

North Jefferson Junior Baseball Association Fall Newsletter

FROM THE PRESIDENT

Welcome to the North Jefferson Junior Baseball (NJJB) Fall Newsletter for 2004. Over the first two weekends in July, NJJB hosted 12 teams at the USSSA 14 AA Colorado State Tournament at the Lutz Complex. We similarly hosted 16 teams at Pioneer for the USSSA 13 Majors. While we still have our Senior's (15 - 17 yr. olds) playing for a couple more weeks, these post season tournaments seem to signal the end of our Spring / Summer baseball season for most of our players. With the end of this season, perhaps now will be time for that much needed vacation, or maybe re-focusing on priorities on the home front or at work. Thoughts also begin to transition toward the beginning of school and the fall activities.

One of the purposes of this newsletter is to present our Fall Baseball program. Last fall we had 270 players; with 23 teams participate in our Fall Ball program. This included 50 'out of area' players from across the Denver metro area. This popular program continues to provide an excellent opportunity for players to work on their skills, while enjoying the game of baseball with some of the best outdoor weather of the year.

This newsletter also contains information on our fall tryouts, which is new to our association this year. This provides an early option for players and teams to commit and form teams for next spring. We believe this can help players, coaches, teams and the association with planning for the upcoming season. Please remember that tryout options are available to allow players to continue on their present team, or also provide for 'a change of scenery' with a different team or level of play. Please see the enclosed information regarding our upcoming fall tryouts.

It seems hard to believe that the Spring / Summer 2004 baseball season for NJJB is almost over. I hope players, coaches, and families, who participated in this past season, found it to be a positive and rewarding experience. We thank you for your participation and support. NJJB would like to recognize those new players to our association for the upcoming season and say, "Welcome Aboard". May the spirit, emotion, and competitiveness, of youth baseball provide you with many fond memories for years to come.

Scott Winter
President, NJJB

FALL BASEBALL

Fall Ball begins in a very short time. Games are scheduled to begin the second Sunday in September and run for eight weeks through the last Sunday in October. This is an excellent time to bring your team together for some instructional playing time.

The Fall Ball program allows for all ages and all abilities. There will be an improved program for the eight and under, with the consideration for skills training workshops and then playing a reduced schedule. The age groups will remain the same with the addition of the fourteen-year-old group.

In the past, once the season was over there was no place for 14's to go until spring. Now there is. 90 foot bases, 60' 6" pitching and to get ready for spring at the high school level. We are excited about the development in this area. Last year we had several participants and this year the interest has spread to outside North Jefferson Junior Baseball to many other areas of JCJBL.

Please make plans to continue the development of your player. This is a great time to play baseball, the weather is crisp, the sun is bright, and it is a great day at the ballpark. We would ask that all coaches consider bringing their entire team into the program. There will be discounts for full team registration, so begin making plans today.

This year's program will be expanded to the entire Jefferson County area. We have had a good turn out from the Golden area, along with Lakewood, Wheat Ridge and Bear Creek. Last year we even had participants from Longmont and Boulder. We are very excited that we will be able to support Arvada Junior Baseball and give their players another option for their continued development.

We are looking forward to the continued success this fall and keeping the momentum going into next year. NJJB is an outstanding organization dedicated to the teaching, development and growing our children. Please continue to be a part of this organization and enroll your child today.

I look forward to working with you this fall. Please call the NJJB baseball line at 303-422-7406 if you have any question and I will be more than happy to help you in any way I can. Or visit our website at www.njjba.org to register. Enclosed are registration forms for Fall Ball and one for Fall Tryouts.

Skip Dwyer
Fall Baseball Coordinator

Fall Tryouts

North Jefferson Junior Baseball is proud to announce fall tryouts for spring teams. For the past several years it has been very difficult to hold spring tryouts due to the weather. We have tried to accommodate tryouts with our indoor facility. While, this resource is much better than most areas have, it does not give the boys the full opportunity to run, catch and hit as if they were outside.

We are very excited about fall tryouts this year. It will be good for the players, the coaches and the organization. Fall tryouts will allow teams more preparation for the next season. It will allow time for tournament planning, fund raising and practice. Coaches will have the option to fill their teams from the fall tryouts or they may leave spots open on their roster for spring additions.

