

## **Hudson Valley Renegades Youth Field Betterment Program**

The Hudson Valley Renegades are committed to positively impacting the lives of individuals in our local community by enhancing existing facilities into safe spaces to further develop youth skills necessary for baseball and life.

In effort to remain pillars in the community, the Renegades will enhance the betterment of youth baseball in the Hudson Valley and provide a safe playing field for young athletes by selecting one local little league field to renovate as a staff and team.

### **What Is the Youth Field Betterment Program?**

Each year the Hudson Valley Renegades will award one (1) little league organization with a refurbishment of a field used within their community for youth baseball.

Each refurbishment will include one (1) makeover of a 50/70 little league field. Youth Field Betterment proposals may include, but are not limited to, improving existing spaces to increase overall usage, safety, accessibility, and inclusiveness for all participants.

Applicants must meet a series of criteria to be eligible for consideration. Please read the guidelines below to ensure your project meets the necessary measures. Applications will be evaluated based on the following:

- a) Increasing the access of youth participation and improving the quality of youth baseball
- b) Facility enhancements to allow for inclusion of all youth to utilize the space regardless of ability
- c) The organization's ability to generate more support for the field and programming
- d) The ability of the refurbishment to improve the local community
- e) Developing life skills of all those who have access to the facility

### **Who is The Youth Field Betterment Program trying to reach?**

The Youth Field Betterment program was created to help local organizations positively impact their local community by creating a safe place for their youth to further develop themselves and baseball skills. Our goal is to aid local youth organizations that aspire to provide players of all abilities with an environment that combines inclusiveness with fair play.

When we look at a submission from an organization, we are looking for constructed ideas and goals that provide a direct benefit to youth from across the Hudson Valley.

## Application Requirements:

The following documents must be submitted as part of the application included in this packet, no later than **March 13, 2023** (11:59 p.m. ET):

- a) Written confirmation of nonprofit or tax-exempt status from the appropriate governmental agency (e.g., IRS determination letter).
- b) List and description of key partnerships and/or supporters
- c) Photo(s) of field's current condition

All submissions on behalf of local youth organizations must come from an executive within its board and must have the approval of their active sitting board members.

**Applications should be submitted via email to Marcella Costello, Manager of Community Relations, at [mcostello@hvrenegades.com](mailto:mcostello@hvrenegades.com), with “2023 YFB Program Application” in the subject line of the email.**

***Please note: Incomplete applications and failure to include the appropriate subject line during submission may result in ineligibility for consideration. Due to a high number of requests, please do not follow up to inquire on proposal status. Applicants will be notified via e-mail as to the status of their proposal.***

## Application Process and Timeline:

Once the application is received the process will then go through the following procedures:

- a) The Youth Field Betterment program has appointed a Board of Directors that will ensure that each application meets the mandatory requirements to continue in the process.
- b) Upon application approval for further vetting, all applications will be reviewed with the full intention of ensuring that the aid to the local organization positively impacts their local community by creating a safe place for their youth to further develop themselves and baseball skills.
- c) Should an application reach further vetting, a formal interview will be requested to assess final needs, budgeting, and approved permissions from local government and/or Parks and Recreation Board. An on-site field/facility visit may be requested by Renegades staff for further evaluation.
- d) Youth Field Betterment recipient will be announced the week of **April 10, 2023**.

**2023 Program Timeline:**

<b>February 13 to March 13, 2023</b>	Applications Accepted
<b>March 15 to April 7, 2023</b>	Applications Reviewed & Youth Field Betterment Recipient Determined
<b>Week of April 10, 2023</b>	Youth Field Betterment Recipient Announced
<b>April 15 – May 8, 2023</b>	Project implementation

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**The Hudson Valley Renegades thank you for your interest in the  
Youth Field Betterment program!**

Through the Youth Field Betterment program, the Renegades are committed to improving fields of play and encouraging youth and communities to get outside and enjoy activities, like baseball.

Applicants will be notified by e-mail as to the status of their proposal. Questions about the Youth Field Betterment Program and application process can be directed to Marcella Costello, Manager of Community Relations, at [mcostello@hvrenegades.com](mailto:mcostello@hvrenegades.com).

## 2023 Youth Field Betterment Application

Name of Little League Organization \_\_\_\_\_

Primary Contact for Organization \_\_\_\_\_

Primary Contact's Role within Organization \_\_\_\_\_

Phone \_\_\_\_\_ Email \_\_\_\_\_

Name of Little League Field Requested to Be Refurbished

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Facility/Field Location (Address)

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Approximately how many participants are currently enrolled in your Little League program?

How many teams are currently participating in your program and use the field throughout the season?

What is your primary need from the Renegades? (Attach additional sheets as necessary).

Why should your organization be considered as a recipient of the Youth Field Betterment program? (Attach additional sheets as necessary).