

## HENDERSONVILLE PARKS DEPARTMENT BASEBALL 13-15

### League Information Sheet

- ◆ This league is sanctioned by Babe Ruth Baseball and is managed by the City of Hendersonville Parks Department. Ryne Nicholson serves as League Director, and is also Parks Manager for the Parks Department.
- ◆ The \$175 entry fee covers a complete uniform that the player keeps, team equipment, umpires, lights and field maintenance. The players will not be required to participate in any fundraisers, and parents are not responsible for concession duty.
- ◆ Players who participate in this league and complete the season will automatically qualify for a \$20 discount for the following season (next year) in the same league (players 13-15).
- ◆ All leagues will use a **participation** rule in **local league play**. These rules are not governed by Babe Ruth, but are established by the Hendersonville Parks Department. Every player will play at least every other inning on defense, and complete a full turn at bat. Every boy will start at least every other game. Every boy will play a full game on offense in at least 25% of all local league games.
- ◆ **Participation** rules for games out of local league play, including **District, Regional, State or World qualifying tournaments**, every boy present is required to play at least 6 outs on defense and complete 1 full plate appearance in each game.

In a **Babe Ruth District, Regional, State Tournament or World Series**, each boy is required to play a total of at least 3 outs and complete 1 full plate appearance for every game guaranteed during the entire tournament. For example, if a tournament is a double-elimination, each player must play a minimum of 6 outs and complete 2 at-bats during the entire tournament, regardless of the number of games actually played. When considering the guaranteed games, we always consider the minimum (for example, 3 games guaranteed in pool play plus a single elimination is a guarantee of 3 games, and not 4 unless all pool teams are guaranteed entry in the elimination round). In this situation the playing time requirement can be met in 1 game or over a number of games (the player is not required to participate in each game, but could meet his entire tournament playing time requirement in 1 game).

- ◆ Every person signed up will be assigned to a team by the parks department staff. There will not be a tryout, but there may be a rating session for new players in the league to help balance the teams.
- ◆ There will be one division: 13-15 year-old. All games will be played on a full size field (pitch from 60'6", bases are 90').
- ◆ Playing age is determined by age on April 30 of the current year. There are no exceptions with respect to playing at a younger level. Players may never "play down".
- ◆ All coaches will be certified through the National Youth Sports Coaches Association.
- ◆ Practices will begin in March and games begin in late April. Regular season is scheduled to be completed by late June. If there is Post season play it will begin in early July. Season schedule will include 20 or more games, weather permitting. Games scheduled at Drakes Creek parks that are rained out, will be rescheduled.
- ◆ Home games will be played in Hendersonville. Emphasis will be on a league schedule with Hendersonville teams, but we will also play teams from other leagues and other cities. Please keep in mind that games canceled for any reason that are scheduled to be played in other cities/leagues, may not be made up.
- ◆ Home games will primarily be played at Drakes Creek Park.
- ◆ Coaches are selected new every season. Coaches in a prior season are not guaranteed a team in the current season. Coaching applications may be picked up at the Parks Department at City Hall. Playing or coaching experience preferred.
- ◆ The league accepts sponsors. Sponsorship goes to the benefit of the entire league rather than one team. Sponsors may receive advertising with one team or the league in a manner determined by the league. Sponsors should contact the Hendersonville Parks Department for further details. An individual team or coach is not permitted to accept any funds or contributions from any business or individual for sponsorship or team equipment or uniforms.
- ◆ **Baseball shoes** with metal cleats are allowed on all fields EXCEPT field #3 in Drakes Creek Park. Only molded cleats or turf shoes are allowed on this field.

- ◆ **Bats** must be BBCOR and have no more than a -3 drop.
- ◆ Legal players are defined by Babe Ruth Baseball rules that determine eligibility based upon age or verification of age by birth certificate. Players are not required to reside in Hendersonville in order to participate in this league.
- ◆ Dual participation (except high school teams) is not prohibited in this league, but this league must be the top priority for all players. No player may participate with any other Babe Ruth Baseball team, regardless of the team classification (level of play) during this current season of play.
- ◆ As part of the regular schedule, the league will attempt to send every team to at least one local State or World qualifying tournament. This could be an out of town tournament, played over a weekend. In this way, every player on every team will have an opportunity to participate in a tournament environment, and to advance to a State Tournament or a World Series.
- ◆ League teams will enter qualifying tournaments intact, and qualifying teams will enter State Tournaments intact. Our league will also attempt to send a limited number of teams to State Tournaments in the form of all-star / tournament teams. There are also provisions to supplement the roster of a team (with other players from our league) that has qualified for a State Tournament or World Series that may have some players unavailable for a tournament. The league reserves the right to send intact teams or all-star teams, or combined teams. The league will determine the method used to select all-star players and coaches.
- ◆ The league solely determines how many teams are placed in post-season tournaments, and in what divisions the teams are placed. All decisions are final.
- ◆ All travel expenses associated with out of town games, including any type of tournament, and including lodging, are the full responsibility of the player(s) and teams.

### **Refund Policy**

- Full refunds are only issued prior to program starting, defined as the initial rating session of players or player draft, whichever occurs earlier.

Partial refunds may be issued after the full refund time until the start of season (defined below), but are also contingent upon return of uniform or equipment. Partial refunds are processed at a rate of 75% of fee paid (less late fees, which are not refundable).

No refunds (full or partial) issued once the season has started (defined as first game played) in that respective division.

Partial refunds are to serve as a deterrent to pulling players from the program. Once the system of placing players on teams has been initiated, the integrity of the system is damaged when a player is removed. Regardless of the rating or experience level of the player, the league and team balance is compromised when any player drops out.

### **Waiting List**

- If you have signed up after the registration deadline, you may be on a waiting list. You can be informed at the time of registration if there are openings in the division, or if you are on the waiting list.

Players on the waiting list will be placed as soon as openings occur in the league. Openings may occur with the formation of additional teams, or additional volunteers stepping up to serve as a head coach. Early on (with the first 1-2 weeks after the registration deadline) this might be the case. You can help by applying to be a head coach, or urging more kids to sign up. But at a point, it will be too late to “add another team”.

Openings also occur when players drop out. This can happen before the season, and even during the season.

You will be notified by a coach once your child is pulled from the waiting list and placed on a team. You won't receive any formal notification until that time.

Unfortunately, players on the waiting list are not guaranteed a spot on a team. However, historically we are able to place more than half of the players who register within the first couple of weeks after the registration deadline. Our goal is to place all the kids in the program when possible.

We will keep your child on the waiting list until you decide to pull them off. There is no obligation – your registration is not complete until your child is placed in the league.

However, once we place the child in the system he is considered to have been placed on a team at that time. And any child placed after games have already started may also be prorated.