CYBSA NEWS

CENTENNIAL YOUTH BASEBALL-SOFTBALL ASSOCIATION

2011 REGISTRATION IS UNDERWAY

Registration for the 2011 Season is currently under way and has exceeded 1/3 capacity and filling quickly. We anticipate large numbers in the next two weeks. Besides saving $35.00 during "Early Registration" which ends February 15th, your player is virtually guaranteed a roster spot plus CYBSA will take into consideration "Special Requests" including coach requested and reserved roster spots along with coach and/or player preferences. "Regular Registration" begins on February 16th through April 1st or as teams become full, whichever occurs first.

Coach requested and reserved roster spots will not be held after February 15th, teams will be filled on a first come first served basis.

Considerations will be given to "Special Requests" but are subject to availability and therefore cannot be guaranteed.

To register visit the CYBSA website at www.centennialbaseball.com and click on the rose colored box ("Register Players Online") . Registration is fast and easy, pay by using a credit card.

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COACH CERTIFICATION

As a condition of eligibility to coach in CYBSA and Babe Ruth League, Inc., all coaches must receive certification prior to the first practice of the 2011 season. New coaches (including assistant coaches) and/or returning coaches not yet certified must complete the online course.

Response to the Coaches Certification program has been tremendous and very well received. Certification costs $19.95 and has been upgraded from a three year term to a lifetime certification.

The abundance of information and tips available to coaches upon completion of the course and final exam far exceeds the cost of the certification course. The online course is easy, informative, and well worth the time spent. Don't forget to fill out and fax over the Consent for Background Check form.

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CYBSA will seek to implant in the youth of the community ideals of good sportsmanship, honesty, loyalty, courage and reverence, so they may be finer, stronger and happier youths who will grow to be good, clean, healthy adults.

COMPOSITE BATS BRL status Change

The International Board of Directors of Babe Ruth League Inc. has issued a moratorium on the use of composite bats in the Cal Ripken Division (4-12) of Babe Ruth Baseball effective immediately. This moratorium shall be in effect until further notice by Babe Ruth Headquarters.

This decision is based on scientific data from the University of Massachusetts (Lowell). The maximum performance standard for non-wood bats in the divisions for 12-year-olds and below is a Bat Performance Factor (BPF) of 1.15. The research found that composite bats can exceed the standard after a break-in process.

"While we are certainly aware of the timing of this announcement, Babe Ruth League must act in the best interest of the young people we serve," Steven M. Tellefsen, President/CEO Babe Ruth League said. "The decision is based on the fact that scientific research showed that composite-barreled bats may exceed the performance standard after being broken in."

On October 26, 2010, Babe Ruth League Inc. placed a moratorium on composite bats in our 13-15 and 16-18 divisions with all approved models listed at www.nfhs.org.

Please click here for a listing of licensed baseball bats approved for use in the Cal Ripken (Majors) Division and below.

The moratorium on composite bats, which now applies to all baseball division of Babe Ruth League Inc. does not apply to any softball divisions of Babe Ruth.

NOTE: The moratorium on composite bats only applies to composite barreled bats. Bats that have only a metal/alloy in the barrel (and no other material, unless it is in the end cap of the bat) are not subject to the moratorium, regardless of the composition of the handle.

SOFTBALL 16U WORLD SERIES

Lamar, CO has been named the site of the 2011 16U girls fast pitch softball World Series August 6—13.

Hosting the World Series in Lamar gives two Colorado teams an automatic berth into the World Series to round out the field of competitors, Lamar as host receives a berth and the 16U Colorado State Tournament Champion receives an automatic berth. Second and third place teams from the Colorado State Tournament will travel to Sikeston, Missouri July 20-24 and compete in the Mid-West Plains Regional Tournament. Teams competing in the Regional Tournament have the opportunity to earn a berth to the World Series in Lamar as Mid-West Plains Regional Champion.

The World Series being hosted in Lamar is an incredible opportunity for players and families to see and watch girls fast-pitch softball games being played at the highest level of competition Babe Ruth League, Inc. has to offer. Mark your calendar and make the drive to Lamar in August to watch the most exciting Girl's Softball event in Colorado this year.