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PARENT'S INFORMATION BOOKLET

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I. ORGANIZATION

PARK RIDGE BASEBALL/SOFTBALL, INC IS A STATE OF ILLINOIS NON PROFIT CORPORATION BEGINNING ITS 70th SEASON. THE ORGANIZATION IS AN AFFILIATE OF THE PARK RIDGE RECREATION AND PARK DISTRICT AND IS SUPPORTED FINANCIALLY BY REGISTRATION FEES AND TEAM SPONSORS.

II. DIRECTORS OF THE PROGRAM

THERE ARE 25 DIRECTORS OF THE ORGANIZATION, ALL UNPAID AND EACH RESPONSIBLE FOR VARIOUS LEAGUES AND COMMITTEES. THERE ARE HUNDREDS OF VOLUNTEER MANAGERS AND COACHES WHO TEACH OVER 1400 PARTICIPANTS. ALL OF OUR VOLUNTEERS ARE REQUIRED TO SUBMIT TO A CRIMINAL BACKGROUND CHECK.

SPECIFIC CONCERNS FROM PARENTS SHOULD BE ADDRESSED TO YOUR CHILD'S MANAGER, LEAGUE PRESIDENT, OR COMMISSIONER GARRY ABEZETIAN.

III. TEAM FORMATION

TEAMS ARE FORMED EITHER BY THE LEAGUE OR THROUGH A DRAFT PROCESS DEPENDING ON THE SPECIFIC LEAGUE. MOST LEAGUES ARE FORMED BY THE LEAGUE, UTILIZING PLAYER EVALUATIONS, **SPECIFIC PLACEMENT ON TEAMS OR REQUESTS CANNOT BE HONORED.**

ALL PLAYERS ARE REQUIRED TO PLAY IN THEIR AGE APPROPRIATE LEAGUE. EXCEPTIONS WILL BE MADE TO PLACE A PLAYER IN A **LOWER** LEAGUE BASED ON RECOMMENDATIONS FROM THE PLAYERS COACH. THIS TYPE OF PLACEMENT IS ONLY FOR A CHILD THAT IS DEEMED UNABLE TO DEFEND THEMSELVES IN THEIR CURRENT LEAGUE. THIS PLACEMENT MUST BE APPROVED BY THE LEAGUE PRESIDENT, COMMISSIONER, AND THE CHILD'S PARENTS. ARRANGEMENTS MAY ALSO BE MADE FOR SCHOOL AGE SITUATIONS.

MANAGERS WILL CONTACT THEIR PLAYERS AFTER THE SELECTION PROCESS. IF YOUR CHILD DOES NOT RECEIVE A CALL BEFORE THE FIRST PRACTICE DATE (SEE TRYOUT SCHEDULE), PLEASE E MAIL: nocall@prbaseball.com

IV. TRYOUTS (ASSESSMENTS)

SOME PLAYERS MAY BE REQUESTED AT THE TIME OF REGISTRATION TO ATTEND AN EVALUATION SESSION. THIS LASTS APPROXIMATELY 1 HOUR AND ALLOWS THE LEAGUE TO SEE THE PLAYERS CATCH, RUN AND THROW. ALL PLAYERS, REGARDLESS OF ABILITY ARE PLACED ON TEAMS. IN ADDITION, EACH PLAYER IS ALWAYS IN THE BATTING LINEUP AND MUST AT LEAST SPLIT THE GAME IN THE FIELD. IF A PLAYER IS UNABLE TO ATTEND THE TRYOUT, THEY WILL STILL BE PLACED ON A TEAM, ALTHOUGH EVERY EFFORT SHOULD BE MADE TO ATTEND. **Requests for friend or manager placements may not be honored if the tryout is not attended.**

V. UPCOMING SEASON

PRACTICE FOR PLAYERS 7 TO 14 WILL BEGIN APPROXIMATELY 4/20 . 5&6& Colt Boys APROX. 5/4.

FUTURE STARS (5&6) PLAY 8 GAMES. ALL OTHERS PLAY BETWEEN 12 AND 16 GAMES. THE REGULAR SEASON GENERALLY CONCLUDES BY 7/1 WEATHER PERMITTING. GAMES ARE PLAYED 7 DAYS A WEEK. WEEKDAY GAMES START AT 5:45 PM/6:00PM (SOME GAMES FOR 9-12 YR OLDS ARE AT 7:45 PM. GAMES ON SATURDAYS ARE FROM 9:30 AM UNTIL 10 PM. GAMES ON SUNDAYS ARE AT 1, 3 OR 7:30 PM. WE DO NOT NORMALLY PLAY GAMES OVER THE MEMORIAL DAY OR 4TH OF JULY HOLIDAYS.

VI. RULES/UMPIRES

OUR LEAGUES UTILIZE THE BASIC RULES OF BASEBALL & SOFTBALL, HOWEVER THERE ARE SPECIAL RULES FOR EACH LEAGUE BASED ON THE AGE GROUP. YOUR CHILD WILL BECOME FAMILIAR WITH THESE RULES AND CAN MOST LIKELY ANSWER YOUR QUESTIONS. IF YOU NEED ANY FURTHER CLARIFICATION, PLEASE CONTACT YOUR TEAM'S MANAGER.

