

BYB Parent Information – 2019

TEAM PLACEMENT

- **Rosters:** Rosters, coaches, and coordinators are still being finalized. Once they are done, teams will be activated in the system, and families will get automated emails with team placement details. Coaches and coordinators will then reach out to families and coordinate first meeting/practices, etc. All teams should be activated by this weekend.

UNIFORM DISTRIBUTION/PICTURES

- Fri and Sat – April 26/27. Schedule and order form have been posted on home page of League web site. MAJ/AAA and Travel will be Friday night to accommodate large middle school track meet on Saturday. Rookie, AA, and T-Ball will be on Saturday.
- Teams will be assigned a specific date and time. Parents will need to have their player at Centennial School about 10-15 minutes prior to their assigned time in order to get in line and stay on schedule. Players will go into the gym with their team, get their uniforms, change into the uniforms, and have their team/individual photos taken. Coaches and coordinators walk through line with team – parents stay in lobby. No cleats, bats or gloves need to be brought – photographer has a bat for individual photos. If your player cannot attend, you just need to let your coordinator know, so they can collect a uniform for them.

UNIFORMS

- BYB provides cap, jersey, pants, belts, and socks for all divisions, except T-Ball. T-baller's will get a league shirt and cap - no pants, socks, or belts - they can wear whatever they are comfortable with. Complete uniforms must be worn during league games. We encourage not wearing uniforms (especially caps) outside of games – as if they are lost, families will have to buy a replacement, and sometimes those take time to order.
- **JERSEYS:** During the season, team jerseys should **not** to be worn except for games. This includes school, church, and practice. Although players now get to keep everything, we have a limited amount of replacements in each color/size.
- **Pants that don't fit:** If for some reason you have a player who needs a different size pants (most likely to be a player who could not attend pictures) let your team coordinator know, and they can arrange an exchange of pants. **Only pants in new condition will be exchanged**—they cannot have been washed or be dirty. FYI - each size up in pants is an increase of about 2 inches in the waistband of the pants.

COMPLEX/GAMES

- **Communication:** Primary source of info is the league web site (bismarckyouthbaseball.org). Also utilize Facebook, but that is not primary. Also use email and text blasts for time sensitive communications. Please log into your sisplay.com account and activate text/sms messaging for any of your family's cell phones – for both League and Coach communications. Teams also have a TeamWall that they can communicate with each other through.

- **Field Conditions:** The League will work with coaches on scheduling practice times prior to start of games. Aside from Scheels Complex, we also have fields at Grimsrud and Centennial schools that we coordinate for practices.
- **Season Dates:** Sun, May 5 – Tues, July 2. League tournaments for Majors, AAA, AA Divisions – will include weekend games June 28-30. Schedules for entire season will be posted within the next week.
- **Concessions/Bathrooms:** Port-a-potties at complex guaranteed only until games start. On game nights, bathrooms and concessions will be open from in the main building at center of complex – when 7:30 games, close at 9 pm.
- **Parking Lot:** Very crowded – only one entrance/exit. Traffic gets backed up on 19th Street. DO NOT drop players off on 19th Street – please drive them into the parking lot. Lot is designed for one-way flow to the right, and around loop. The lot is paved, and there are painted lines for parking spaces – please abide by those markings. When exiting – please try to avoid making left-hand turns, as it backs things up quite a bit. Instead, turn right, and then take a left on Interstate Avenue to work your way south.
- **Pitching Mounds/Machines:** Portable pitching mounds have been installed on the 4 East fields (AA and AA/Maj). They have proven to alleviate the slippery/unsafe conditions that had occurred in past years with heavy rain. For the Rookie division, there will be new Electric Pitching Machines kept at the Complex for game use. They will be set up each night by first teams playing, and returned to the concession building at the end of each night. Coaches will still be provided with manual pitching machines that can be used during practices.
- **Weather:** We do our best to post cancellations on web site/Facebook/issue text alerts between 4 and 4:15 pm. Depending on situation – there may be late games, even if early games are cancelled. We also call into kfyr radio – the announcement will be for BISMARCK YOUTH BASEBALL. Not just youth baseball (which is Parks and Rec). Sometimes, field conditions will not allow for play – even if it is not raining (i.e. heavy daytime storms).
- **Safety:** There is an AED in concession stand. Coaches and/or coordinators should have cell phone with at every game, to call 911, if needed.
- **Uniforms/Equipment:** Only players who are dressed in their complete uniform will be allowed to play at the games; this includes pants with belt, jersey – tucked in, socks, hat, athletic shoes, and baseball glove. Team Coaches will be provided with a gear bag that has bats, catchers gear, and batting helmets for team use. Coaches will also receive pitching machines, tees, and umpire bags, as applicable to their division.
- **Sportsmanship - No Tolerance Policy:** We will not tolerate unsportsmanlike conduct from players or family members of players. Parents agreed to the sportsmanship policy during registration. Zero tolerance for unsportsmanlike conduct - Board members will be monitoring games and enforcing.