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To TYA Parents and Players

TYA is a chartered member of the Cal Ripken Baseball League. In addition to its regular baseball season, 10, 11 and 12 year-olds are eligible to participate in a travel and tournament baseball program. For the upcoming year, the TYA Board is restructuring the program, as outlined below.

The following represent some of the highlights of the program:

- TYA will host an open invitation for 10, 11 and 12 year olds at Pro Swing baseball facility in Portchester on January 16th and 17th;
- 14 players will be selected from each age group to continue working as a core group to potentially participate in the TYA travel / tourney program;
- 4 players will be selected as alternates and can participate in the clinic if they choose;
- The open invitation in January is only extended to those who have registered for the Spring season, If you have not registered by January 16th, you cannot participate in this invite;
- The selected players will be required to attend, together as a team, the TYA travel /tourney 8-week, high level instructional clinic (late January – March);
- Attendance for all practices and games will be a key factor in making and remaining on the team;
- Prior to the start of the Spring travel season, we will hold one final open invitation ('try-out') to complete the selection process;
- We are working with neighboring leagues to have a weekly travel game during the April – June time frame (with the possibility of having an occasional game under the lights at Handl field) – the games will not conflict with regular season games;
- End of season participation in the Cal Ripken World Series tournament (which is our equivalent to the Little League World Series held in Williamsport Pa. each year);
- Estimated \$325 per player fee for the travel and tournament program (fees covers clinic, uniform, travel games and tournament fee); and
- Depending on interest, one anticipated out of state tournament (parent and player accommodations not included in the above \$325 fee)

We have spent a lot of time planning this new enhanced program and are happy to have the opportunity to bring this to all of you. Our ability to roll this program out is dependent upon the commitment of the parents and more importantly, the players. We have a lot of very talented players at the 10, 11 and 12 year-old levels and we want to see the boys reach their potential. Baseball has to be their primary sport this spring and summer.



For those players that do not make the team, we are looking into forming 'secondary' teams in an effort to continue to develop as many players out there that are interested in focusing on baseball as their primary sport.

We recognize that baseball season is still a few months away, but in an effort to gauge interest levels and to announce the program, we would appreciate it if you can email me by December 19, 2009 at eightwheels@msn.com if you plan on attending the open invitation on January 16th / 17th.

Thank you for your continued support of TYA.

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President