

NEW JERSEY / ROCKLAND SELECT BASEBALL LEAGUE 2012 SPRING / SUMMER SEASON

DECEMBER 13, 2011

DEAR TEAM MANAGERS / COACHES,

THE 2012 SEASON IS FAST APPROACHING AND WE ARE SCHEDULED TO HAVE OUR FIRST MEETING FOR ALL THE SELECT TEAMS ON JANUARY 14, 2012 AT 9AM AT THE FRANKLIN LAKES RECREATION DEPARTMENT LOCATED AT 1 VICHICONTI WAY, FRANKLIN LAKES, NJ 07417

OUR SECOND MEETING WILL BE HELD ON SATURDAY FEBRUARY 25TH LOCATION TO BE DETERMINED

IN RESPONSE TO YOUR COMMENTS AND FEEDBACK WE HAVE CHANGED THE FORMAT FOR THE UPCOMING SEASON TO ALLOW FOR MORE SCHEDULED GAMES IN A TOURNAMENT FORMAT WITHIN A SHORTER TIME FRAME AND WITH LIMITED TRAVEL.

THIS PROPOSAL WILL ALLOW YOUR SELECT TRAVEL TEAMS TO PARTICIPATE IN A COMPETITIVE FOUR TEAM TOURNAMENT FORMAT EVERY WEEKEND WITHOUT HAVING TO TRAVEL EXTENSIVELY AND DEAL WITH THE LODGING AND EXPENSE ISSUES; SOMETHING THAT ALL OF YOU HAVE EXPRESSED CONCERN ABOUT.

FOR THOSE OF YOU WITH LIMITED FIELD SPACE THIS WILL ONLY REQUIRE YOU TO HOST ONE WEEKEND FOR THE SEASON. IF YOU WOULD LIKE TO HOST MORE WE CAN WORK THAT OUT ALSO, SINCE MOST SELECT / TRAVEL TEAMS STRUGGLE FOR FIELD SPACE.

IN ORDER TO REMAIN COMPETITIVE AND KEEP COSTS DOWN THE 2012 FEE WILL BE \$ 475.00 PER TEAM. THAT WILL INCLUDE EACH PLAYERS STATE AND NATIONAL REGISTRATION. ALL TEAMS THAT WERE REGISTERED IN THE 2011 CALANDER YEAR WILL RECEIVE A DISCOUNT, PLEASE SEE ME AT THE MEETING.

IF A TEAM IS ALREADY REGISTERED IN THE AABC LEUAGE AND WANTS TO PLAY IN THE WEEKEND LEAUGE THE FEE WILL BE 185.00

AS OF RIGHT NOW ALL FEE'S MUST BE RECEIVED BY MARCH 10TH AND A SCHEDULE WILL BE POSTED NO LATER THAN APRIL 15TH

PLEASE REVIEW THE FOLLOWING AND BE PREPARED TO HAVE A DISCUSSION AT OUR FIRST MEETING:

- THE SELECT BASEBALL LEAGUE WILL ACCEPT TEAMS FROM THE STATE OF NEW JERSEY AND ROCKLAND COUNTY, NEW YORK. ALL TEAMS WITHIN EACH AGE DIVISION WILL REGISTER EACH PLAYER AND COACH AS REQUIRED BY LEAGUE RULES.

- EACH TEAM WILL BE ASSIGNED TO A CONFERENCE AND THERE WILL BE TWO CONFERENCES THAT WILL MAKE UP EACH AGE DIVISION. EACH AGE DIVISION WILL CONSIST OF SIXTEEN TEAMS OR MULTIPLES OF SIXTEEN TEAMS; SUCH AS 32, 48 OR 64, ETC.
- EACH TEAM WITHIN A CONFERENCE WILL HOST A FOUR TEAM WEEKEND TOURNAMAT SERIES OF GAMES THROUGH THE SEASON. SO IF THERE ARE 16 TEAMS EACH WEEKEND THERE WILL BE 16 TEAMS PLAYING AT 4 SITES.

EXAMPLE:

TEAMS 1, 2, 3 & 4 ARE PLAYING EACH OTHER FOR THE FIRST WEEKEND TOURNAMENT. TEAM 1 IS HOSTING. ON SATURDAY 1 PLAYS 2, 3 PLAYS 4, 1 PLAYS 3 AND 2 PLAYS 4. ON SUNDAY 1 PLAYS 4 AND 2 PLAYS 3 THEN THE BOTTOM TWO TEAMS PLAYOFF AND THE TOP TWO TEAMS PLAYOFF. EACH TEAM PLAYS 4 GAMES.

AFTER FOUR WEEKENDS ALL TEAMS HAVE PLAYED 16 GAMES AND WOULD HAVE PLAYED MOST OTHER TEAMS; IF WE STRETCH THIS OUT TO FIVE WEEKS WE CAN ENSURE THAT EACH TEAM PLAYS EACH OTHER AT LEAST ONCE.

