Attention Minor and Major league division baseball players,

CBSL will be forming Little League Tournament Teams of league age 9-12 years old to compete in the Baseball All Start tournament. There are three potential teams depending on participation, league age 9-10, 9-11, and 10-12 (based on the league age of the player for spring 2023 by little league age chart).  These teams will compete against other teams within our district for the 2023 district 11 championship.  That champion moves on to a sectional and potentially state, regional, and world series.  The very same ones you may watch on ESPN in August.

The purpose of these teams is to form as competitive a team as possible. These teams continue to move forward in player development, but we shift our focus to winning and advancing in the tournament.  The practices are daily (yes, 7 days a week) and intense.  Playtime and positions are earned through merit and with the goal of fielding a lineup/defense that gives our team the best chance to advance in the tournament.

**Commitment:**  We are looking for players that are available to practice and be present at the games. Some considerations can be made but obviously, it doesn't make sense to participate if you are not available.  Please list any conflicts on the eligibility form.

**Important Dates:**

* 24 May - Player eligibility forms (form attached) are due to the Baseball director.  Please initial, sign, and turn in to your team's manager as soon as possible via paper copy or a signed electronic copy.  Make sure any conflicts are noted.
* Teams will be announced approximately a week after.
* Third week of June is the earliest possible date for our first games to begin but the district dictates when those games occur.  We have no control over that schedule.

**Process:**

       The league age 10 -12 team will be formed first, the league age 9-10 team will be formed second, and the league age 9-11 will be formed third pending availability of players in the aforementioned divisions.   League age 9-11 year olds are eligible for multiple teams but may only play on one.  We will determine which teams we will form once we confirm how many players at the different ages are interested - please note that we have to do our best based on interested and ages and will announce the formal set of teams once we can confirm.

       Eligibility forms are collected by the baseball director no later than Wednesday, 24 May.  We make selections from these forms.  If the form isn't turned in that player will not be considered.

* Managers and EOB members discuss players and vote the initial pool of 9 players.
* Managers and EOB members discuss and vote for manager candidates.
* The manager selects their two official coaches and selects 3-5 additional players at their discretion to fill out the team.

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**Cost:** the 2023 Price has not been set yet but traditionally it has been in the $100 range.  With the increased cost of uniforms this may increase.  
  
**Coaches:** depending on the teams/ages that are formed - if you are interested in coaching a tournament team - please email our baseball director Nick (bbdirector@cbsl.org) and let him know which age group(s) you would be interested in coaching (depending on numbers of kids, which teams are formed, etc).  Please contact him by Wednesday, May 24 as well.

If you have any questions or concerns, please reach out to myself or your team's manager. We understand the time crunch and appreciate your patience with the process.    
  
Thank you,

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