

Novi Youth Baseball League

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Dear NYBL Family,

March 5, 2010

The 2010 Season is approaching very quickly, and there is a lot of important information that needs to be communicated to all of the coaches, parents, and players. Please see the below information and please contact me or your division director with any questions:

Registration Deadline:

- The Registration Deadline has been moved to April 1, 2010. You will be able to register online at our website until April 1, instead of the originally posted date of March 15.

Important Dates: *Please note that a Rainout day for evaluations is TBD. A new schedule will be posted on the NYBL website at: www.noviyouthbaseball.org.*

- **Saturday, April 17:**
 - Player Evaluations for Mustang and Bronco Divisions: Please see the information below under “Player Evaluations,” as it has information regarding both divisions. We will be “re-drafting” at both age groups, so please note the times in which you are responsible for getting your player to ITC Community Sports Park.
 - Equipment Distribution to all Coaches: This will take place at ITC Community Sports Park between 12 and 1pm on one of the fields. Look for the big U-Haul Truck. Please be prompt and be on time for this.
 - Inferno Tournament Team Tryout’s: Please see the information below under “Inferno Tournament Team Program.” All tryout times and coaches are listed below.
- **Monday, April 19:**
 - Mandatory Coaches Meeting for all Head Coaches and Assistants: We will be having our Annual Coaches Meeting in which the Officers, Umpire-in-Chief, and Fields Director will address all coaches. The meeting will be at 7:00pm at the Novi Civic Center and all Coaches are required to be in attendance.
 - Mustang Player Draft: This will take place at the Novi Civic Center directly following the Coaches Meeting.
- **Tuesday, April 20:**
 - Bronco Player Draft: This will take place at the Novi Civic Center at 7:00pm.
- **Wednesday, April 21:**
 - Mandatory Pinto Coaches Clinic: This will take place at Total Sports Complex in Wixom, Michigan from 7:30-9pm. All Pinto Head Coaches and Assistants are required to attend. Cost is being covered by NYBL.
- **Thursday, April 22:**

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- Coaches Clinic for all other age groups: This will take place at Total Sports Complex in Wixom, Michigan from 7:30-9pm and will be for all Mustang, Bronco, Pony, and Colt Coaches. Cost is being covered by NYBL.

Player Evaluations: NYBL has made changes for the 2010 season at the Mustang and Bronco age groups. We will be re-drafting all players in each division, which means your child may not play for the same team as they did during the 2009 season. Coaches will evaluate all players on April 17th, then select their teams during our player draft (see dates above). Parents will be contacted by their children's coaches within one week of the player drafts. Children of Coaches and Assistant Coaches will automatically be assigned to a team, so they are not required to attend the player evaluations. Each Coach will be allowed two Assistant Coaches; therefore, each team will have no more than 3 players automatically assigned.

- **Pinto (7 and 8 year olds):** Division Director Kevin Brand and Player Agent Scott Howe will be placing players on teams according to subdivision and residence location. If you have any questions, please contact Kevin at: brand92@sbcglobal.net.
- **Mustang (9 and 10 year olds):** Division Director Chuck Johnson will be holding Player Evaluations on Saturday, April 17. All players are required to be evaluated. We will be re-drafting at the Mustang age group and all players need to be evaluated by the coaches. Those players that are unable to make the evaluations will be thrown into a lottery and placed on to a team at random. 9 year old (first year players) evaluations will be from 9am-12pm; 10 year old (second year players) evaluations will be from 1pm-4pm. All evaluations will take place on field #1 at ITC Community Sports Park. If you have any questions, please contact Chuck at: chucklisajohnson@yahoo.com.
- **Bronco (11 and 12 year olds):** Division Director Alan Rabinowitz will be holding Player Evaluations on Saturday, April 17. All players are required to be evaluated. We will be re-drafting at the Bronco age group and all players need to be evaluated by the coaches. Those players that are unable to make the evaluations will be thrown into a lottery and placed on to a team at random. 11 year old (first year players) evaluations will be from 9am-12pm; 12 year old (second year players) evaluations will be from 1pm-4pm. All evaluations will take place on field #4 at ITC Community Sports Park. If you have any questions, please contact Alan at: ARabinowitz@iscservices.net.
 - **Please note:** Each Mustang and Bronco Coach is allowed to protect three players. If you are one of these players, you do not need to attend the Evaluations on April 17.
- **Pony (13 and 14 year olds):** Division Director Butch Wingfield will be holding Player Evaluations in late March or early April. Please contact Butch for more information at:

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wingfieldbutch@russellcorp.com.