The NJJBA Board of Directors will hold Fall Tryouts for Major and AAA teams, ages 10 through 14 in September (please review the registration form enclosed). Your player options remain the same. Your player may choose to remain on the previous years team, or choose not to return to that team. Your AAA player may choose to tryout for Majors and if not selected return to the previous years team, or choose not to return to that team. The choices are yours. Tryouts for all 8, 9, and all AA players will still be held during the spring.

We have maintained the same rules and regulations for retention, drafting and all registration requirements. The only change will be the dates. All players will have the same options and opportunities as in the past. The cost for fall tryouts will be a \$50 dollar retention fee that will be applied to the total registration due by the end of February.

Please contact your previous year coach or your Area Vice President if you have questions about your options. The Area Vice Presidents are Ken Kawasaki for Standley Lake, Mark Journey for Faith Christian / Arvada West, Randy Loomis for Pomona / Arvada, and Skip Dwyer for Ralston Valley. They can be contacted at 303-422-7406, or through email by visiting www.njjba.org.

As a player and parent within North Jefferson Junior Baseball it is important to remember that there are always options available to you during the registration process in order to ensure the best baseball experience possible.

FALL BASEBALL REGISTRATION

WWW.NJJBA.ORG

INDOOR PRACTICE FACILITY
9489 RALSTON RD, ARVADA

AUGUST 11TH 4 – 7 PM
AUGUST 14TH 9AM – 12 PM
AUGUST 18TH 4 – 7 PM

Player Options

NJJBA offers four skill levels of baseball played in a competitive environment. All of our teams are USSSA sanctioned, and if qualified can play in state, regional, national, and world series. All of these skill levels offer your child an excellent baseball experience based on their abilities.

Our teams are formed through tryouts, a draft process, and returning players. It is our best effort to place similar skill level players on the same team. Based on skill level teams are divided into "0" or Major, Level 1 or AAA, Level 2 and 3 both AA.

New players who are 10 to 14 years old must enter tryouts. On your registration form select option #1 "New Player, Enter Open Tryouts". Then you indicate the highest skill level that you and your player are willing to be selected to in the draft. As an example, if a player selects a level of 1, then during the draft process the player will only be considered for levels 1 and lower, but will not be eligible for "0" league. PLEASE NOTE: Players are evaluated on their ability, specifying a highest level your player is willing to play does not mean that they will be selected to that level. However, it does assure they will not be drafted above that level. Players will be drafted onto the appropriate skill level team.

Below are the player options for all levels of play including "0 or Major, AAA or 1 league, and AA or 2 and 3 league"

1. New Player, Enter Open Tryouts – Will play for any team subject to the level of play selected.
2. Enter Open Tryouts – Will not play for previous years team
3. Enter Open Tryouts – If not drafted to a higher-level team, return to the previous years team.
4. Return to previous years team – Do Not Tryout (0 League Players must attend Tryouts)

If you are a returning player and enjoyed playing on your previous years team, select option #4, "Return to previous team". If you are a "0" League player you must attend tryouts, and be retained by the Head Coach to return to your previous years team.

Another option is #3 "Enter open tryouts, If not drafted to a higher level team, return to the previous years team. This option affords the player the opportunity to enter open tryouts to be evaluated by higher level coaches as a possible draft choice, but if not selected you will be placed directly back on your previous years team.

If you do not want to return back to your previous years team select option #2 "Enter open tryouts do not return to previous years team. This player must come to tryouts and is drafted accordingly. Please note that there may be age groups that have a limited number of teams available, and so players may be selected to a lower level or to teams outside of there high school area in order to meet your request.

Carefully understanding these registration options will ensure a positive baseball experience for you and your player.

8 and Under Programs

By all accounts, the 2004 NJJBA 8 and Under Program was a blast! The season started on opening day with banners, flags and balloons. Every player received a "goodie" bag filled with snacks, and a welcome note from the League. It was a day of excitement for the kids and the families, and the season was started in true baseball fashion.

The League was again treated to a visit from Dinger, the Colorado Rockies mascot. Dinger spent the day with the NJJBA 8 and Under teams, coaching, pitching, hitting, and generally having fun. The kids were so thrilled! Many pictures of the day were taken and can be seen on the NJJBA web site www.njjba.org.

