

BALTIMORE – METRO BASEBALL



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TO: All New Baltimore - Metro Prospective Teams
FROM: Roger A. Faw, Commissioner
SUBJECT: New Team Application

Baltimore - Metro Baseball is the premier amateur baseball organization in the State of Maryland and ranks among the best in the country. Because of this status, we only seek teams that are sincere and serious about baseball. Our leagues are very competitive and all of our teams strive each season to qualify for franchised post-season, out-of-state tournaments (AABC / Dizzy Dean/ NABF). Because Baltimore - Metro Baseball involves a considerable amount of time, money and travel, please do not apply if you are not willing to make a full commitment to our program.

BMB has been in existence since **1977** which is proof that we are well founded in amateur baseball throughout Maryland. Other leagues have attempted to copy what we do, but none have come close. Because they can't compete with the quality we offer to amateur baseball teams they have resorted to lies and rumors to discredit us. Therefore, should you have any questions regarding issues or concerns about BMB please do not hesitate to contact me @ info@baltimoremetrobaseball.com so I can set the record straight.

It is important to note that I have no intentions of creating a war between any of the other leagues in Maryland. My deal is simple, I am convinced that I run a league that is far superior to that of any other, and in the long run, I believe that BMB can offer more benefits to those teams that are true to the sport of baseball. **So, you can play for the best or play for the rest, it is your call!**

The key here is that BMB offers a program that allows you to keep your team together all the way through their high school years. The question that I would ask other non-Metro teams is do you want to be in a program that only gets stronger as your boys get older, or do want them to weaken as the league's older age divisions weaken. More importantly, do you want to be in a league that is dedicated to the improvement of every team and player, or one that is only concerned about how big they are and can only sell their program by telling you how bad things are with BMB. Throughout the history of BMB we have recorded over 46 National Championship teams. We have 12 players that have made it to the Major Leagues and we have countless players that have been drafted. What I am most proud of is the number of players that have received full or partial scholarships to play college baseball and, more importantly, the number of freshman and sophomore players that have made their high school baseball team. Bottom line, BMB is all about the player allowing him to play competitive baseball in preparation for the high school level. This is a record that BMB can stand on!

Bottom line, BMB is all about the future, and not about today. What all of us should want for our players is to be able to go to High School and as a Freshman have a legitimate chance to make varsity, and if not as a Freshman, then certainly as a Sophomore. I guarantee you that if you polled the area high schools and looked at all the under class men that make the varsity baseball team, the majority of them have played Metro baseball.

Our goal in BMB is to run a league that promotes the next level in a player's baseball life, it is our feeling that the better our players do in high school, the better chance they have at a college scholarship or possibly a chance at pro baseball. Leagues and teams that only care about today, and only care about getting a trophy at the end of the year really have the wrong perspective about the game. The years will pass, the trophies will collect dust, but if the player is truly committed he still has to deal with the game. It is important to remember, the successes a player has at a young age will only prove to be a memory if these successes are not channeled in the right direction, and I believe this is what BMB really offers.

The first step in joining is to complete the enclosed "New Team Application" and return it with the required deposit as soon as possible, applications received after November 30 will only be considered if there are openings in the age division for which you are applying.

Please keep in mind that returning this application does not guarantee you a spot in a league. Selection of new teams is based on league openings and the information you provide in your application. In most cases, I can provide you a definite answer no later than October 15, but it could take longer depending on the number of teams in the age division you are applying for and the confirmation of my returning BMB teams.

In determining new team approvals, we give priority to those that already have teams in our program, next to teams that are entering teams in two (2) or more age divisions, then to individual teams. Also, teams formed by disgruntled parents that are leaving another Metro team will be given last preference, if any at all. NOTE: NO TEAM will be approved until they can verify that they have secured a home field.

Before you apply to our program, please consider the following:

EXPENSES -- the approximate costs involved with Metro baseball are league fees - \$150 to \$450 depending on the age division and the number of franchised tournaments available; regular season umpire fees - \$1200+; team insurance - \$100 - \$150; post-season tournament costs - \$2,500 to \$5,000 (depending on how far you advance and the tournament you choose).

1. **NUMBER OF GAMES PLAYED** -- Each league plays between 28 and 36 games per season and play 2 – 4 days per week*. The days played are:

Minor (9U); Major (10U):	Wed – Sat or Sun (DH)
Gil Hodges (11U); Dale Murphy (13U):	Tue - Thu - Sat (DH)
Freshman (12U); Sophomore (14U):	Mon - Wed - Sat (DH)
Junior (15U/16U):	Tue - Wed - Thu - Sat or Sun (DH)
Senior (17U/18U/19U):	Mon - Tue - Thu - Sat or Sun (DH)

NOTE: BMB believes in assisting all teams with scheduling issues and working out all conflicts so playing days for each league may be changed depending on home field availability and/or conflicts. Also, because of our rigorous schedule we highly discourage players from playing Metro baseball while trying to stay involved with other teams and/or leagues. The players you select should be willing to make a full commitment to your team.

Lastly, the age cutoff birth date is April 30 for all ages except 19 year old players, their cut-off date is August 1; our 17U High School Division age cut-off for a player turning 18 is January 1.

2. **TRAVEL** -- Baltimore - Metro Baseball has teams in Baltimore City, Anne Arundel, Baltimore, Carroll, Cecil, Frederick, Harford, Howard, Montgomery and Prince Georges counties. There can be as much as a 100-mile difference between home field sites.
3. **COMPETITION** – As stated before, Baltimore - Metro Baseball is a highly competitive program and the teams that are presently involved are serious about the game. So, if your team does not have this competitive desire, I can assure you that you will not be successful.

I do not want it to appear that I am trying to discourage you from joining, I only want to reinforce the fact that Baltimore - Metro Baseball is amateur baseball at the highest level and we are not interested in increasing the number of teams in a division just to add teams. We only allow teams to enter that have the same commitments and desires as those of our present teams.

If granted entrance into the league we will require you to sign that you agree and understand that you have read and agree to playing by our league rules, agreeing to the penalties therein for any violation you or your team may commit; that if you drop out of the league anytime after we have granted you acceptance that the league will refund no money to you, so please be sure that you are willing to make the necessary commitment before accepting entrance in the league (if offered) and paying your full league fee; that your team, if qualified, will represent Baltimore - Metro Baseball in one of their sanctioned tournaments, through all levels of play unless you have paid the \$100.00 fee to opt out of our franchised tournaments.

DO NOT advertise yourself as a Metro team until you are officially notified of your acceptance. This practice will be highly frowned upon by the league and could hurt your chances of getting in.

In conclusion, I wish to thank you for your interest in Baltimore – Metro Baseball and I appreciate your willingness to give your time in an effort to keep kids playing the greatest team sport around.

If you require any further information or have any questions, please e-mail me @ BMBInfo@comcast.net.

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