Softballers,

CBSL will be forming Little League Tournament Teams of league age 8-12 years old.   There are three potential teams depending on participation, league age 8-10, 9-11, and 10-12. These teams will compete against other teams within our district for the 2022 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 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:**

* 20 May - Player eligibility forms (form attached) are due to the softball 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.
* 23 May - Team is announced and practices are authorized to begin.
* 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 9-11 team will be formed second, and the league age 8-10 will be formed third.  League age 9-11 year olds are eligible for multiple teams but may only play on one.

* Eligibility forms are collected NLT Friday, 20 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 manager candidates.

* The manager selects their two official coaches and selects 3-5 additional players at their discretion to fill out the team.

* Teams announced 23 May.

**Cost:** the 2023 Price has not been set yet but traditionally it has been in the $85 range.  With the increased cost of uniforms this may increase.

If you have any questions or concerns, please reach out to myself or your team manager.

John Carroll

CBSL Director of Softball