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Around the Horn

News for the Middle Atlantic Region

Easton Bat Decertified

USA Baseball informed youth organizations, including Babe Ruth League, Inc., that effective immediately and until further notice, the bat identified as the Easton Ghost X YBB18GX10 30/20 2 5/8" (or the "Easton Ghost X 30/20 5/8" at retail) has been decertified by USA Baseball and is no longer an approved bat under the USABat Standard.

USABat: Easton Ghost X 30/20
Model Number(s):

YBB18GX10 30/20 (D: 2 5/8),
LL18GHX 30/20 (D: 2 5/8)
Length: 30" (-10)

All other certified lengths and drops of the Easton Ghost X USABat remain approved for play.

For any family or league that is impacted by USA Baseball's decertification of the Easton Ghost X 30/20 5/8, we strongly urge you to read Easton's release, which includes information about how to return your bat to receive a \$500 voucher for Easton.com. ♦

Baseball Quote

"You may be a good teacher but no one cares what you know until they know that you care."

~ **Rusty Staubb**



Sponsoring and Investing in Our Youth

(Amherst, New York – March 2018) The Russell J. Salvatore Foundation (RJSF) will once again positively impact the Western New York Community as it has made a generous six-figure, multi-year financial commitment to Mathewson McCarthy Baseball (MMB). The RJSF will provide funds in exchange for permanent naming rights to the primary MMB Facility, located at 1995 Wehrle Drive in Williamsville, New York. The new name of the park is ‘Russell J. Salvatore Baseball Park’ ‘Home to the Mathewson McCarthy Baseball League’.

Mathewson McCarthy Baseball, established in 1957 as ‘The Joe McCarthy Little League’ after the Hall of Fame great ‘Mars’ C. Joe McCarthy, is a chartered baseball league with two main divisions: Cal Ripken (ages 4 through 12) and Babe Ruth (ages 13 through 16). “We strive to provide a family friendly setting where everyone works to make it a great place for those who are playing house league or tournament baseball at MMB”, says Tom Unger, MMB President.

The RJSF charitable donations will support the launch of new and exciting capital projects that will benefit MMB players: beginning with the construction of a new batting cage building in the spring of 2018 which is

expected to be ready by Opening Day this May. Unger states, “The RJSF has now given us the financial wherewithal to significantly invest in Mr. Salvatore’s namesake park as well as the development of MMB Players in a way that wasn’t possible before.” The installation of LED lighting that would illuminate diamonds to support night games is just one of the exciting projects being considered at MMB. Don Morris, Larry Newberry, Dave Franknecht and Al Solanik have been an engaged Board of Commissioners from Cal Ripken & Babe Ruth at the District, NYS and Mid-Atlantic levels who are always examining ways that baseball can be made more appealing to children. Improvements of this type would make the ‘Russell J. Salvatore Baseball Park’ a flagship facility in the region and help for more children to live the dream of playing baseball ‘under the lights’.

“Like any volunteer organization, we rely on so many people to do their part and make things work.”, says Unger who continues, “On behalf of the Mathewson McCarthy Board of Directors, our players, coaches, families and the Town of Amherst (TOA) Supervisor, Brian J. Kulpa, TOA Council Member Jacqueline Berger, The TOA Highway Department and the TOA Youth & Recreation Department, I would like to thank Mr. Salvatore, Mark Jerge (RJSF Trustee) and the entire Russell J. Salvatore Foundation

for their generosity. MMB is excited about the capital improvement and operational support opportunities that will become a reality as a result of The RJSF philanthropy. As a league focused on the development our young players, our Board is humbled by The RJSF inclusion of an annual scholarship award (to be voted on each year from 2018 through 2030) in the amount of \$1500, to a deserving High School student who is a member at MMB.” ♦

2018 Tournaments

Regional Tournaments

10-Year-Old

Site: South Plainfield, NNJ

Dates: July 18-22

12-year-old / 60 ft.

Site: Waynesboro, NEPA

Dates: July 20- 24

12-year-old/ 70 ft.

Site: Mt. Olive, NNJ

Dates: July 18- 22

13-year-old

Site: Somers Point, SNJ

Dates: July 24-30

14-year-old

Site: Williamsport, PA

Dates: July 24-30

13-15- year-old

Site: Milroy, PA

Dates: July 24-30

16-18-year-old

Site: Pine Forge, PA

Dates: July 18-23

Invitational Tournaments

8-year-old

Site: Queensbury, ENY

Dates: July 24- 28

9-year-old

Site: Cranford, NNJ

Dates: July 24-28

11-year-old/ 70 ft.

Site: Basking Ridge, NNJ

Dates: July 24-28

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SOFTBALL REGIONALS

all dates: July 6-9th

8U: Audubon, PA

10U: Spring-Ford, PA

12U: Upper Merion, PA

14U: Audubon, PA

16U: Spring-Ford, PA

18U: Spring-Ford, PA

World Series

Cal Ripken 10-year-old

Site: Vincennes, IN

Dates: Aug. 4-11

Cal Ripken Major/ 60'

Site: Phoenix City, AL

Dates: Aug. 2-9

Cal Ripken Major/ 70'

Site: Branson, MO

Dates: Aug. 3-11

13-year-old

Site: Mountain Home, AR

Dates: Aug. 9-16

14-year-old

Site: Eagle Pass, TX

Dates: Aug. 9-16

13-15-year-old

Site: Longview, WA

Dates: Aug. 9-16

16-18-year-old

Site: Jamestown, NY

Dates: Aug. 4-11

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SOFTBALL WS

Site: Jensen Beach/Stuart,FL

8U: July 29 – Aug. 4

10U: July 29 – Aug. 4

12U: July 29 – Aug. 4

14U: July 20-26

16U: July 20-26

18U: July 20-26

BASEBALL INVIT. WS

Site: Jensen Beach/Stuart,FL

Dates: Aug. 7-12

8-Year-Old kid pitch

8-Year-Old machine pitch

9-Year-Old

11/70-Year-Old