

## **Two Registrations This Year**

To keep things simple, we'll have two separate registrations:

#### 1. Travel Team Tryouts Registration

For players who want to try out for our Fargo 61's travel baseball teams.

#### 2. Rec Baseball Registration

For players who want to play in our traditional recreational program (Red River Valley League).

During BOTH registrations, you will answer a simple question: "Would you like to be considered for the Little League All-Star Team?"
This keeps the door open for every player, no matter which program they choose.

### What Travel Baseball Looks Like for 11–12 Year Olds

If your player is selected for a Fargo 61's travel team, they will participate in an exciting new format this year in conjunction with their travel team's schedule:

Competitive In-House League — The Maris League

- Players (ages 11–12) will be mixed and placed onto teams in a competitive inhouse league.
- This league reduces weekday travel and helps families save on costs.
- Players get high-quality competition close to home.
- The Maris League runs from April through early July.

#### **Plus Traditional Travel Team Play**

In addition to the Maris League, players will also:

- Compete in Eastern Dakota Conference (EDC) travel games.
- Play in **travel tournaments** with their Fargo 61's team.

Once the Maris League ends in July, players shift their primary focus to their travel team for the remainder of the season.

## **Little League All-Star Eligibility**

This is the exciting part:

# Both rec players AND travel players are fully eligible for the All-Star Team.

A few key details:

- The All-Star selection process will be announced closer to the season.
- Players not playing travel (those participating in the Red River Valley League) can **still** make the All-Star team.
- The All-Star roster will be announced in early July.
- The ND Little League State Tournament is tentatively set for July 17–19 in Fargo.
- The winner advances to the Midwest Regional in Indianapolis on August 7–
   16—one step away from the iconic Little League World Series.

# Why We're Making These Changes

We want every player to:

- Have equal opportunity
- Play competitive baseball
- Avoid excessive travel

- Keep baseball fun, accessible, and affordable
- And for those who dream big... have a real chance at Williamsport

## **More Info Coming Soon**

We'll send out reminders, links, tryout details, and more as we get closer to registration dates. In the meantime, if you have questions, please reach out—we're here to help make the process easy.

We're looking forward to an incredible season of baseball, growth, and opportunity for all of our 11–12-year-old families. Thank you for being part of our community and supporting youth baseball in Fargo!