The long anticipated season-ending tournament was played at the Pioneer Park complex on a perfect baseball weekend. Sunny and hot, not a cloud in the sky. Every team participated in the weekend long event, and the games were well played and electrifying. The pool play and single elimination format guaranteed every team had a chance. The fun and enthusiasm was obvious throughout the event.

The Ralston Valley Cubs with Coach Adrian Chavez won the Minor League Championship. The Ralston Valley Fireballs with Coach JR Heffley won the Major League Championship, and The Arvada Vipers with Coach Robert Silva won the Kid Pitch Championship.

There was a lot of hard work and effort that went into the 2004 NJJBA 8 and Under season. It appears that the hard work was well worth it as the kids in the program had a fun and instructional year. I would like to thank the 8 and Under Program Coaches.

George Hayes
8 & Under Program Director



Machine Pitch (MP) League *Minors (6-7 year old) and Majors (7-8 year old)*

We utilize state-of-the-art Jugs Pitching Machines that allow the player to concentrate on hitting fundamentals on a consistently pitched ball. Bases are set at 60', and the pitching machine is set at 43'

Instructional Kid Pitch (KP) *(7-8 year old)*

I would strongly encourage previous Machine Pitch - Major League players (7-8 year old) who are gaining proficiency at hitting off the machine and in other fundamental areas, to consider participating in this program. This is an excellent way to familiarize a player with "kid-pitch baseball" in preparation for future 9-year-old league play.

Roberto Clemente (RC) League *(8 & Under AABC-Sanctioned Competitive Kid Pitch Program)*

To participate in this program, you must register in January 2005, participate in tryouts held in February, and be selected to the NJJBA's 8 year old Major League team. The NJJBA team (s) will play other RC / 8 year old Major League teams from Jefferson County.

Players who are not selected to NJJBA's 8 year old Major League team have the option of playing in the association's Instructional Kid Pitch or Machine Pitch Leagues. You should indicate your preference on your registration form.

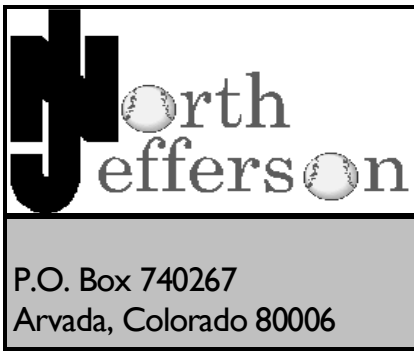
For more information or if you are interested in volunteering in any of these programs, please contact our 8 and Under Program Director at 303-422-7406.

2005 Board of Directors

At the September 8th Coaches meeting Elections will be held for the 2005 North Jefferson Junior Baseball Association Board of Directors. Director positions are open to all Parents, Coaches, and current board members.

All board positions are open for election. President, Registrar, Area Vice Presidents, Treasurer, Secretary, Equipment, Sponsors, 8 and Under Program, IPF, Tournament, and Level III.

For questions concerning the elections, or to be considered by the nominating committee, please contact Dan Myrick, NJJBA Secretary at 303-589-5738.



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303-589-5738

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2004 FALL BASEBALL LEAGUE REGISTRATION/MEDICAL RELEASE FORM

Registration Fee: \$85.00 per player \$50 for 8 & Under

Player's Name: _____

Address: _____ City: _____ Zip: _____

Primary Phone: _____ Second Phone: _____ DOB: _____

Player's Mother: _____ Phone: _____

Player's Father: _____ Phone: _____

Playing AGE (age on July 31, 2005): ___ 8 & Under ___ 9 ___ 10 ___ 11 ___ 12 ___ 13 ___ 14

Special Request (Coach/Team/Player): _____

Tee Shirt Size: YOUTH: ___ S ___ M ___ L

ADULT: ___ S ___ M ___ L ___ XL ___ XXL

In case of emergency, notify: (name, address and phone): _____

Known medical conditions, including allergies: _____

Hospital Preference: _____ Family Physician and phone: _____

Family Dentist and phone: _____

I hereby grant permission to managing personnel to authorize and obtain medical and/or dental care or treatment from any licensed physician, hospital or medical clinic should my child become ill or injured while participating in Association or League activities away from home or at the other times when neither parent (or legal guardian (s) is available to authorize emergency treatment.

