



## **Boulder Bison 12U Information Sheet**

### What's It About?

The mission of Diamond Baseball of Boulder is to enhance community baseball in Boulder, Colorado and whenever possible support North and South Boulder Little Leagues, and the local High School baseball programs. To that end, DBOB has created the Boulder Bison youth tournament team program. For ages 8 through 12, the Bison program is designed as a compliment to Little League baseball. We help players prepare to compete nationally in the Little League World Series by improving their baseball skills, and building self-confidence, sportsmanship and a love for the game.

### Team Selection

Interested players must attend the tryout or make arrangements with the Bison Director. Eligible players for the 12U team are 11yr old 6<sup>th</sup> graders or 12 years of age on April 30<sup>th</sup> of that season. Teams will be selected by DBOB with input from non-parent evaluators. If selected, a Bison player agrees to not play on another baseball team during that season (Little League and school teams excluded).

### Team Makeup

We will field no more than two teams at each age level. Rosters will be built in a first and second team format. Player talent will not be balanced across teams. Each team will roster 12 or 13 players.

### Rules

Tournaments are played by high school baseball rules with a few minor exceptions. While Little League plays on a 60' (bases) x 46' (mound) diamonds, 12U tournaments play at 70'x50'.

### Coach

With some exceptions, DBOB prioritizes hiring non-parent coaches for Bison teams. This goal is in place to reduce player favoritism and ensure the best available instructor is in charge of each team. Coaches are selected for their baseball knowledge and experience.

### Cost

A non-refundable deposit of \$200 is immediately required from all players upon selection to the team roster. The player fee balance is due before January 1st. Expenses include, but are not limited to winter workouts, uniforms, equipment, field maintenance, insurance, tournament fees (travel expenses are the responsibility of the player), and coaching fees. Player fees can be reduced by fundraising, team sponsorships, and scholarships. The typical full season fee for a Bison 12U team is ~\$850.

### Schedule

- Team meeting and uniform sizing in November.
- Winter workouts consist of two practices per week beginning in January, continuing to BVSD spring break.
- There will be 5 to 6 weekend tournaments total, April through early June. Tournament games are played as far away as Greeley or Littleton.
- Weekend tournaments consist of two games on Saturday and as many as four games on Sunday.
- Players are strongly encouraged to participate in their local Little League in April and May, plus Little League Allstars in June and July.
- In April and May, practices will be held at the Iris SW field on non-tournament weekends only.

### Need More Information

Please see [www.DiamondBaseball.org](http://www.DiamondBaseball.org) or contact Chris Bukowski (DBOB Bison Director) at 303-517-1788 or [CCSNL@aol.com](mailto:CCSNL@aol.com).