

## **CMYBA ALL-STARS TRAVEL BASEBALL PROGRAM OVERVIEW**

CMYBA is excited to announce its **1<sup>st</sup> Annual All-Star (Part Time Travel) Baseball program for the upcoming 2019** season.

The CMYBA All-Star Travel Program was designed to provide in-house Rec. players the opportunity to experience travel baseball, on a part time basis, with hopefully encouraging these players to have an interest in full time travel baseball through our Travel program.

The CMYBA All-Star program will provide an opportunity for players, who have demonstrated the requisite skill and desire, to compete against players of similar skill levels from other communities. All-Star baseball is more competitive and has a greater emphasis on winning than recreational baseball. This is evident in the following ways:

- The expectations on the players in terms of effort, concentration and commitment are higher.
- Players may play fewer positions.
- Coaches will place players in positions best suited for the success of the overall team.
- Players will take on different roles within the framework of the team.
- Players will learn that every role is essential for the success of the team.
- There will be no minimum playing time requirement.

The coaching staff will be responsible for making all playing decisions within the framework of the goals of the CMYBA Baseball association at each age group and skill level.

**CMYBA regular season practices and games will be considered a priority over CMYBA All-Star activities.**

### **PLAYER ELIGIBILITY**

Teams are designated by age level (**7U thru 13U**).

Age is determined by the player's age on **April 30<sup>th</sup>** of the current year. Players are not permitted to play up an age level unless there is a situation where younger players are needed to be able to have a full team at the next age level and there are not enough players to have a full team at the lower age level. Only permitted to play up one age level. Example: 9 year old can play on 10 year old team if needed.

**The CMYBA All-Star program is open to all appropriate players who:**

- Reside in the Canon McMillan School District.
- Register online for and participate fully in CMYBA Rec. Season practices and games.
- Register online for CMYBA All-Star Program prior to Tryouts/Evaluations.
- Have agreed to all required CMYBA All-Star requirements.

## FEES

Player registration fees are set on a per age-group basis factoring in basic registration fees and the cost of any additional activities that teams and players may participate in. Uniform costs are included in the initial fee. Uniform package for all players will include: Hat, Jersey, Pants, Belt, Socks and (optional Batting Helmet).

### CMYBA All-Star costs for the 2019 Season:

The fee for all Age-Groups will be **\$185.00 dollars**. We will be offering the option to purchase a batting helmet if you would prefer. If you choose to receive a batting helmet there will be an additional **\$35.00 dollar** fee added to your registration cost. If you choose not to receive a batting helmet, you will still be required to have your player wear a solid White or Royal Blue in color helmet. (A CM sticker will be provided to you to adhere to the helmet). If you choose to receive a helmet at the 7U and 8U age levels the face mask that is used for the helmet we choose will be what you receive. **Note: All 7U and 8U players are required to have a full face mask on the helmet they will be wearing.**

- Registration fees may be split into (2) payments. First payment will be required once team selections have been made and you have been notified and accepted your roster spot. This should occur sometime in early April 2019. Total payment is due no later than **April 30<sup>th</sup> 2019**. (If total payment is not received by April 30<sup>th</sup>, an additional **\$50.00 dollar non-refundable fee** will be added to your total payment). Absolutely no final payments will be accepted after May 12<sup>th</sup> 2019. Failure to pay by this date will be subject to removal from the team.

## SEASON / PLAYER COMMITMENT

New All-Star teams will start practicing as soon as possible after selection of teams has been completed, anticipating mid-April 2019. We expect teams to be selected and parents contacted in early April 2019. We are planning on the All-Star season running from April thru August 2019. Practices and any tournaments/scrimmages will be mostly on the weekends due to the CMYBA Rec. season being in progress.

Teams will play in at least 3 tournaments, 2 away and 1 home tournament in which CMYBA will provide entry fees. Additional tournaments can be played in but at the expense of the team.

**Spring Season (optional)** – 1-2 tournaments/scrimmages in May and June. These tournaments will be completely up to the coach and the families of participating players if they choose to play. These tournaments will not be paid for by CMYBA and will be the responsibility of the individual team to pay for the tournament entry fees. Uniforms may also not be available at this time, so traditional apparel may need to be worn.

**Summer Tournaments (Primary season)** – 3 tournaments (2 away and 1 required home tournament). These tournaments will take place during the month of July. These tournaments

will be paid for by the CMYBA league and are part of your registration fee, which provides insurance, fields, umpires, entry fees, equipment, baseballs, etc.

