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RE: "Thunder Baseball New Member Information"

Dear Prospective Member,

Thunder Baseball League, is about promoting good character, developing young players skills in a positive manner and preparing for high school baseball and beyond. Below are a few points to help your family transition into Thunder Baseball, Broomfield's newest competitive baseball association.

- Practices for spring baseball may begin indoors at the Thunder Academy early January, this varies by age and level of play.
- Thunder Academy indoor cage time is shared amongst all Thunder branded teams.
- RMJBL league play currently provides between fourteen (14) and up to an eighteen (18) game season and runs from mid-March for fourteen (14) year old players and ends in mid-May in coordination with high school. Thirteen (13) year old and younger seasons run from April to the end of June, with the possibility of a post season State tournament in July.
- The players and team talent determine the RMJBL level of play: Majors, AAA, AA, A, and/or Thunder Academy, and/or Machine pitch. The Director of Baseball Operations and his committee will make the final determination.
- Rosters are typically 11-12 players; it is important that players make every effort to attend practices and games. Baseball is a team sport and a missing player effects both preparation and performance of the entire team.
- Many teams participate in weekend tournaments in addition to normal league play. The number of tournaments will be determined by the head coach with team input.
- Some tournaments may require travel to destinations throughout CO or out of state.
- Thunder provides bases, pitching rubber, catchers gear, batting helmets, two dozen game/practice balls and an equipment bag. Additional equipment may need to be purchased by the coach or team.
- Many teams engage in fundraising to offset the cost of tournaments and additional equipment. All families are expected to participate if fundraising occurs.

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- Fundraising may not cover all costs for tournaments in which case player's families are responsible for tournament fees.
- Each team has an identified team manager that helps communicate coaches' expectations and coordinate team events (tournaments, practices, etc.). This enables the Head coach to focus on teaching and developing the players.
- There may be times during the season when games and practices are held 4-5 times per week because of weather related rescheduled games and/or weekend tournaments.
- Each team is a community of families that are dependent on each other and need to work together in providing an enjoyable and rewarding experience for all the players. Keep all interactions positive and help make baseball fun!
- Review Thunder Baseball philosophy documents that describe in more detail expectations of parents and coaches for different levels (Open/Majors, AAA, AA).
- Thunder offers an eight (8) and under machine pitch program that is completely separate from RMJBL league play. See "Machine Pitch Program" for more information.
- Thunder Baseball League offers a Fall Ball League that begins in September and runs through mid-October. See "Fall Ball Program" for more information.

Respectfully,

Shawn and Darron