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CYBSA ALL-STARS

2008 showed CYBSA's progress on the "Tournament Trail" with 135 players on 10 teams with our Minor 10 Blue team winning the District Tournament in Rocky Ford and receiving their berth into the State Tournament. Minor 10 Gold placed second in their District Tournament at South East Denver, granting them a berth into the State Tournament and after a



tremendous run fell just short of the State Title. Major 11 Gold, following a solid performance in the State Tournament in Fountain, earned a berth to the Regional Tournament in Hastings, Nebraska. The 16-18 year old team earned the honor of being the Colorado State Representative to the Regional Tournament in Clarkston, Missouri. All CYBSA baseball and softball All-Star teams represented our league well on the "Tournament Trail." Many compliments were received from the various tournament hosts regarding our teams' and players' conduct and attitude. Great job! We are proud of our All-Stars and Coaches and trust the memories of the All-Star experience will be remembered as a highpoint of the 2008 season for the participating players.

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EVALUATION FEEDBACK

Answers to some of the more consistently asked questions or concerns:

- Q: Why are you spending league money on the Opening Day Event and End of Season Picnic instead of putting the money back into the league?
- A: The majority of funds used for these events were donated by our sponsors specifically for these events with very little additional league money needed. These events were fantastic and well received by the participants. CYBSA would again like to thank our sponsors for these events.
- Q: Why are registration fees so high? Can't we get better fields?

A: CYBSA rents fields from several municipalities, City of Aurora charges \$15.00 for resident - \$18.00 for non-resident per league player, Arapahoe Parks and Rec. charges \$9.00 per league player, Cherry Creek Vista Homes Assoc. charges \$7500.00 for four fields, Greenwood Village charges \$40.00 per hour (four fields), Cherry Creek School District charges \$35.00 per field (three fields). CYBSA receives most of the school field permits from the City of Aurora and Arapahoe Parks and Rec. District. CYBSA is continually seeking new fields and additional time for existing fields. CYBSA has requested better maintenance and even offered to either do the work ourselves or pay for the work to be done, but have been turned down with every request due their liability issues. This does not prevent us from striving to improve the fields for our players.

Q: With fees such as they are, why do a fundraiser?

A: As you can see by the previous answer, a large portion of the fees are allocated towards field permits. The remaining funds each year goes towards new baseballs and softballs. umpires, field chalk, insurance, uniforms, and other necessary expenses. CYBSA proudly supplies every baseball player with an "Officially Licensed" MLB replica jersey/hat and every softball player an actual softball uniform rather than require families to purchase a uniform separately. The fundraiser allows CYBSA to replace old and worn equipment for the safety and enjoyment of the players. Every team/player benefits from the fundraiser because when new equipment is purchased it is purchased for every team league wide.

FEEDBACK CONTINUED

- Q: Can you change the birth date cut off to a later date?
- A: No, this date is the national standard date accepted for Babe Ruth, Little League, Pony, Dixie etc. Being nationally affiliated with Babe Ruth League Inc. we are bound by their rules.
- Q: Why are 4 year olds allowed to play with 6 year olds.
- A: Babe Ruth League Inc. sets the age groups. However, CYBSA is planning to split the age group into 4 year old and 5 year old first time players, and second year 5 year olds and 6 year olds to hopefully even out the level of play.

- Q; Can you make some of the age divisions more competitive?
- A: The CYBSA Board of Directors has been discussing this matter and is searching for the best solution so as not to negatively affect any players while at the same time be able offer the "next level" of play to those players and teams interested without having to look elsewhere.
- Q: Can you please improve the softball / Senior baseball schedules?
- A: CYBSA inter-league plays with S.E. Denver in baseball, and softball plays under the "umbrella" of S.E. Denver. S.E. Denver creates the schedules for these divisions. We are making a point of working more closely on the schedules for these groups to hopefully alleviate many of the issues surrounding the schedules.