



2010 UNION COUNTY WEST CHALLENGE BASEBALL PROGRAM GUIDELINES

The overall goal of this Challenge Baseball Program is to give our “elite” ball players from the Waxhaw Athletic Association (WAA), Prospect Athletic Recreation Association (PARA) and the Monroe Parks and Recreation Department the next level of competition. It will strengthen our All-Star Program by giving the players familiarity with playing at that level as well as better preparing them by practicing with different players from all three organizations. Although our Challenge Baseball Program will **NOT** guarantee a coach to be chosen for All-Star coaching or a player a spot on an All-Star team, it will prepare them if picked by understanding the tournament regime. It is also hopeful that this program will strengthen the unity between our associations.

This program shall initially be run by a Head Commissioner and four Assistant Commissioners. All shall have equal say in decisions to be made in reference to the Challenge Baseball Program. Each commissioner will be given a set of responsibilities that shall include: uniforms, fundraisers/sponsorships, tournament scheduling, practice scheduling, insurance, etc. All decisions to be made about the Challenge Baseball Program will be made by this committee.

The Challenge Baseball Program will be an ancillary program to the recreational ball program, therefore all recreational ball schedules, games, practices will supersede Challenge Baseball.

All uniforms for all age groups will be identical unless there are two teams in one age group, and then they will be the same with alternate color schemes.

- All players **MUST** play at their age eligible grouping in accordance with the 2010 Cal Ripken Age Chart.
- The initial season will consist of one to two teams per age group, depending on if there are enough quality players to field two teams.
- Coaches chosen to represent a Union County West Challenge Team **MUST** sign a non-compete agreement that will prevent he/she from taking players from this program to start a full schedule travel team.
- This program will be open to all players registered on (or planning to register on) a Cal Ripken Recreational Baseball team playing within the Waxhaw Athletic Association or Prospect Athletic Recreation Association or the Monroe Parks and Recreation Department.



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- Parents will be notified in advance of all costs associated with registering their child on a Challenge Baseball Team (uniforms, tournament fees, insurance etc.) at the time of tryouts. This cost will be in the range of \$50 to \$75 per child.
- Practices will be held on Sundays and will cater to each coach/player chosen. One week it may be at Waxhaw, the next at Prospect and the next at Monroe to make it fair to all those participating on a team.
- Tryouts will be held at a yet undetermined time. After each tryout there will be cuts made depending on the amount of the players trying out. Obviously the amount of time needed for tryouts and the number of players cut after each tryout will depend on the amount of players trying out.
- Cuts will be made by **ALL** coaches and commissioners attending tryouts by a voting procedure.
- There will be up to 15 players allowed on each team.
- **However unlike recreational ball, you do not have to play everyone on your team.**