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LETTER FROM PRESIDENT SCOTT ROGERS

Dear BYB&S Families:

It may not seem like it now, but summer, baseball and softball are right around the corner. And we have many exciting new developments to share, and little space to do so, so here goes. When the new Board convened in September, we took some time to focus on our purpose, and each of us committed to always keep the best interests of all the children in mind in the decisions we would make. We agreed that we would focus equally on Softball and Baseball. The House leagues would not take a back seat to Travel programs. We committed to be open, to listen and to not be afraid of change. Finally, we committed to do all this in a fiscally prudent and responsible manner.

Our softball programs will be run this year pretty much like they have been in the past few years. Hey, BHS has sent softball teams to the state semifinals three years in a row, so we must be doing something right. However, we have adopted some organizational changes make sure we give softball the attention it deserves.

On the baseball side, there are

changes for both House and Travel. For the House program, AAA and Majors will be divided into four separate leagues, one for each grade, 3-6. The Red/White format has been eliminated. It is never easy trying to determine how best to structure youth baseball programs, and balancing concepts such as learning, competitiveness, development and fun (and I stress FUN), is a uniquely difficult process. No matter what you think about the old or new structure, this year it will be far more likely that classmates will play together, and best friends need not worry about not being in the same league. And when classmates play against each other, we certainly won't have to worry about competition.

For Travel, we are expanding the full time baseball travel opportunities. We will now have two 10 year old teams, two 11 year old teams and one more 12 year old team. Details, including registration information, can be found on the website www.barringtonyouthbaseball.com, but be aware, TRAVEL TRYOUTS BEGIN ON JANUARY 16, 2007.

In the immortal words of Ron Popeil, "But wait, there's more." Look for an improved Winter Training program sponsored by BYB&S and Professional Baseball of Illinois. There are still available spots, but register soon before they are gone. Look for a bigger and better website, with interactive features such as REGISTRATION with a CREDIT CARD PAYMENT option. Parents, you'll soon be able to go online and evaluate your child's manager. Look for changes at the FOD Concession stand. And finally, look for a couple of surveys that will be heading your way. We want to know what you think. Do you like all the changes? Did we go too far? Not far enough? We want your opinions to help us in our continuing efforts to make BYB&S remain the best youth baseball program around. With over 1700 participants expected this year, they deserve a well-thought-out program, so when given an opportunity to speak your mind, please do so. Your opinion does matter.

Scott Rogers

BYB&S LEAGUES

Softball

Juniors: 7 - 8 years old

Minors: 9 -10 years old

Majors: 11 -12 years old

Seniors: 13 -15 years old

Baseball

T-Ball: 5 - 6 years old

Rookie: 7 year olds / 1st grade

A : 8 year olds / 2nd grade

AA: 9 year olds / 3rd grade

AAA: 10 year olds / 4th grade

Majors American : 11 year olds / 5th grade

Majors National: 12 year olds / 6th grade

Pony: 13 - 15 years old / 7th, 8th, 9th grades

Colt: 15 - 17 years old / 9th, 10th, 11th grades

TELEPHONE NUMBERS

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BYB&S Administrator:

admin@barringtonyouthbaseball.com

BYB&S AT A GLANCE

Sign up Online beginning January 2, 2007. If you don't pay by credit card, mail in your check and signed forms to complete registration.

For team party attend your assigned evaluation time.

A manager will call you with your team assignment

before Spring Break.

Practices will begin after April 1, 2007. Each team will have several assigned practices. Managers will add practices as they deem needed.

Opening Day will be April 21, 2007.

The regular season will end on June 10, 2007.



REGISTRATION 2007

Registration for the 2007 Spring Softball & Baseball season will begin on
January 2, 2007 on our website.

www.barringtonyouthsoftball.com or www.barringtonyouthbaseball.com

NEW FAMILIES:

At the website select Registration, which will lead you to Parents Login.
 Enter the requested information.
 You will receive an e-mail verifying your sign up.
 You will then be able to continue with the registration process described below.

CURRENT FAMILIES:

At the website select Registration, which will lead you to Parents Login.

Enter your login information. If you don't remember your login or password send us an e-mail and we will send you your information.

