



Welcome to AYL's April's News Letter

AYL MEMBER CLUBS

Bear Creek/Creek Bruins/Dolphins

Eagles/Parker Hawks

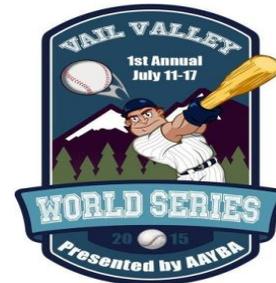
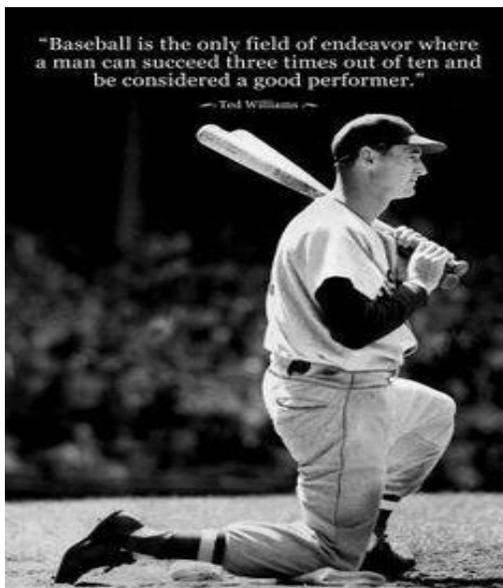
South Jeffco/Spartans/Stallions

Littleton Thunder/Warriors

Hot off the Press...

There is still time to get your AYL discount.

Who is coming list includes teams from Texas, Oklahoma and Tennessee



<http://www.hometeamsonline.com/teams/default.asp?u=AAyBA1&s=org&p=custom&pagename=AAyBA+Colorado+World+Series>

Mandatory FOR ALL Head Coaches!

Course's beginning April 1st.

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=5AM4qkR9JG8>

Important Date to Remember:

Rockies night – June 5th – Marlins

Web Sites:

AYL – Arapahoe Youth League:
<http://aylsportsbaseball.leag1.com/Default.asp?org=aylsportsbaseball>

Fields: www.baseballfieldsofcolorado.com



Coach Certification

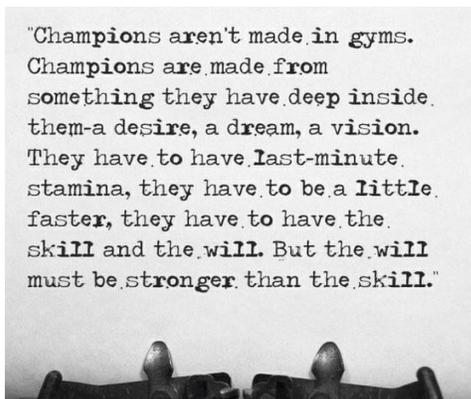
- ✓ my Hits®
- ✓ my Pitch™
- ✓ Players Clubhouse
- ✓ Coaches Corner



Arapahoe Youth League Baseball Named MLB.com Digital Academy a League Partner. AYL announces coaches education initiative, having all league coaches complete the MLB.com Digital Academy Coaches Certification Course.

DENVER, CO – Arapahoe Youth League Baseball (AYL) today announced that they have been named an MLB.com Digital Academy (MLBDA) League Partner for the 2015 Season.

MLBDA (mlbdigitalacademy.com) is powered by Big League Analysis (BLA) and is the official online instructional academy of Major League Baseball. The MLBDA League Partner program recognizes leading youth baseball leagues in the nation that show a commitment to certifying their coaches. AYL serves almost 1,200 coaches with more than 4,400 youth players on 370 teams. This League Partner program is designed to train and certify coaches who are responsible for the on-field development of youth baseball players, ages 5-14. The program provides youth baseball leagues with a resource that can help them set a standard for youth baseball coaches. The Certification Course provides instruction on all the skills of the game from a variety of experts. Importantly it also addresses, through education, one of the biggest challenges in youth baseball, youth arm injuries. In a three-year deal inked by MLBDA and the AYL, as a League Partner AYL will have all of their league coaches complete the Coaches Certification Course. "Our number one priority and initiative for the 2015 season is mandatory coach's certification," said Danny Nourse, VP of Baseball. "The Coaches Certification Course provides instruction on how to be an effective youth baseball coach and how to teach the skills of the game. Completing this online Certification Course will demonstrate that our coaches and parents know the key training techniques, proper mechanics and concepts to keeping our kids healthy and having fun." he said In addition to the Coaches Certification Course, as a League Partner every player and coach will receive additional member benefits on the MLBDA website. myHits®, Coaches Corner and Players Clubhouse memberships will be provided to each league participant in an effort to continue the opportunity for all coaches and players to improve their skills throughout the season. "We are excited to announce our Arapahoe Youth League Baseball partnership and join them in their commitment to be a leading youth baseball league in the nation," said Tyson Hanish, CEO of BLA. "It's our goal that together we improve the positive experience for the young ballplayers on the field, ultimately increasing AYL's participation."