**Fall Season (optional)** – 1-2 tournaments/scrimmages in August. These tournaments will be completely up to the coach and the families of participating players if they choose to play. These tournaments will not be paid for by CMYBA and will be the responsibility of the individual team to pay for the tournament entry fees.

## **FURTHER PROGRAM DETAILS**

### **Tryouts**

Tryouts across all age groups will be held each season and will be held at a facility yet to be decided, generally sometime in early April. There will hopefully be 2 tryout opportunities for each age group. One try-out is required. Any player that played in the current year's spring rec. season is allowed to register and tryout.

**Independent evaluators (selected by the CMYBA Board of Directors) will rate players on the following criteria:**

1. Specific technique demonstrated and overall results for each area of evaluations.
2. Effort, Attitude and Sportsmanship.
3. Ability to focus, listen and follow directions.

### **Purpose of Tryouts/Evaluations:**

1. Put players in a position to be successful yet challenged.
2. Maximize opportunity for player growth.

### **Player Selection and Team Formation**

All-Star program coordinators, evaluators, and previous rec. coaches from each age level will be responsible for player selection and team formation, which will be based on the following criteria (where applicable):

- Tryout performance, which will include evaluation on fielding, throwing, pitching, running, and hitting.
- Players will also be measured on their previous season Rec. performance.

The current CMYBA Player Agent along with members of the CMYBA Board of Directors will be responsible for coordinating tryouts for all age-groups and approving the final team placement of all players.

We hope to have at least one team for each age, the number of teams each year will depend on player interest, skill level and coach availability.

Announcement of Teams will be made by the selected manager of each team by email.

### COACHES AND VOLUNTEERS

Anyone interested in becoming a **CMYBA All-Star Travel Baseball Head Coach, Assistant Coach, Team Mom, Etc.** can volunteer during the All-Star player registration process. Applicants may be contacted by a Board of Directors member for further discussion. The CMYBA Board of Directors will make the final decision regarding coaches/volunteers for each age-group and team.

Managers must have coached in the previous spring rec. baseball season to be considered. An exception can be made by the CMYBA Board of Directors if an issue would arise where this is not a possibility for a manager choice.

### FINAL COMMENTS

**All effort is expected from each player and their families to participate in the (3) primary season tournaments, especially at the required home tournament. There is a lot of help required for the home tournament including concession stand operation, field prep and maintenance, scorekeeping, announcing games, raffles, etc. and it is only fair to all the other players/families for everyone to pitch in equally.**

Missing a tournament is permitted but **MUST** be discussed and agreed upon with your team manager to ensure there are ample players to field a team for planned tournaments. There should **NEVER** be a situation where a team is forced to withdraw from a tournament due to lack of players. We understand this is vacation time for a lot of people but we believe starting the program earlier in the year than in previous years will give everyone ample notice of when the planned tournaments are scheduled and everyone should be able to plan accordingly.

The CMYBA Part Time Travel All-Star Program is an extension of Rec. league baseball that is being developed to provide players with a more competitive experience. The program was formed to provide CMYBA participants an alternative to full time travel baseball with enhanced player development to elevate their game within the baseball community.

This program is perfect for those players interested in playing more competitive baseball, in addition to the CMYBA Rec. baseball league.

Our goals in making these changes to the All-Star Program that we had are to A) strengthen our players for possible interest in our Travel Program and B) offer the kids of CMYBA more opportunities to learn and develop in the game of baseball. If you have any questions about this new format, or need clarification on any of the topics above, please email [updates@cmyba.org](mailto:updates@cmyba.org) or a board member (listed at CMYBA.org) with any questions.

A **\$50 dollar** volunteer service check will be required after your player has been selected to a team in addition to the registration fee. Families of the players chosen for the team are required to help out in any way possible in regards to the (1) required home tournament. If you choose not to volunteer as needed for the home tournament your service check will be cashed.

**Please understand that no one is guaranteed to make an All-Star team.**

**NOTE: The CMYBA Organization reserves the right to suspend participation in the All-Star program due to lack of interest, poor participation and/or any unforeseen circumstances.**

**\*CMYBA reserves the right to make adjustments to team formation to promote competition and player development based on what is in the best interests of all the players in the program.\***