

# 04/05/2016

## **Travel Information**

8-year-olds play approximately eight games in the "Friendship League" out of Woodbridge. Games utilize a pitching machine and one umpire. Newtown travel teams try to include as many players as possible. Talent is spread out among as many teams as can be formed. Other teams usually only form one team of their best players, but Newtown is usually competitive with these teams. Players will get a travel t-shirt and hat.

9-year-olds and 10-year-olds form a "district" team of the 12 best players as selected by the coaches at tryouts. This team plays a district tournament. If it wins it goes onto the state tournament. If it wins that it goes onto the regional tournament. This team will also play games in between tournaments.

11-year-olds and 12-year-olds form two district teams. One, the "A" team, plays on 50/70-sized fields. The other, the "a" team, plays on 46/60-sized fields.

Each division forms as many "B" teams as possible from the players remaining after district teams are selected. All teams play from approximately mid-June until the end of July. District travel teams may also participate in the "Jimmy Fund" aka "Al Leonard" charity tournament hosted by Bethel in early June.

All district tournament dates are posted on the NBR web site. Players on district teams are expected to be available for all tournaments including the Jimmy Fund tournament. Taking vacation during those times is strongly discouraged. "B" teams have a more relaxed vacation policy but players are expected to be available during playoffs which are typically near the end of July.

Travel tryouts will take place some time in early May.

13-year-olds and above play Babe Ruth (60/90).

## **Registration Update**

Registration is down around 2.5%. All or most teams have been formed.

## **Pitch Smart Clinic Recap**

Lots of coaches and kids showed up. NBR expects coaches to follow the PitchSmart guidelines.

## **Dick's Day**

Dick's Day was last weekend.

## **Uniforms**

Rec uniforms will still be supplied by Iovino Brothers. 14-year-old district teams are investigating using a new design.

### **Glander 3 Update**

The trees are still up.

### **Newtown Day at Yale**

April 16<sup>th</sup>, 1:00 PM. Rain date is the following day.

### **Pitching Limits**

Pitching limits are posted on the NBR web site.

### **Al Leonard ("Jimmy Fund") Tournament**

Teams participating: 9A, 10A, 11A, 11a, 12A, 12a.

June 10<sup>th</sup> to the 24<sup>th</sup>.

### **District Meeting**

Andy attended the district meeting. It went well. We will be hosting some district tournaments this year.

### **Summer Xtreme Meeting**

May 19<sup>th</sup>. Summer games will be scheduled.

### **Field Setup and Openings**

Fields are set up because we (NBR) did it, but we don't expect fields to be opened until after April break because that is how P&R typically operates. Nothing we try seems to get P&R to operate any more quickly. [Some speculation that P&R's slow pace is on purpose]

### **FanFest**

FanFest is our biggest fundraiser. The date is April 23<sup>rd</sup>, 11:00 AM to 2:00 PM at Glander field. Rain date is the following day.