

BABE RUTH 13-15 BASEBALL INFORMATIONAL MEETING

Bismarck Parks and Recreation District



INTRODUCTIONS AND WELCOME

- Ethan Eberle, Recreation Specialist
- Jesse Scalzo, Program Coordinator



REGISTRATION PROCEDURES

- 13-15 Year-Olds
 - \$180 – League Fee after April 17
- Registration completed before tryouts.
- Our Office
 - 400 East Front Avenue
- In person
- www.bisparks.org



PROGRAM PHILOSOPHY

- Provide a quality experience
- Stress sportsmanship
- Equal participation
- Emphasize fundamentals
- Emphasize FUN!



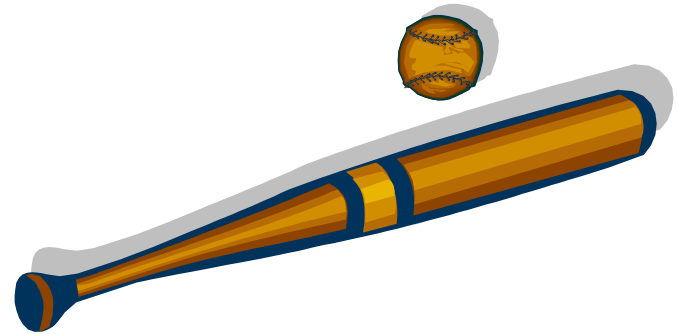
BIRTHDATE/AGE REQUIREMENTS

	Jan	Feb	March	April	May	June	July	Aug	Sept	Oct	Nov	Dec
2010	13	13	13	13	12	12	12	12	12	12	12	12
2009	14	14	14	14	13	13	13	13	13	13	13	13
2008	15	15	15	15	14	14	14	14	14	14	14	14
2007	16	16	16	16	15	15	15	15	15	15	15	15

- A player must play in the Babe Ruth 13-15 league until they are no longer eligible to play according to Babe Ruth League age chart.



EQUIPMENT



- Metal Spikes = OK
- Infielders and catchers should wear a protective cup
- We provide catcher's gear and batting helmets
 - Recommend buying own helmet and/or aerosol lice killer
 - Recommend Helmet: Champro Hx Gamer Baseball Helmet. No Chrome on catcher's gear and batting helmets



APPROVED BATS

- 13-15 Baseball Division
 - The bat may not exceed 34" in length, and the bat barrel may not exceed 2 5/8" in diameter.
 - All aluminum/alloy barrel bats and all composite handle (only) aluminum/alloy BBCOR .50 barrels are allowed.
 - Only composite barrel bats certified and marked USA Baseball Marking will be allowed.
 - Wood barrel bats conforming to the specifications of Official Baseball Rule 1.10 are allowed.
- How will I know which bat to buy?
 - All new bats that bear the USA Bat licensing mark will be permissible for play in the leagues and tournaments of the participating youth baseball organizations.



BATS NOT APPROVED

- Tampering or altering bats may violate certain federal and state laws and voids the USA Baseball certification, as well as all manufacturer warranties. Rolling is considered tampering and would void the bat's certification and make it illegal for play.



