you be having tournaments? We have been hosting the following tournaments currently. Spring: 3rd week of March warm up tournament, Summer: All Star warm up and Districts in early June, All Star Regionals in July, Fall - Mid November final tournament
4. Will there be winter training? Winter training at the GNBL Fields has not been part of our program in years past. If any winter training is added, it would be conditioning during the day time hours

5. What is the need for the lights?

Great Neck Baseball League is a non-profit youth recreational baseball league for ages 3 -19 years old who would like to play baseball, without having to try out. GNBL is also in our 5th Season for our special needs “Champions Division”. “Everyone makes a team and has the opportunity to play baseball”. Over the years we have seen an increase in youth baseball participation and a decrease in high contact sports like football and wrestling, especially with the older age groups. The Great Neck Baseball complex has one field to accommodate three Divisions from the ages 13 - 19 year olds and we have reached our capacity to accommodate any additional players in this age bracket. Adding lights would allow GNBL to provide recreational baseball to meet the needs of our Great Neck community youth who want to continue to play baseball, while giving the league the opportunity to spread out games which as a result would reduce traffic. Additionally, during our current health pandemic, GNBL has been a home for many of our local Cox High School players to sign up in our league to play recreational baseball. GNBL believes in sport as a way for our youth to not only learn the game of baseball, but to learn life lessons such as working and communicating together as a team, handling success as well as failure, discipline themselves to work hard for a common goal. As we all know, now more than ever, we need our youth outside, exercising, and having safe social contact as much as allowable, opposed to inside on their devices.

5. Does the GNBL allow kids outside of our area to join the league? Great Neck Baseball League follows the Pony boundaries for our area for post-season play. As previously mentioned, we do not pre-qualify our players and as long as we can accommodate the number of players, our policy is to not turn anyone away.

6. What is the age bracket for kids playing in the GNBL? 3 years to 19 years old
7. Will the GNBL work with us if there becomes a parking issue, litter, etc? Yes, we want to partner with RHCL to make sure we are able to deliver a clean, and safe environment for our youth to be able to participate, while being a good community partner.

9. I see the league's long term plan is 15 lights. Before each phase and any additional lights go up can we meet again to see how things are going before the league makes any actions/decisions?

Yes, our initial ask is for Field #2 only. This particular field host ages 13 – 19 year olds across 3 Divisions, and GNBL only has one field to accommodate this wide age group. GNBL would appreciate your letter of support in moving forward for adding lights to one field only and when the funding for additional fields has been accumulated, GNBL would formally submit a request in writing to the RHCL for the community support.