Spring 2023 All Star Baseball: 12U Division

Mission Statement:
The purpose of the program is to develop and maintain a competitive baseball program that extends beyond the recreational league season. This program primarily focuses on rewarding players that excelled during the recreational season and to give them the opportunity to play against the best players in other local leagues. We thrive to create a program that focuses on athletic development on and off the field. Our primary goal and focus is to develop our athletes to become the best player they can be.

Selection Process:
The 12u team will consist of players that played in the 2023 AJAA Majors division. 2023 Regular season Head Coaches will meet with the Baseball Committee in mid-May to conduct voting for the 2023 All-Star teams. Head Coaches will nominate players for consideration in the voting process based on the players athletic ability, coach-ability, & character. Once nominations are complete, Head Coaches will have the opportunity to cast votes for players in their regular season division. Coaches are *not* able to vote on their own players.

Player Offers:
Roster invitations will be extended to the selected players shortly after the completed voting process. Players (parents) who receive an offer will have 48 hours to accept and play the registration fee of $75 guaranteeing their spot on the team. If a player declines the offer, the next player based on the voting will be extended an offer until a full team is formed.

Breakdown of Costs:
The fee of $75 will cover the following expenses for the All-Star season:

*All-Star Uniform
*Tournament Entry Fees

Uniforms:
Each team will wear their 2023 All-Star uniform with grey baseball pants. Players will be responsible for providing their own equipment and baseball pants.

Equipment Requirements:
Players are required to bring their own equipment to participate in the All-Star season. This includes a bat, glove, helmet, cleats, & grey baseball pants.

AJAA will provide the team with baseballs, catchers gear, and jerseys.

Tournament/Game Play:
We will play in the Little League Indiana District 8 tournament. This typically starts in Late June or Early July. We will update this page once the start dates have been set. Depending on how we do in the tournament, we have the potential to advance to the Indiana Little League State Tournament (New Albany, IN), Little League Central Region Tournament (Whitestown, IN), and Little League World Series (Williamsport, PA).

Financial Policy:
All-Star Baseball teams are a part of the Avon Junior Athletic Association (AJAA) organizational umbrella and must operate within the confines of the organization's mission, approved policies, and subsequent financial policies. Each coach and commissioner must operate within an approved budget from the AJAA Executive Director. Approved budgets will then be submitted to the Treasurer for final approval. Budgets will be effective for the teams purchases and any individual player fee will be subject to the individual player account for payment. All purchases for the team shall be submitted though the AJAA office. Any coach that pays individually must follow the expense reporting procedure for reimbursement. AJAA is a tax-exempt organization, and is not able to reimburse sales tax. Failure to follow the process may result in fees not being reimbursed. Any equipment purchased for the program is property of AJAA and will be added to the AJAA equipment depreciation schedule. These fees will be added into the appropriate program fees for future registration costs. Any equipment not returned to AJAA at the close of season will be subject to reimbursement by the coach and/or team to cover replacement costs of the equipment.

Commitment:
All-Star Level Baseball Programs require time and commitment from the athletes, families, and coaching staff involved. The focus on team building and sportsmanship far outweighs an individual win when developing each young athlete. The below guidelines relay expectations and commitments to the program in order to offer the most potential success for each athlete. Failure to comply with the commitment below may result in an athlete being asked to remove themselves from the team for the season. Each player represents the AJAA organization; our mission is to always develop and influence those around us in a positive manner.

Coaching Commitment:
- Coaches will commit to the following:
    - Be responsible for following the policies set forth by AJAA
    - Complete the Little League Diamond Leader Training
    - Complete the AJAA background check, wear their ID and Lanyard whenever they are coaching their team even if they are not at the AJAA facility.
    - Follow and implement program mission statement with each player
    - Focus and be responsible for a positive coaching experience and always encourage good sportsmanship

Parent Commitment:

- Each parent will commit to the following:
    - Be responsible for the words and actions throughout the season, on and off the field, to ensure that the AJAA Code of Conduct policy is followed.
    - Encourage good sportsmanship with any and all players, coaches, parents, participants, umpires, or any other attendee.
    - Remember that each child is participating to have fun and develop on a personal basis for a sport they enjoy playing.
    - Participate and be responsible to get the athlete to practice, games, events, etc., on time or early.
    - Be a positive role model for the athlete and show respect and courtesy to all athletes, coaches, spectators, and officials.
    - Focus on the development of the athlete and to teach that doing their best outweighs any individual win.
    - Respect the coaches and refrain from coaching from sidelines.

Player Commitment:

- Each athlete will commit to the following:
    - Be responsible for their words and actions throughout the season, on and off the field, to ensure that the Code of Conduct policy is followed.
    - Encourage good sportsmanship with any athlete, coach, parent, participant, official, or any other attendee to represent the organization in a positive manner.
    - Be a positive role model, putting yourself second to the team's success.
    - Practice and play at your full level of effort, always.