Are you ready for some baseball?
Click this URL and you will be...

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=tjIGpPiOvx4>



Did you KNOW???

Baseball Myths:

THE TIE RULE MYTH: There is no such thing in the world of umpiring. The runner is either out or safe. The umpire must judge out or safe. It is impossible to judge a tie.

MUST SLIDE RULE MYTH: There is no "must slide" rule. When the fielder has the ball in his possession, the runner has two choices; slide OR attempt to get around the fielder. He may NOT deliberately or maliciously contact the fielder, but he is NOT required to slide. If the fielder does not have possession but, is in the act of fielding, and contact is made, it is a no-call unless the contact was intentional and malicious.

NO STEAL ON FOUL-TIP RULE MYTH: There is nothing foul about a foul-tip. If the ball nicks the bat and goes to the catcher's glove and is caught, this is a foul-tip by definition. A foul-tip is a strike and the ball is alive. It is the same as a swing-and-miss. If the ball is not caught, it is a foul ball.

OUT OF THE BASELINE RULE MYTH: The runner MUST avoid a fielder attempting to field a BATTED ball. A runner is out for running out of the baseline, only when attempting to avoid a tag.

HANDS RULE MYTH: The hands are part of a person's body. If a pitch hits the batter's hands the ball is dead; if he swung at the pitch, a strike is called (NOT a foul). If he was avoiding the pitch, he is awarded first base.

RIGHT TURN RULE MYTH: The batter-runner may turn left or right, provided that if he turns left he does not make an attempt to advance. An attempt is a judgment made by the umpire. The requirement is that the runner must immediately return to first after overrunning or oversliding it.

BREAKING WRISTS RULE MYTH: A strike is a judgment by the umpire as to whether the batter attempted to strike the ball. Breaking the wrists, or the barrel of the bat crossing the plate are simply guides to making the judgment of an attempt, these are not rules.

HIT PLATE RULE MYTH: The plate is in fair territory. There is nothing special about it. If a batted ball hits it, it is treated like any other batted ball.

FOUL-TIP RULE MYTH: There is nothing foul about a foul-tip. If the ball nicks the bat and goes sharp and direct to the catcher's hand or glove and is caught, this is a foul-tip by definition. A foul-tip is a strike and the ball is alive. It is the same as a swing-and-miss. If the ball is not caught, it is a foul ball. If the nicked pitch first hits the catcher somewhere other than the hand or glove, it is not a foul-tip, it is a foul ball.



CLUB NEWS

AYL:

AYL welcomes the Stallions Youth Sports baseball group for play starting this season. Comprised of Aurora North this is their first year and we are excited to welcome the Stallions. They are made up of former Aurora Youth League directors, and with several years of volunteering, they bring a lot of talent and passion to the AYL. Look for them on the baseball field. As well as on the football fields and basketball courts... Again, welcome to the AYL!



Bear Creek:

Check their web site for upcoming activities within the organization. Poker fundraisers and baseball tournaments are being held throughout the season.

DOLPHINS:

DC Dolphins MVP Challenger League Game was just held last weekend...

Dolphins Youth Sports just completed their Challenger event. This game will provide an opportunity for youth athletes age 5-14 with physical and developmental challenges that allow them to participate in a modified baseball game. With a Worlds Series type atmosphere smiles on both the kids and the parents were evident. Thanks for putting on this event and giving back to these kids, lets grow this bigger next year.