- **Colt (15 and 16 year olds):** Division Director Tim Rush will not be having Player Evaluations due to the low number of players at this age group. For more information regarding the Colt Division, please contact Tim at: tim.rush@raymondjames.com.

Inferno Tournament Team Program:

The NYBL is pleased to offer an opportunity for a higher level of baseball through the Novi Inferno tournament teams. This program supplements the normal house league program by allowing selected house league players to also play for the Inferno tournament team for their age. These teams play in a number of weekend tournaments throughout the summer.

Key advantages of the Novi Inferno Program:

- Additional development through additional practice and more advanced coaching
- Camaraderie of out of town tournaments with teammates
- Less time and money commitment than the elite Novi Heat travel program
- Supplements existing house league play

Novi Inferno Tournament Teams are selected via tryouts at the beginning of the season near the house league evaluation dates. After team selection, Inferno teams will usually practice once a week and then participate in 3-4 weekend tournaments throughout the summer. Costs for the 2010 season will vary by team, but should be approximately \$160 to cover uniforms and tournament fees. All NYBL house league players are eligible to tryout. There is no need for special registration for Inferno...just show up at tryouts!

2010 Inferno Tryout Dates and Times:

- 8 and Under: Tryout date: Saturday, April 17th at 10:00am at ITC Field #3
Questions: Contact Ken Jacobs soabaseball@hotmail.com
- 10 and Under: Tryout date: Saturday, April 17th at 3:00pm at ITC Field #1
Questions: Contact Chay Halash chalash@sbcglobal.net
- 11 and Under: Tryout date: Saturday, April 17th at 4:00pm at ITC Field #2
Questions: Contact Tim Rush tim.rush@raymondjames.com
- 12 and Under: Tryout date: Saturday, April 17th at 4:00pm at ITC Field #4
Questions: Contact Alan Rabinowitz arabinowitz@iscservices.net

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- 13 and Under: Tryout date: Saturday, April 17th at 4:00pm at ITC Field #5
Questions: Contact Terry Croad tcroad23@yahoo.com

*Please note that a Rainout day for all levels is TBD.

Questions on Inferno, contact Dave Gulau, NYBL Inferno Director, at 248 349 5769 or dgulau@earthlink.net Hope to see you at tryouts!

Opening Day Festivities:

Our official Opening Day Festivities will be on Saturday, June 5th, 2010 at ITC Community Sports Park. We are in need of Volunteers to help Rob Aprilliano with the brainstorming, set-up, and tear-down of this event. If you are interested, please contact Rob at: raprilliano@twmi.rr.com.

Umpire Clinic:

There will be a mandatory umpire clinic for all interested NYBL umpires. Day one of the Umpire's Clinic for all first and second year umpires is Saturday, April 17 from 9 am until 2 pm at the Novi Civic Center. Day Two of the Umpire's Clinic for all umpires is on Sunday, April 18 from 9 am until 2 pm at the Novi Civic Center. The cost of the clinic is \$20.

Candidates must be 12 years old by June 1, 2010. Other details are being finalized and will be posted to this site as soon as they are available. Please contact Doug Harrington, NYBL Chief Umpire, with any questions or concerns: dharrington@twmi.rr.com.

Those are all of the updates, for now, as we head in to the 2010 NYBL Season. If you have any questions at all, please do not hesitate in contacting me. Thanks for choosing Novi Youth Baseball and I look forward to seeing you this Summer.

Regards,

Rob Reilly
NYBL Secretary
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