I, parent of legal guardian of the person listed above, hereby give permission and approval to his/her participation in any and all league activities during the current season. I understand there are risks of injury inherent to the sport of baseball. I assume all risks and hazards incidental to such participation including transportation to and from said activities and do hereby waive, release, absolve, indemnify, and agree to hold harmless North Jefferson Junior Baseball Association and Jefferson County Junior Baseball League, the organizers, sponsors, supervisors, participants, and persons transporting the player to and from such activities for any claim arising out of the injury to the player. I also grant permission to the managing personnel to authorize and obtain medical and/or dental care from any licensed physician, hospital, or medical clinic should the player become ill or injured while participating in Association or League activities away from home or at the other times when neither parent (or legal guardian (s)) is available to authorize emergency treatment. I fully understand that the North Jefferson Junior Baseball Association is not providing accident or health insurance for my child while participating in the upcoming baseball program. I fully understand that it is my responsibility to provide insurance coverage for my child. I further release the North Jefferson Junior Baseball Association, its officers, coaches, employees, and any other volunteer or paid worker from any and all liability due to illness or injuries of any type which may be sustained by my child while participating with North Jefferson Junior Baseball Association.

Signature; (Parent or Legal Guardian) _____

Relationship to Player: _____

Date: _____

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Check # _____

Visa/MC _____

NJJBA _____

Date _____

FALL TRYOUT REGISTRATION FORM

Name (last, first) _____ Phone _____
Street Address _____ City, State, Zip _____
Father / Guardian _____ Fathers Phone _____
Mother / Guardian _____ Mothers Phone _____

Birth Certificate on file with NJJBA _____ (if not a state certificate copy must be included with this registration form)

Date of Birth _____ League age as of July 31, 2005 _____ Elementary School _____

Last Years Coach _____ High School Area _____

FALL TRYOUT FEE IS \$50

FEE IS NOT REFUNDABLE

FEE WILL BE APPLIED TO THE TOTAL PLAYER REGISTRATION COST DUE FEBRUARY OF 2005

MAIL IN REGISTRATIONS MAKE CHECKS PAYABLE TO NJJBA. REMIT PAYMENT AND REGISTRATION TO P. O. BOX 740267 ARVADA, CO 80006
YOU MAY ALSO REGISTER AND PAY ONLINE AT OUR SECURE SITE WWW . NJJBA . ORG

10 –14 Year Old Player Options

All League Levels 0, 1, 2, 3

New Players must check Option #1

_____ Option 1 New Player, Enter Open Tryouts. Will play for any team subject to the level of play selected.

_____ Option 2 Enter Open Tryouts. Will not play for previous years team.

_____ Option 3 Enter Open Tryouts. If not selected to a higher-level team, return to previous years team.

_____ Option 4 Return to Previous Years Team. (0 League Players must attend tryouts)

_____ Highest League Level that the player is willing to play (0 / Majors, 1 / AAA, 2 / AA, or 3 / AA)

RELEASE AND AUTHORIZATION

I/We the parent (s) or guardian (s) of the above named candidate for a position on a North Jefferson Junior Baseball Association team, hereby give my/our approval to participate in any and all league activities. I/We understand that it is our responsibility to notify league officials of any change in medical conditions or concerns. I/We know that participation in baseball may result in serious injury or death and protective equipment does not prevent all injuries to players and do hereby waive, release, absolve, indemnify and agree to hold harmless the North Jefferson Junior Baseball Association, Jefferson County Junior Baseball League, North Jeffco Parks and Recreation, City of Arvada, City of Westminster, Jefferson County School District, the organizers, sponsors, participants and persons transporting my/our child to and from activities, for any claim arising out of injury to my/our child whether the result of negligence or for any other cause, except to the extent and in the amount covered by accident or liability insurance. I/We also grant permission to managing personnel to authorize and obtain medical and/or dental care or treatment from any licensed physician, hospital or medical clinic should my child become ill or injured while participating in any Association or League activities when neither parent or guardian is available to authorize emergency treatment.

By signing below, you hereby agree to the 'Release and Authorization' above.

Parent / Guardian Name (print) _____ Signature _____ Date _____

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