

# 2016 Summer Baseball Information



Dear NJB Parent:

As you are probably aware, NJB traditionally supports post-season teams. This document provides the information you need to understand the process and to submit your child's name for consideration for selection if you choose to do so. **There have been updates to this document and all-star processes, so please review the letter again this year.**

## **Selection Process**

Every child on every team is eligible to apply for selection for summer baseball if he/she plays in at least 50% of his/her regular season games (excluding injuries) and resides within the Babe Ruth (ages 13-14)/Cal Ripken (ages 6-12) league boundaries for Newburgh Junior Baseball as set by the state commissioner. This rule is set forth by Babe Ruth / Cal Ripken Baseball.

You have the opportunity to submit your child for consideration to be chosen for the "select team" or the "all-star team" by completing the form at the bottom of this document. This year teams will be formed in two timelines. One team in each age group from 8-13 will be formed in October of 2015. A second team in each of these age groups will be formed in May of 2016 as long as there is enough interested from both players and coaches. Teams in the 6U, 7U and 14U age groups will also be formed in May of 2016. **To be considered for the 8-13U teams being formed in October, the online form must be submitted by October 2nd. Please follow the link to the [Online Form](#).**

**Another call for form submissions for the teams being formed in May will be sent out once the regular season begins.**

A player must declare their interest for Select Team play. The players will be evaluated by a committee during multiple evaluations. The vice commissioner will organize a committee to choose the select team manager. The committee will select a roster of at least 12 and not more than 15 players per Babe Ruth/Cal Ripken rules. NJB written guidelines spell out that the first nine select team roster positions are voted on, with the last three to six being picked by the select team manager. Like stated above, one team for ages 8-13 will be selected in October using this process. Second teams from these age groups (pending enough interest) and teams for ages 6, 7 and 14 will be selected in May.

If a player quits after being selected to a team for reasons other than hardship, that player is not eligible post season play the following year. For example, if a player submits this form, is voted on by the committee, is assigned to the "All Star Team", decides he/she is not interested, he/she will be considered to have quit.

## **Items for Consideration before Submitting**

Playing for an NJB summer/post season team is very different than league play. The most important difference is that of playing time. There are no rules regarding minimum playing time during the post-season. It is entirely possible that YOUR child will receive NO playing time. You will also be expected to commit to every practice and every game during the post-season. If there are any conflicts please note them on the form so the coaches are aware of this. Generally speaking, the post-season begins before the regular season starts and may extend into the beginning of August.

There are also **multiple financial and time commitments** for parents of all-stars during the post-season. In addition to the post season fee (generally ~\$100 - \$150), which pays for uniforms, etc., you will likely be expected to travel a significant amount. Transportation, lodging and meals during travel can be costly. Financial hardship should not be a hindrance from being considered. Please communicate with your league president if this is an issue. During the hosting of these tournaments, “post season” parents are **required** to work various tournament duties. These duties include, but are not limited to, concessions, gate, field maintenance, scorekeeping, etc.

NJB regular season play does not financially support post season play. The post season budget is separate from the regular season. In fact, over the last several years, the summer program has made a profit for the league by hosting various tournaments, etc.

The NJB Board wants you to understand all of the responsibilities regarding post season teams. If you have any questions, **your primary contact would be your child’s league president**. You may also contact any of the Board members. We would be happy to answer any of your questions. As always, we appreciate your support of Newburgh Junior Baseball.

### **NJB Sponsored Summer/Post-Season Teams**

There will be two NJB sponsored teams from each age group if there is enough interest to field a second team and there are volunteers to Manage and Coach the second team.