



AYBA Parent Meeting

In-house League



Who are we?

Alexandria Youth Baseball Association (AYBA) is the community organization that manages in-house and travel youth baseball programs.

We are governed by a group of community volunteers who work to ensure youth baseball is an enjoyable and valuable experience for all players.

A subset of the AYBA board manages the in-house 2-7th grade youth programs. The full board manages all youth baseball for students in grades 2-12.



Committee Members for Youth Leagues (2-7th)

- In-house Director- Kasey Dillon
- Travel Director - Jason Christenson
- Financial Director- Randy Anderson
- Secretary - Monica Peterson
- IT - Jason Peterson
- Umpire Coordinator - Kasey Dillon
- Inventory/Equipment Manager- Scott Scholl



In house & Travel Youth Committee Members

- Northwoods Commissioner- Scott Dack
- Minor League Commissioner- Lucas Gronewold
- Major League Commissioner- Monica Peterson
- Other members -
 - Robyn Stepaniak
 - Eric Wimmer
 - Neil Jenzen
 - Jeff Korman
 - Jeff Anderson
 - Troy Putnam



Available Leagues

- Northwoods League
 - Players CURRENTLY in 2nd and 3rd grade.
 - Includes instructional and game time.
 - Teams play approximately 10-12 games with end of season tournament.
 - First one-two weeks of the season are designated for practices
 - Games played on Monday and Wednesday nights
 - Combination of player and coach pitch
 - Additional coaches allowed in the field; also allowed to stop play to instruct players
 - All helmets must have a face mask



Available Leagues

- Minor League
 - Players CURRENTLY in 4th and 5th grade.
 - Includes practice/instructional and game time
 - Teams play approximately 12-14 games with end of season tournament.
 - Games played on Tuesday and Thursday nights.
 - Players allowed to advance if ball is overthrown in certain circumstances
 - No coach pitch
 - No coaches in the field for instruction



Available Leagues

- Major League
 - Players CURRENTLY in 6th & 7th grades
 - Teams play approximately 12-14 games with end of season tournament.
 - Games played on Monday and Wednesday nights
 - Players allowed to steal bases
 - Players allowed to bunt
 - Balks called on pitchers



In-house league

- The purpose of the in-house league is to focus on developing baseball skills and working as a team
 - “Win at all costs” is not the purpose of this league
- Coaches focus on the rules and fundamentals of the game
 - Fielding
 - Batting and base running
 - Good Sportsmanship
- Players should be playing a mix of infield and outfield positions each game
- Players should be encouraged to play all positions including those they aren’t familiar with
 - Example - Pitching and catching



What does “development league” mean?

- Work with each player to develop & improve their skills
- Work with each player to understand concepts of the game
- Work with each player to swing at more pitches and learning to be selective later
- Work with players to ensure team mentality
- Focus on improvement and not the final score



Grade Requirements

- Teams are created based on CURRENT grade year
- If a player is registered for a league and the committee finds that the player is not in that grade, the player can be removed from the team and refund will not be issued
- Grade requirements are done to ensure the health and safety of all players



Player Evaluations

- Each player must attend evaluations
- The purpose is to EVALUATE an individual players skills
 - This is not a tryout
- All players make a team for in-house league



Evaluation Process

- Evaluations are scheduled by age group
 - Saturday, April 27th at Alexandria Area High School
 - **All players need to be registered prior to evaluations**
- Evaluations are a one day event; no makeup dates
 - If a player cannot make the event due to injury, conflict or illness, parents need to contact support@alexeyouthbaseball.com
- Players are evaluated in groups with other players of the same age
 - Check AYBA website for the appropriate time slot
 - PLEASE arrive during your designated time slot only
- Each group rotates to a different station to be evaluated on baseball skills.
 - Players are evaluated on the following criteria:
 - Fielding
 - Hitting
 - Pitching
- Evaluation results are kept confidential!



Required Stations at Evaluations

Players will be collecting fundraising materials during the evaluation process.

New this year- parents and players will be signing a Code of Conduct agreement.

- BOTH parent(s) and players have a sheet to sign.



Teams

- All players that register for an in-house league are placed on a team based on their grade
- All leagues place players of each skill type on teams.
 - Meaning - kids that have a higher evaluation score will be on a team with players with midrange and lower evaluation scores.
 - This is meant to keep teams even.



Coaches

- All coaches & committee members are volunteers
 - They are not compensated for their time
- Parents/guardians can indicate on the registration form if they are interested in coaching
 - If player is already registered and parent/guardian is interested- please email support@alexeyouthbaseball.com
- Head coaches are responsible for:
 - Managing roster and assigning players to positions for each game
 - Scheduling practice time and managing practice
 - Recruiting volunteers to help with other activities
 - Assistant coaching, scorebook, team communication, etc.
- **NO EXPERIENCE NECESSARY** for head coaches!
 - The board will help new coaches with any questions or concerns they may have.



Equipment

AYBA will provide the following equipment to all players regardless of league

- Player jersey & hat
- Team equipment bag with catcher's gear, baseballs and a bat or two for use during the season

We ask parents to provide the following equipment for their players

- Baseball glove & helmet
- Pants, socks, athletic protector (cup), shoes (non-metal spikes)
- Batting gloves and individual bats are optional
 - If players want to bring their own bat please check the AYBA website for league specific bat requirements.



Umpires

- Umpires will be provided for each leagues' games
- Umpires are typically local youth and not professional umpires
- If there is an issue with a specific umpire we urge parents to contact the Umpire Coordinator and NOT the umpire directly
- We also ask for your patience and understanding with all umpires as they are human and mistakes can happen



Sportsmanship

- AYBA strives to promote good sportsmanship by players, coaches, umpires AND fans
- Any unsportsmanlike behavior will NOT be tolerated
 - This includes
 - Throwing of any equipment by players or coaches
 - Foul language
 - Badgering of opposing teams players
 - Badgering umpire
- Occurrences can and will result in suspension of player, coach or fan at the discretion of AYBA committee
- REMEMBER - this league focuses on developing skills!



Fundraising

- Each player is asked to sell coupon/discount cards as a fundraiser
- This money goes directly to the program to cover field costs, umpires, etc
 - Fillmore Phase 2
 - Curt Felt Phase 1
 - Current field maintenance



Facility Reminders

Early games at Woodland start while Compass is still in session.

The league ask ALL PARENTS to remember the following items

- Non-Compass kids cannot be on the playground until 5:40 PM
- Parents are asked to park in the parking lots to the SOUTH of Woodland (NOT the bus parking area or sidewalks.)



Concerns or issues?

If any issues or concerns arise, we ask parents to first talk to their child's coach.

If, after talking with the coach, additional assistance is needed, we recommend you talk with the commissioner assigned for your child's league.

- Visit the AYBA website for assigned commissioners.