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MYB/S Summer Babe Ruth / Sr Babe Ruth Policies

The following policy outlines Medfield Youth Baseball/Softball policies and procedures related to team selection and roster make-up for teams registered in the Tri-Valley Babe Ruth League and the Central Massachusetts Senior Babe Ruth league.

GENERAL

During the summer season, MYB/S will register teams to participate in the Tri-Valley Majors, Tri-Valley Minors, and Central Massachusetts Senior Babe Ruth leagues. The Tri-Valley leagues typically have a 14 game schedule which runs from early June until early July. League playoffs run through the championship game in late July. The Senior Babe Ruth league runs from early June and has a 20 game schedule which lasts through early August with playoffs lasting until mid-August.

Tri-Valley (Majors/Minors): The number of teams registered will be dependent upon the number of players registered; MYB/S will use best efforts to insure all players eligible to play in the Tri-Valley leagues will be able to play.

- Games for the Tri-Valley Minors will be played on Monday, Wednesday, and Fridays.
- Games for the Tri-Valley Majors will be played on Tuesday, Thursday, and Sunday.

Senior Babe Ruth: MYB/S will register one team for the Central Massachusetts Senior Babe Ruth League; this is a highly competitive league designed for high school varsity and junior varsity players and there will be tryouts/cuts for this team. Games for Senior Babe Ruth will be played on Monday, Wednesday, and Friday.

ELIGIBILITY:

Tri-Valley Minors: Player cannot turn 14 before May 1st of the year of participation.

Tri-Valley Majors: Player cannot turn 17 before May 1st of the year of participation.

Senior Babe Ruth: Players 15 to 18 years of age. Team is allowed two 14 year olds as long as they have played one season of high school baseball (i.e. JV or Varsity).

ROSTER SELECTION:

Senior Babe Ruth: The Senior Babe Ruth coaches designated by the MYB/S board will run a series of tryouts for eligible players during the month of May with a selection of the team in late May. All players trying out for the Senior Babe Ruth team are expected to commit to and participate in the overwhelming majority of league games and practices. Vacation and other significant conflicts should be discussed with the Senior Babe Ruth head coach prior to tryouts and the selection of the team.

The roster for the MYB/S Senior Babe Ruth team will consist of 14-18 players and will be decided solely by the Senior Babe Ruth coaching staff based upon performance in

tryouts as well as the player's performance during the spring school baseball season. At the conclusion of the tryouts, the MYB/S Senior Babe Ruth coaching staff will be responsible for contacting all players who have tried out for the team and letting players know if they have made the team or did not. This contact will be done via phone calls, emails, or a general posting of the players who made the on the league website.

Tri-Valley (Majors/Minors): After the Senior Babe Ruth roster has been established, the MYB/S Tri-Valley teams will be established via a draft. The number of teams in each division will be decided on by the MYB/S Summer Babe Ruth coordinator and will be based upon available players in each age group. The optimal roster size for each team will be 13-15 players. Coaches for Tri-Valley teams will be designated by the MYB/S Summer Babe Ruth coordinator and the draft will follow the MYB/S Draft Policy.

DOUBLE ROSTERING / TAXI SQUAD

It is the general guideline of the MYB/S Board of Directors that double-rostering a player is not permitted (i.e. a player is on the roster for both a Tri-Valley team and the Sr Babe Ruth team; or a player is on the roster for both the Medfield American Legion team and the Sr Babe Ruth team). In the event that a player requests to be double rostered, approval is required by both the Summer Babe Ruth Coordinator and the Senior Babe Ruth head coach; in the event there is a disagreement between the two, the MYB/S league president will make a final determination.

Once the Senior Babe Ruth roster has been established, a "Taxi Squad" of 2 - 6 players will be designated by the Senior Babe Ruth coaching staff. (There will be a total of 20 players on the Senior BR roster – 14-18 will be permanent players for the season and 2-6 will be Taxi Squad players). The players on the Taxi Squad, although not required, will be encouraged to attend Senior Babe Ruth practices. These players will be players who will be drafted by a Tri-Valley Majors' team and will primarily play for the Tri-Valley team but will be available to the Senior Babe Ruth team in the event they are short of players for a specific game. Both the players and all Tri-Valley Majors coaches will be notified of these players' status prior to the league draft. In the event a player is "called up" for a game, in the case of a conflict, this player's primary team responsibility will be to the Senior Babe Ruth team for that game. The Senior Babe Ruth head coach will make every effort to alert the "called up" player and his coach of the need for his services as soon as possible. The Senior Babe Ruth head coach will also make an effort to rotate the "called up" player between the 5 players on the Taxi Squad.