TEAMS WILL SIMPLY DRAW NUMBERS FOR SCHEDULE PLACEMENT.

THE REGULAR SEASON SCHEDULE WILL BE PLAYED THROUGHOUT JUNE AND EARLY JULY TO AVOID THE TOURNAMENT SCHEDULING CONFLICTS.

LEAGUE STANDING ARE DETERMINED BY A POINT SYSTEM:

WIN = 3 POINTS

TIE = 2 POINTS

LOSS = 1 POINT

FORFEIT = -3 POINTS

WEEKEND TOURNAMENT CHAMPION = 2 ADDITIONAL POINTS

ANY ADDITIONAL GAMES SCHEDULED AMONGST THE TEAMS IN THE LEAGUE WILL NOT COUNT TOWARD LEAGUE STANDINGS.

PLAY-OFF AND POST SEASON STANDING WILL BE DETERMINED BY THE SCHEDULED WEEKEND TOURNAMENT PLAY.

GAMES THAT ARE POSTPONED WILL BE SCHEDULED FOR THE NEXT AVAILABLE DAY.

THE FOUR TEAMS THAT HAVE ACCUMULATED THE MOST POINTS IN THE 18U AND 16U DIVISIONS WILL ADVANCE INTO POST SEASON PLAY USING THE SAME WEEKEND FORMAT TO DETERMINE THE LEAGUE CHAMPION; THAT TEAM WILL HAVE THE RIGHT TO ADVANCE TO THE NEXT LEVEL OF AABC TOURNAMENT PLAY.

THE SECOND PLACED TEAM WILL RECEIVE A FREE ENTRY INTO A PAY TO PLAY TOURNAMENT SUCH AS A TRIPLE CROWN TOURNAMENT.

THE 15U AND 17U DIVISIONS WILL SELECT AN ALL-STAR TEAM TO REPRESENT OUR LEAGUE AND WILL HAVE AN AUTOMATIC BID TO ADVANCE AND PARTICIPATE IN THE NATIONAL AABC TOURNAMENT. THIS TEAM WILL COMPRISE OF PLAYERS AND COACHES SELECTED FROM WITHIN ENTIRE LEAGUE. ALL-STAR PLAYERS MUST BE LISTED ON THE REGULAR SEASON ROSTER AND PARTICIPATE IN THE SELECT REGULAR SEASON GAMES.

ALL DIVISION CHAMPIONS WILL RECEIVE \$500.00 TO GO TOWARD THE NEXT LEVEL TOURNAMENT EXPENSES.

THE LEAGUE WILL HOST AN IN LEAGUE ALL-STAR GAME FOR THE 15U & 16U AGE DIVISIONS TOGETHER AND THE 17U AND 18U AGE DIVISIONS TOGETHER; PLAYER SELECTION WILL BE BASED ON COACHES RECOMMENDATIONS AND COACHES WILL NOT BE ALLOWED TO SELECT PLAYERS FROM THEIR OWN ROSTER. THE PLAYERS WILL ALSO HAVE THE OPPORTUNITY TO RECOMMEND PLAYERS FROM OPPOSING TEAMS.

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION REGARDING THE FORMAT AND SELECTION OF PLAYERS AND COACHES WILL BE FORTHCOMING.

THE LEAGUE WILL ALSO HOST A COLLEGE SHOWCASE EVENT CONSISTING OF A SERIES OF SKILLS EVENTS AND 4 - THREE INNING GAMES THAT WILL ALLOW PLAYERS THAT HAVE NOT COMMITTED TO A COLLEGE TO SHOWCASE THEIR ABILITIES.

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION ABOUT THE EVENTS OF THE SHOWCASE WILL BE FORTHCOMING AND WE ARE IN THE PROCESS OF BOOKING FIELDS FOR THESE EVENTS.

AKADEMA BASEBALL LOCATED IN HAWTHORNE, NJ HAS OFFERED TO PROVIDE OUR LEAGUE WITH AN ACROSS THE BOARD DISCOUNT OF 15% OVER AND ABOVE THEIR CATALOG PRICES AND A TEAM DISCOUNT OF 15% OR MORE DEPENDING ON QUANTITIES FOR COMPLETE TEAM ORDERS OF PANTS, JERSEY'S, BATTING GLOVES, CLEATS, TURF SHOES, HITTING JACKETS, ETC. THESE ORDERS MUST BE PLACED BY FEBRUARY 1, 2012. YOU CAN CONTACT AKADEMA AT 973-304-1470 AND ASK FOR LAR OR A SALES REP. FOR DIRECT INTERNET PURCHASES YOU OR YOUR PLAYERS CAN ENTER PASSWORD **baseball20** AND RECEIVE AN AUTOMATIC 15% DISCOUNT ON ALL ITEMS.