



# **GOLD GLOVE BASEBALL LEAGUE PROGRAM OVERVIEW 2012**



## **POLICIES AND INFORMATION**

### **THE PROGRAM**

The Gold Glove Baseball League is managed by the Blue Valley Recreation Commission (BVRC) and Olathe Youth Baseball Incorporated (OYBI). This league is being offered for players and teams who wish to compete at a high skill level. Teams wishing to play in this league should be considered AAA or Major level with USSSA baseball. In addition, we will offer AA level divisions for the 10U, 11U 12U, 13U & 14U age groups.

The Gold Glove League will offer six divisions of play for the Spring/Summer of 2012. There will be a division for players who are 9 & under, 10 & under, 11 & under, 12 & under, 13 & under and 14 & under. The age cutoff date is May 1<sup>st</sup>.

### **REGISTRATION**

To participate in the Gold Glove League, coaches must complete a league application form and submit it to the BVRC or OYBI by January 6, 2012. Application forms may be picked up at the BVRC Sports Department office (9701 W. 137<sup>th</sup> Street) or at the OYBI office (885 S. Parker Street). You may also download the application form from our web site (see page 3). Included with the application must be a \$100 team application fee. For the 2012 season, the league will be limited to 8 to 12 teams per age division. Teams will be notified by January 11 if they have been accepted into the league. Teams not selected for the league will have their \$100 application fee returned. Teams that are accepted into the league will have the application fee credited towards their registration fees. The remainder of the registration fee will be due to the BVRC/OYBI by February 9, 2012.

### **FEE**

The fee will be \$1,600 per team. Teams will not have to pay a sponsor fee or coaches fee and will not be charged a gate fee at games. As part of the team registration fee all teams will receive team liability and medical insurance. Game balls will also be provided.

### **TEAM FORMATION**

Teams will be formed by ages, not by grades. Divisions will be offered for players who are 9 years old & younger, 10 years old & younger, 11 years old & younger, 12 years old & younger, 13 years old & younger and 14 years old & younger. The date to determine eligibility for these divisions will be May 1. There will be no geographical boundary restrictions on the team formation process. Players will only need to meet the age requirements to participate in the league.

Coaches must turn in a roster listing the players who are on their teams to the BVRC/OYBI. This roster should be the same as their online roster with USSSA. The deadline for turning in team rosters will be February 9, 2012. Coaches will be allowed to add players to their roster until their first game. **Teams will be asked to carry a minimum of 11 players on their roster.** There is no maximum number of players that a team may carry.

## **PRACTICES/GAMES**

Practice times will be provided to teams during the months of March and April. Teams will receive two practice times a week during March and one practice time per week during April. Once the season begins practice times will not be provided unless space is available.

Games will be played at the Blue Valley Recreation Complex, Prairie Center Park and Blackbob Park in Olathe. The season will begin on Monday, April 2 and end the last week of June. The league will play a 16 game schedule with 14 games being guaranteed. The games will be played on both BVRC and OYBI fields. All games will be played Monday through Thursday. The first two rainout games will not be rescheduled. Final standings will be based on the first 14 games that are played.

## **LEAGUE AFFILIATIONS**

The league will be affiliated with USSSA baseball. All teams will need to be sanctioned on-line with USSSA. Coaches are responsible for paying the team sanction fee to USSSA. The league champion in each age division will have their USSSA State Tournament registration fees paid by the league.

## **SPORTSMANSHIP**

Good sportsmanship is a top priority within the Gold Glove baseball program for players, coaches, parents and fans. Coaches are asked to be responsible for their teams. However, the BVRC/OYBI staff and umpires have complete authority to enforce good sportsmanship. The Gold Glove League will have strong rules regarding interaction with umpires and ejections from games. If a coach or parent is ejected from a game they must immediately leave the complex and will be required to serve a one-game suspension. Stricter penalties may be invoked by BVRC/OYBI should the situation warrant.

## **UNIFORMS/EQUIPMENT**

Teams will be responsible for providing their own uniforms and playing equipment. The BVRC/OYBI will provide game balls for league games.

## **SPONSORS**

Teams are not required to pay a sponsor fee to BVRC/OYBI.

## **TEAM PICTURES**

Pictures are not included in the registration fee. However, the BVRC/OYBI will coordinate a picture day for teams who wish to have pictures taken. Teams are responsible for payment to the photographer.

## **Web Site Information**

For information regarding registration information, schedules, standings and other general information about the Gold Glove League you may visit either of the following web sites:

[www.bluevalleyrec.org](http://www.bluevalleyrec.org) or [www.olatheyouthbaseball.com](http://www.olatheyouthbaseball.com)

## **TIMETABLE**

Listed below is a general timetable for the 2012 season:

January 6	-	deadline for team applications
January 11	-	teams notified of selection
February 9	-	team registration fees due
February 9	-	coaches meeting
Early March	-	practices begin
April 2	-	games begin
Late June	-	season concludes

## **INCLEMENT WEATHER INFORMATION**

The inclement weather line information will be distributed to coaches at the coaches meeting in early February.

## **HEAT GUIDELINES**

The Gold Glove League has implemented guidelines to deal with extreme heat at all youth baseball/softball games and practices. For specific information on our heat guidelines, please refer to one of our web sites. These guidelines are designed to provide participants with a standard for safe play in situations of extreme heat.

The two values that will be taken into account when modifying or canceling games/practices are air temperature and relative humidity. The combination of these two elements reflects the heat index. We will rely on the heat index reading that is updated hourly by the National Weather Service at the Olathe Executive Airport.

## **QUESTIONS**

For more information, please telephone the BVRC Sports Department at 685-6030 or OYBI at 393-9891.