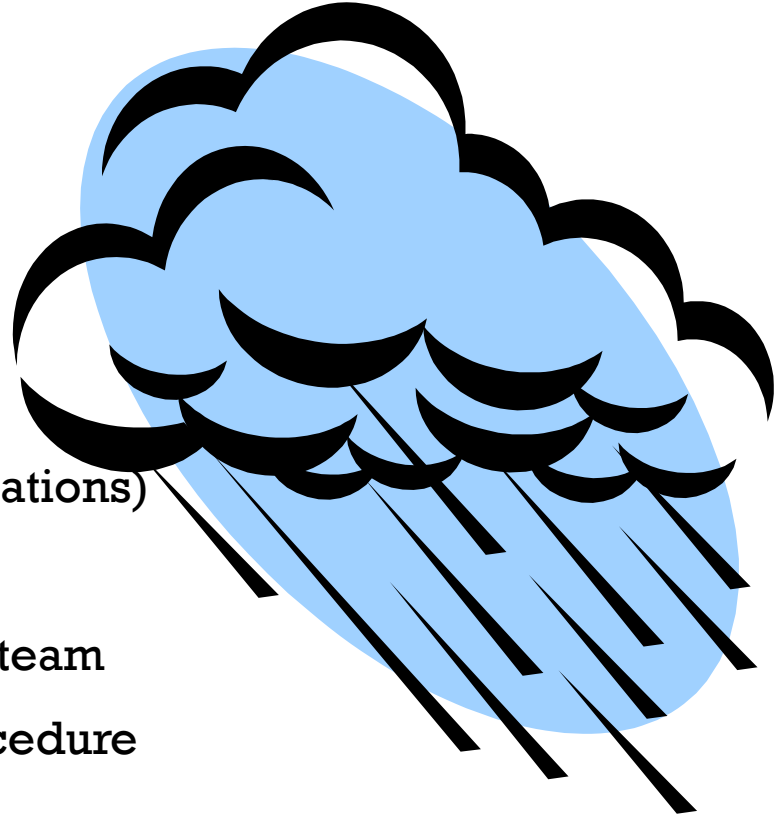
UNIFORMS / SPONSORS

- Use and care of uniform
- What do you get & keep?
 - Jersey Top
 - Cap
- Players are responsible for their own pants and belts.
 - Grey pants recommended.
 - Team batting helmets provided but recommended purchasing own helmet
- No Uniform Return and Deposit



RAIN-OUTS

- “Like” BPRD Facebook
- Visit www.bisparks.org (Cancellations)
- Call Information Line (222-6479)
- Coaches will communicate with team
- Lightning & Severe Weather Procedure
 - 30 Minutes Rule



PARENTS' OPPORTUNITIES

- Parent Head Coach (Minor only)
 - Need around 7 to 8 head coaches
- Team Coordinator
- Umpire
- Sponsor team(s)
- Enthusiastic and supportive fan
- Be a super role model
- Tournament Volunteers



TRAINING



- Coaches
 - Bismarck Parks and Recreation District Workshop/Training
 - Certified by Babe Ruth League Inc. program
 - Rules and Guidelines
 - Job Description
 - Evaluation

- Umpires
 - Training session (on and off field)
 - On-the-job training and evaluations



LEAGUE STRUCTURE & TEAM FORMATION CRITERIA

- League Format
 - The league will be separated into Major and Minor Leagues. Players will only play in one league.
 - Major (Travel Baseball):
 - The Major league consists of 13's, 14's, and 15's advancing teams and 13-15 non-advancing team(s).
 - Minor (League Baseball):
 - The Minor league will consist of player ages 13-15 league teams.

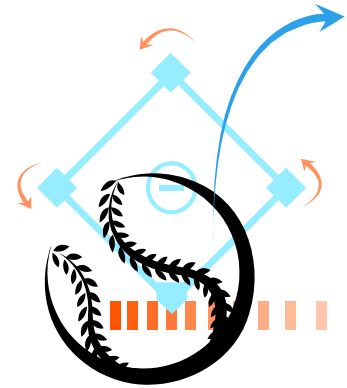


LEAGUE STRUCTURE & TEAM FORMATION CRITERIA

- Team selection process
 - Minor league, balance teams as equally as possible
 - Major league teams will consist of same team rosters of travel baseball teams.
- No carpool request form
- Sibling requests form
 - Due last day of league tryouts
 - Request forms found at tryouts
- 12-15 players per team
- There will be no cutting of players.



MINOR LEAGUE



- Minor League Tryouts – Tatley Eagles Park
 - May 8: 5:30 – 7:30pm
 - May 9: 5:30 – 7:00pm
 - Players only need to come to one try-out date
- All players will be placed on a team!
- No Parents at league tryouts!
 - -Unless you're a head coach
- Rosters will be posted on the week of May 15-19 on www.bisparks.org.