OUR UMPIRES FOR ALL LEAGUES ARE TEENAGERS AND ADULTS FROM OUR PROGRAM AND OUR COMMUNITY. ALL OF OUR UMPIRES ATTEND A VARIETY OF TRAINING SESSIONS. OUR BEGINNER UMPIRES ARE ASSIGNED TO OUR BEGINNER LEAGUES. PLEASE TREAT OUR UMPIRES WITH RESPECT AND AS IF THEY WERE YOUR OWN CHILDREN, BECAUSE ONE DAY YOUR CHILD COULD BE UMPIRING. IT'S A TERRIFIC SUMMER JOB.

VII. EQUIPMENT

THE LEAGUE WILL PROVIDE ALL EQUIPMENT AND UNIFORMS NECESSARY TO PARTICIPATE EXCEPT FOR A BATTING HELMET, GLOVE AND SHOES. THE GLOVE YOU PURCHASE SHOULD BE A GOOD QUALITY LEATHER AND SIZED TO FIT YOUR CHILD. SHOES CAN BE EITHER GYM SHOES OR RUBBER MOLDED CLEATS. HELMETS MUST CONFORM TO LEAGUE RULES AND BE NOCSAE CERTIFIED

YOUR CHILD WILL RECEIVE A JERSEY, PANTS, CAP, AND SOCKS. THE ENTIRE UNIFORM EXCEPT FOR THE PANTS ARE YOURS TO KEEP. YOU MUST RETURN THE PANTS. PLEASE SEE THAT YOUR CHILD WEARS THE ENTIRE UNIFORM TO EACH GAME, AND DOES NOT ALTER IT

REPLACEMENT HATS, SOCKS, AND PANTS CAN BE PURCHASED AT THE EQUIPMENT ROOM (283 BUSSE HWY ACROSS FROM THE POST OFFICE) ON WEDNESDAYS FROM 8 TO 9 PM OR ON SATURDAYS FROM 8 TO 9 AM.

VIII MEDICAL/FINANCIAL AID

WE DO NOT OFFER A MEDICAL INSURANCE POLICY. INSURANCE CARRIERS NO LONGER OFFER THE INDIVIDUAL POLICIES TO US. EACH PARENT SHOULD HAVE MEDICAL INSURANCE ON THEIR PLAYER(S).

PLEASE INFORM THE LEAGUE AND/OR YOUR CHILD'S MANAGER OF ANY MEDICAL CONDITIONS THAT YOUR CHILD POSSESSES. WE ARE ONLY INTERESTED IN CONDITIONS THAT COULD POSSIBLY INTERFERE WITH HIS/HER PLAY OR BE MISUNDERSTOOD BY COACHES AND OTHER PLAYERS.

IT IS THE INTENTION OF THE BOARD THAT EVERY CHILD HAVE AN OPPORTUNITY TO PARTICIPATE IN OUR PROGRAM. IF A FINANCIAL HARDSHIP SITUATION EXISTS, PLEASE CONTACT ANY BOARD MEMBER SO THAT SUITABLE ARRANGEMENTS CAN BE MADE.

AGE	LEAGUE	PRESIDENT
B/G 5-6	FUTURE STARS	SHERRI GRICIUS
B/G 6	LITTLE SLUGGERS	KYLE BRADD
GIRLS 7-8	WILDKIT GIRLS	JOSH CHAPMAN
GIRLS 9-10	JUNIOR GIRLS	VINNY LAVECCHIA
GIRLS 11-12	PRETEEN GIRLS	RON ROTH
GIRLS 13-15	PONY GIRLS	RON ROTH
GIRLS 10-18	PISTOL GIRLS	MICHAEL GRAPENTHEIN
BOYS 7	BOBCAT	MATT CREMINS
BOYS 8	WILDCAT	ERIC TARASEVICH
BOYS 9-10	AA BOYS	DAVE BLUM
BOYS 11-12	AAA BOYS	PETER KAPETAN
BOYS 13-14	PONY BOYS	MASES HAGOPIAN
BOYS 15-17	COLT BOYS	MASES HAGOPIAN
BOYS 18-19	PALAMINO BOYS	MASES HAGOPIAN
BOYS 9 -14	WARRIOR BOYS	STEVE GIANIKOS

COMMISSIONER	GARRY ABEZETIAN
VICE PRESIDENT	TOM FARINELLA
SECRETARY	RON ROTH
TREASURER	JIM CAMPBELL

SCHEDULES	GARRY ABEZETIAN
UMPIRES	FRED ANGELINI
UNIFORMS	TED HAUFLE
TRYOUTS	GEORGE GRIGUS
PICTURES	JIM LANGE
SPONSORS	TOM FARINELLA
CLINICS	GERRY SCAFA
MERCHANDISE	ERIN STOJAKOVIC
BOYS TOURNEY	CLANCY EVANS
GIRLS TOURNEY	DAVE HOFFMAN
SPECIAL EVENTS	ERIN STOJAKOVIC
EQUIPMENT	BOB NOWACZYK
LSFBL LIASON	STEVE VOGG