

Dear LCB Parents,

It's hard to believe this first year of being LCB President is behind me. It goes by fast when you stay busy like we do at Lakeland City Baseball. At the same time I'm looking forward to this next year's exciting season of baseball. As soon as Christmas is over, our Board of Directors hit the ground, planning for the new spring season. Just like all of Santa's elves working hard for that one big day, we do the same for the start of a new baseball season. I hope for all of our families that this past year was a great time of baseball and family fun, not just for your child but for the entire family. I also hope that all of you come back and play with us again this year. We look forward to all of the familiar faces of kids that play at the park, as well as all of the new faces every year.

While we're in Christmas mode right now, I wanted to highlight one of the changes for LCB this year. It's the bats that we allow are going to be a lot different than in the past. Bat companies were on the verge of making bats very dangerous for kids playing in the field. The composite bats out on the market were making homerun hitters out of pitching machine kids (not really) but almost. The bat makers realized that they had "hit" (no pun intended) the edge of dangerous and since nobody likes a lawsuit they have greatly reduced the sting in their ping, so to say. The only bats that will be allowed in the game at LCB "MUST" be an approved USABAT. The bat will actually have this wording on the bat somewhere, and if it doesn't your child may not use it in games or practices while playing at LCB. This information has been on our website for a couple of months now and we also sent an email blast to all of our parents about it. If you want to see more info on it you can go on our "lakelandcitybaseball.com" website and see every bat allowed. The good news is we no longer care if the bat is a big barrel or little barrel, as long as it says USABAT. That way all of the kids that play travel ball can use only one bat instead of buying one for each league. I wanted to get this out to everyone because I know a lot of parents buy bats for their kids for Christmas. Most all youth baseball organizations are going to this new bat system, so please don't think it's just LCB.

Thank you again for choosing Lakeland City Baseball for your family fun and I hope you have a very Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year!

Best Regards,  
David Cochran – President  
Lakeland City Baseball