

WHY WE EXIST: WE'RE TRYING TO FILL A LARGE GAP IN YOUTH BASEBALL, PARTICULARLY IN MARBLE FALLS, BETWEEN SELECT/TRAVEL BALL, WHICH CAN BE EXPENSIVE AND INCONVENIENT TO OUR LOCATION, AND LOCAL REC BALL (WHICH WE FULLY SUPPORT) THAT RELIES ON VOLUNTEERS (WHO ARE AWESOME) THAT HAVE FULL TIME JOBS AWAY FROM THEIR YOUTH BALL COACHING DUTIES. WE'RE STRIVING TO OFFER AN EXCEPTIONALLY AFFORDABLE MODEL FOCUSED ON DEVELOPING 10-12-YEAR-OLD KIDS ON THE FIELD IN WHICH WINNING IS THE GOAL, BUT NOT THE SOLE FOCUS. WE BELIEVE AT THIS AGE KIDS DEFINITELY NEED TO LEARN HOW TO COMPETE TO WIN, BUT NOT AT THE COST OF DEVELOPING THEM AS ON FIELD PLAYERS AND HIGH BASEBALL IQ GUYS (OR GIRLS).

WE PLAN ON STARTING WITH A 20-30 MIN DRILL SESSION BROKEN OUT BY THE POSITIONS WE'RE FOCUSING ON THAT DAY. WE WILL TRY TO FIND THE BEST ROTATION WORKING WITH KIDS ON OUTFIELD, INFIELD, PITCHING, BASERUNNING AND HITTING PRIOR TO THE EVENINGS GAME. AFTER THE INSTRUCTION PORTION WE WILL PLAY A 1:15 KID PITCHED GAME. DURING THE GAMES THE COACHES WILL UMPIRE AND COACH. WE WILL TREAT THESE GAMES AS A LEARNING OPPORTUNITY FOR ALL 20 KIDS AT ONCE, AND WHEN WE SEE A COACHING MOMENT WE WILL STOP TO COACH AS MANY KIDS AS POSSIBLE. WE MAY GIVE A KID A 4TH STRIKE OR SEND A BASERUNNER BACK TO HIS BASE AFTER BEING THROWN OUT STEALING IF WE FEEL IT IS THE BEST TOOL FOR TEACHING IN THE MOMENT.

THE EXPECTATION FOR PARENTS WILL BE TO CHEER FOR THEIR KID AND THE OTHER KIDS AND SIMPLY ENJOY THEM HAVING FUN PLAYING THE GAME. THE ENVIRONMENT OUTSIDE THE FENCE WILL BE ONE OF POSITIVITY FOR YOUR KIDS TO LEARN TO ENJOY THE GAME. IF SOMEONE NEEDS TO CORRECT OR COACH A KID IT WILL BE THE COACHES ON THE FIELD, SO PARENTS CAN SIT BACK AND ENJOY THE EVENING OF BASEBALL. IF THE UNFORTUNATE EVENT ARISES WHERE A PARENT IS BRINGING AN UNHEALTHY AMOUNT OF NEGATIVITY THEY WILL HAVE THEIR \$10 RETURNED TO THEM AND BE UNABLE TO SIGN THEIR CHILD UP FOR FUTURE EVENTS.

PLEASE UNDERSTAND THE FIRST 2 WEEKS WE WILL BE TESTING OUT A GAME MODEL THAT IS ONLY A THEORY, SO THERE WILL LIKELY BE SOME ADJUSTMENTS AS WE GO. THERE'S NO WAY THIS MODEL WILL BE WITHOUT FLAWS, WE JUST DON'T KNOW WHAT THEY ARE UNTIL WE SEE THEM. PLEASE UNDERSTAND EVERYTHING WE DO IN THIS ENDEAVOR WILL BE FOCUSED ON DEVELOPING KIDS IN A POSITIVE MANNER, SO IF A MISTAKE IS MADE PLEASE VIEW IT THROUGH THAT LENS.