

# Siuslaw Baseball Association registration begins Tuesday

The Siuslaw Baseball Association will host two early registration and informational meetings, Tuesday, Jan. 31 and Tuesday, Feb. 7, in the Siuslaw High School mall area.

Both meetings will take place at 6 p.m.

Register and pay fees early, or come learn about financial assistance and ask questions. Also, come learn about volunteer opportunities and meet other parents of baseball players this season.

Registration fees are \$50 per

T-ball player or \$60 each for all other players.

There is also a \$30 "Opt Out" fee available for volunteering.

Fees are nonrefundable after Feb. 19.

SBA Registrations and fees are due by Friday, Feb. 17, or at assessments on Feb. 18 and 19.

Late registrations will be accepted only if approved by the SBA Board on available team space and when accompanied by additional fees determined by late uniform order-

ing, printing, delivery and administrative expenses.

To register by mail, send forms and fees to: Siuslaw Baseball Association, P.O. Box 873, Florence, Ore. 97439.

Email questions to [siuslaw-baseball@gmail.com](mailto:siuslaw-baseball@gmail.com)

Players will be placed into leagues based on their age as of May 1, 2017.

Leagues will include:

T-ball—Boys and girls, ages 5 and 6 years old. There will be no assessments for this group unless a 6-year-old would like

to try-out for Rookies.

Players must have 1 year of T-ball, be assessed at a Rookie level by coaches at assessments and be approved by the SBA Board as being safe to play up.

Rookies—Ages 7 and 8 for boys and girls.

Minors—Boys ages 9 and 10 year old.

Majors—Boys ages 11 and 12 years old.

Prep—Boys ages 13 and 14 year old.

Girls ages 9 years and older interested in softball can regis-

ter at Boys and Girls Club by calling 541-902-0304.

Coaches will call players assigned to their teams by March 7 to inform them of practice times.

Rookies, Minors and Majors should turn out for assessments at Miller Park one time, either Saturday or Sunday. T-ball and Prep teams do not need to attend assessments.

Assessments times will be as follows:

- Saturday, Feb. 18
- Minors — 9 to 10:30 a.m.

Majors — 10:30 a.m. to noon

Rookies — Noon to 1:30 p.m.

• Sunday, Feb. 19

Rookies — 1 to 1:45 p.m.

Minors — 1:45 to 2:30 p.m.

Majors — 2:30 to 3:15 p.m.

Players with gloves should bring them to assessments. Coaches will use assessment results when drafting players for teams.

No one is excluded from playing based on assessments.

## Fishing from 1B

hatchery steelhead is open. Wild winter steelhead can be retained on the Salmon River.

Daily and annual bag limit on wild winter steelhead are 1/day and 3/year. Casting spinners, drifting bait or using a bobber and jig can be effective.

### SILETZ RIVER AND BAY: Steelhead

Winter steelhead opportunities are improving as more fish move through the mainstem. Casting spinners, drifting bait or using a bobber and jig can be effective.

**WILSON RIVER: Steelhead**  
Hatchery steelhead are available and opportunities should improve on through January as conditions improve.

All the usual techniques such as side drifting, float fishing, and pulling plugs or divers and bait, should be effective.

Anglers are reminded that fall Chinook season is closed.

### YAQUINA RIVER: Steelhead

The Yaquina River is open for hatchery winter steelhead. Casting spinners, drifting bait

or using a bobber and jig can be effective.

### COOS COUNTY LAKES/PONDS: Trout

Rainbow trout were stocked in **Upper Empire, Bradley, Saunders, Powers and Butterfield** lakes in October. Fishing for these stocked fish has slowed down. Coos County lakes and ponds will not be stocked again until the spring.

### COOS RIVER BASIN: Dungeness crab, bay clams, rockfish, steelhead

Trout fishing in streams is closed until May 22.

A few steelhead have been caught the past few weeks in the **West Fork Millicoma, East Fork Millicoma, and South Fork Coos** rivers. The West Fork Millicoma was the only river in the basin that was fishable over the past weekend.

Anglers are drifting eggs or corkies along the stream bottom or using a jig suspended under a bobber. Anglers fishing the South Fork Coos River above Dellwood will need a permit from Weyerhaeuser, which they can pick up at the Dellwood office.

In the Coos Basin 1 additional hatchery steelhead may be retained per day for a total aggregate of 3 adult fish harvested daily.

Anglers have been catching a few rockfish and surfperch along the jetties and submerged rock piles. Fishing for rockfish in the bay has been spotty. The marine fish daily bag limit for bottom fish (rockfish) is 7 fish and a separate daily limit for lingcod (2).

The 7 fish marine bag limit will remain in place, with these adjustments for 2017:

Create a sub-bag limit of 6 black rockfish, remove the sub-bag limit for canary rockfish, add China/quillback/cooper rockfishes to the sub-bag limit with blue/Deacon rockfish and change the limit from 3 to 4.

Finally remove the 10-inch minimum size for kelp greenling.

Retention of cabezon is not allowed until July 1.

Recreational crabbing is now open in all Oregon waters. Crabbing was decent over the weekend in Coos Bay.

Crabbing from a boat has been better than crabbing from the dock but dock crabbers are picking up a few legal crabs.

Recreational harvest of bay clams remains open along the entire Oregon coast. Clamming is excellent during low tides near Charleston, off Cape Arago Highway, and Clam Island.

There are also good places to dig clams even on positive low tides in Coos Bay.

Recreational harvest of razor clams and mussels is closed from the entire Oregon coast due to elevated levels of domoic acid.

This includes all beaches and all bays.

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