**Mississauga Southwest Baseball Association**

**“Enjoying The Game.**

**Developing Players.**

**Building Leaders”**

**Head Coach**

**Organization**

Head Coach –

Asst. Coach/Treasurer -

Asst. Coach –

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Advisor -

**Communication**

The team will operate with full openness to parent feedback. Constructive criticism is welcomed, and we will listen to your concerns. We will continue to utilize the benefits of a parent liaison. This person will be elected by the parents in the Spring. The parent liaison acts as a conduit for two-way general communication between the parents and coaches. However, it is the responsibility of each individual family to discuss matters of concern exclusively with a coach to facilitate a swift resolution.

**As Your Coaches, You Can Expect Us To…..**

* ¬ Abide by the MSBA Coaches Of Conduct
* ¬ Create a high caliber, enjoyable baseball experience for you and your child.
* ¬ Be always receptive to feedback and suggestions.
* ¬ Deliver genuine feedback to you as needed in a timely fashion.
* ¬ Field the most competitive team always. Playing time will be allotted based on statistics, effort, attitude, and punctuality during games and practices.
* ¬ Ensure that your child never sits more than 2 innings during any game.
* ¬ Not assign static positions. We will set your child up for success by playing him in only the key positions that match his competencies.

**AAA Baseball Expectations**

AAA baseball is a heavy commitment for the entire family comprising of baseball activity from January to September. To develop our players and be able to compete at this level, the following gives you a guideline of expectations:

**Attendance**

Baseball must be the top activity in terms of priority from May to Labour Day weekend. We understand that other activities such as hockey may conflict during our winter workout. It would be ideal to receive 2 weeks’ notice for planned vacation and 48 hours if a player is going to miss a game or practice due to illness. This will allow us to plan accordingly. Typically, the middle of August is the ideal time to take vacation because our COBA playoffs have been completed and it does not impact the last week of August, which is critical as we prepare for the OBA playoffs.

**Winter Workout**

We will participate in 16-week winter work out program one night per week at the Baseball Zone from January to April. From November to April, we will rent the gym at a local school for additional practice one night a week.

**Regular Season Games/Practices**

Our regular season begins in early May. Our 20+ games will require that we travel to various cities such as Brampton, Burlington, Georgetown, etc. Typically, we will have 2 games per week and 2 practices per week. All games will be during the week. One practice will take place during the week; one will take place on Saturday morning at a local park TBD. Tom Chater is our home park.

**Tournaments**

We will register for 3-4 tournaments during the year. Additionally, we will participate in the league playoff tournament (COBA) in August and the Ontario provincial playoffs (OBA) Labour Day weekend.

**Next Year’s Try Outs**

These will take place in early September. As mandated by MSBA, there are no incumbent positions on any rep team. Therefore, all players at all age levels that are interested in playing rep baseball next year must attend these scheduled try outs.

**Financial Commitment**

We will discuss separately. Those players that are new to the team will be expected to purchase a Twins helmet, baseball bag, and pullover in addition to the stated fees.

**Convening Responsibilities**

Every MSBA rep team assumes responsibility to convene 1 rep tournament each summer. This is a responsibility for the entire group of parents, with a time commitment of 4-6 hours per family that weekend. Details to follow.

**Diamond Set Up**

Prior to the beginning of the season, a schedule will be sent out that evenly divides responsibilities for setting up the diamond at each home game to each family.

**Sponsorships and Fundraising**

We will discuss our Marketing and Sponsorship plan separately. If obtained, the additional funds will be used to pay for additional high-quality equipment/training and/or team events not yet budgeted.

**Car pooling**

Carpooling is encouraged for games and practices. Information will be sent at the beginning of the year to facilitate carpooling.