

Congratulations!!! **ALL 3** Chargers teams have made their respective Connie Mack State Tournaments! Below is the information:

14s: We are hosting!

15s: Cherry Creek

17s: Cherokee Trail

There will be a seeding meeting the 13<sup>th</sup>, then a coaches meeting Monday the 14<sup>th</sup> to get our information.

TOURNAMENT DATES: 16-20 for each division, however due to possible high seeds we may play later. Each tournament is double elimination. Parents there will be NO GATE at the host sites.

*What we need from you!* Each player needs to bring a copy of his birth certificate to their respective coaches by Sunday! In addition there will be a roster sheet they need to sign. Please make sure they know address, phone number, etc.

We will continue to follow up with information as it comes! Please continue reading for a few notes....

First, I think we should all take a moment to realize the accomplishments of our players. Each program has come together quickly; playing and learning a ton as they grow as both young men and baseball players. It is a HUGE accomplishment for these players to have the ENTIRE Chatfield program make a state tournament. Please take the time to congratulate them and wish them luck as we go for 3 State Titles!

I know that there has been plenty of discussion about teams, competition, leagues etc... As the Head Coach for our program I can tell you that we have been placed in these leagues as we were recommended and have played each team that has been on our schedule. We cannot control who we play or what they do but only what we do. I do tell our players it's disrespectful to the game and to our opponents when we overestimate them or treat them below us. We play ANYONE, ANYTIME, and ANYPLACE. Period. While other teams decide to "play up" or "play down" against us I cannot control, all I can tell each of you is that what our records indicate is the strength of our program from top to bottom and the accomplishments of these young men is outstanding. They're learning to win, compete, develop, and having fun while doing so and I am immensely proud of them and of our coaches.

There have been a few minor hiccups with schedules, etc. as there always is. As I said at our initial summer meeting, this is 75% of the state's first time in the Connie Mack program and that there were bound to be a few things that could come up. We have done a fantastic job as a program, including the countless volunteers (our board, website managers, concessions and scoreboard operators) who've made an amazing impact on our players, parents, and families. We're so ahead of the curve on what we do and how we go about our business and while it may never be "perfect" we have done an outstanding job of putting together an amazing summer.

Thank you all for your support of these young men and of the entire Chatfield program. It is not possible without the support, dedication, and help that these players receive. Thank you again and best of luck to our Chargers!