Update the information.

You may add new players for your family here.

If you choose to pay by credit card, you will be directed to the Paypal site. Be sure to follow the link back to BYBS to ensure the payment is recorded correctly. If you choose to pay by check, print the form, sign it and mail it with your check to complete registration.

MANDATORY EVALUATIONS- FEBRUARY 17, 2007

Mandatory Evaluations for Baseball:

AA, AAA, Majors.

Note: For 9 and 11 year olds wishing to play up, there will be another evaluation session, but you must attend the February 17 session. The option to play up is discussed further on our website.

Mandatory Evaluations for Softball:

Minors, Majors, Seniors.

Please watch the website times

T-ball, Rookie, A, Pony, and Softball Juniors

Do not have evaluations.

T-Ball is open to all 5-6 year olds

Colt Baseball is for boys 15 -17 who are not playing high school baseball

ALL EVALUATIONS WILL BE HELD AT BARRINGTON HIGH SCHOOL

BRING YOUR GLOVE AND BAT(IF YOU HAVE ONE)

Girls and Boys

Umpires Needed for 2007

Must be 6th grade or older.

Must attend pre-season training.

Must sign-up at our web site after January 1st.

For more information contact:

George Volland:
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BYB&S 2007 Diamond Faire

February 17, 2007
 During Evaluations at BHS

- BYB&S Clothing for sale
- Baseball Pants and Undershirts on sale
- Eye Exams
- Summer Camp Information
- Food and much more!



Managers & Coaches

Sign up when you register your child.

There will be mandatory clinics to attend.

For more information see our website.

Join us as we raise the flag at Field of Dreams

Ceremonial first pitch

Enjoy the free hotdogs and brats cooked by the BYB&S board members.

Stop by before or after your game .

All are welcome!

OPENING DAY

April 21, 2007



HOUSE PROGRAMS

In 2007, the House baseball league program is being restructured so that all players between the ages of 7 and 12 (first through sixth grades) will be playing with other players in their same grade. There will be no "red/white" split as in previous years. However, a limited number of players in grades 3 and 5 (maximum 2 per team) will have an opportunity to "play up" in grade (subject to evaluation). In addition, any player who wishes to move down an age/grade level (grades 4 and 6) to better develop his or her skills will be allowed to do so. There will be no change to the House Softball or Baseball Pony or Colt leagues. The House leagues run from mid-April through the end of June.

ALL-STAR & FULL TIME TRAVEL

All-Star Travel

All-Star try outs will be announced during the season. Watch the web site for dates and times.

All-Star teams play in tournaments the month of July only.

One tournament is in Barrington. There are also games during the week.

Full-Time Travel

Full time travel is being expanded to add two ten year old teams, two 11 year old teams, and one more 12 year old team. Tryouts for these teams will be held beginning on January 16. Please look to the website for more details. Next season's full time travel teams will be selected in late August/early September.

BYBS sponsors two full time teams for each age, 10 through 13.

BYB&S BOARD

Scott Rogers - President

Sean Malia - Vice-President

Jeff Lenz - Treasurer

Bill Flack - Secretary



- For questions please contact any board member. All contact information is listed on our website.
- If you are interested in volunteering for any of our committees, please contact the board member in charge.

Brian Battle - Fundraising/ Sponsorships

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Bill Daehler - Softball Operations

Rick Furmanski - Picture day, Field Maintenance

Mary Magro - Softball House, Softball Travel

Skip Rowe - House Softball, Travel Softball & Travel Operations

John Sciaccotta - Opening Day

Scott Solberg - Equipment/Purchasing

Brad Sparesus - Baseball Operations

Chuck Thyfault - Equipment/Purchasing

George Volland - House Baseball, Umpires



BYB&S 2007 CALENDAR

January 2	Spring Registration Begins
February 17	Diamond Faire Evaluation Day
April 1	Practices Begin
April 21	Opening Day
May 5	Picture Day
June	Golf Outing (specific date to be determined)
June 25	End of play-offs
June 28	All-Star Season Begins
July 30	Fall Registration Begins
July 31	End of All-Star Season
September 1	Fall Ball Begins



PLAYER ACTION PHOTOS BY

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