MINOR LEAGUE

- May 22-25, Monday-Thursday
 - Between 4:00pm – 9:00pm
 - Teams rotate practice times.
- Practice times and lengths may change depending on how many teams are in the league
- No Baseball May 29– Memorial Day



MINOR LEAGUE

- Starting May 30
 - Minor practices scheduled for Tuesdays and Thursdays
 - 3:30pm to 9:30pm
 - Teams rotate practice times
 - Games maybe play on a Tuesday or Thursday if need be
 - Minor games scheduled for Mondays and Wednesdays
 - Starting May 31: games times 3:30pm, 5:30pm or 7:30pm
 - Teams rotate game times
- Game and Practices
 - Tatley North and South, Municipal Ball Park, Haaland Field, and BPS Sanford Sports Complex (Legacy High school).
- Schedules subject to change
- Practice and games times and lengths may change depending on how many teams are in the league



QUESTIONS ABOUT MINOR LEAGUE?
(STAY FOR MAJOR LEAGUE BASEBALL INFO)



MAJOR LEAGUE: TRAVEL BASEBALL

- General Information
 - One 13, 14, & 15 year old advancing teams and a 13-15 year old non-advancing team(s) if enough interest and coaches.
 - 12 player min/15 player max per team
 - Parents are responsible for players transportation, meals, and lodging for all games including Invitational, State, Regional and World Series tournaments.
 - Regional and World Series play will be discussed at later date with the individual teams.
 - A player must play in the Babe Ruth 13-15 league until they are no longer eligible to play according to Babe Ruth League age chart.





MAJOR LEAGUE: TRYOUTS

- Major Tryouts – Tatley Eagles Park
- April 26, May 3, and May 10
 - Age 13: 4-5:30pm
 - Age 14: 5:30-7pm
 - Age 15: 7-8:30pm
- *No Parents at tryouts!
- Recommend being at all 3 tryout dates.
 - Must be at 2 tryout dates.
- Rosters will be posted on Friday May 12th by 5pm on www.bisparks.org.



MAJOR LEAGUE: PRACTICES

- Practices
 - Will last a 1 ½ hour during the season
 - No practices day of games
 - No practices May 29 and July 1-4
 - There will be practices scheduled in the evenings during May 22-25
 - Practice will be 1 hour or 1 ½ hour based off field availability
 - Starting May 30 practices will be in the mornings and early afternoons at:
 - Tatley North/South Park (Airport Road and Michigan Avenue) or Haaland Field (South 12th St.).
 - Major season practice times/days will be provided at the end of tryouts. Schedules are subject to change
 - Coaches will communicate any schedules changes



MAJOR LEAGUE: GAMES

- Games
 - Games will be played throughout the week and weekends
 - Schedules will be posted as soon as they are done
 - Tatley North and South, Municipal Ball Park, Haaland Field, and BPS Sanford Sports Complex (Legacy High School).
 - Games played vs Minot, Williston, Mandan, Dickinson, Jamestown, + 1 to 3 tournaments
 - No games May 29 and July 1-4
 - Rained out games will be rescheduled if possible
 - All schedules are subject to change
 - Coaches will communicate any schedules changes



MAJOR LEAGUE: PARENT INVOLVEMENT

- Team Manager
 - Help send information to parents and help find workers to help in press box during home games and any local tournaments.
Gamechanger scorer
 - A parent coach will be allowed if there is a shortage of coaches.
Parents will have to apply for this position



MAJOR LEAGUE: EXTRA FEES

- Major League Fees = additional games/tournament
 - Advancing = \$175 per player (includes State Tourney & beyond)
 - Non-advancing = \$100 per player (up to State Tourney)
 - Due after tryout
- Major league fees will be collected after Major tryouts.
 - Paid at BPRD office – 400 E. Front Ave.
 - or over phone 701-222-6455
- Each Major participant will also be required to sell 10 raffle tickets at \$20 per raffle ticket for \$200.
 - Pick up tickets at BPRD office – 400 E. Front Ave.
 - Money dropped off at BPRD office – 400 E. Front Ave.
- Families and players will be notified when raffle tickets are ready to be picked up. Projected pick up date is June 9.



QUESTIONS?

