



## **Mosquito 'Rep' Team Information Sheet**

For 2017, there will be 1 (one) Mosquito Representative (aka "Rep") Team for The White Sox, made up of (up to) 13 players. The Rep team will be comprised of players with above average ability, commitment, and desire to play at higher levels of competition.

### **1) Commitment**

- Participation on a Rep team requires a commitment on behalf of the players and the parents.
- Players who are looking for additional playing time and development but know (due to other commitments such as holidays or other sports) that they can not commit to the schedule below should register for House League and choose the "Development" option.
- Provincial 'AA' Leagues will operate on a 3-round seeding basis, with teams playing in a Regional format in May, a North/South Divisional format in June and a Provincial Tier format in July.
- Rep teams are required to regularly travel throughout Alberta.
- Failure to fulfill the commitments by the player or parent is denying another player a position on the team and will result in a review of the player's Rep privileges.

### **2) Financial**

- An additional \$100 is required once placement on Rep Team is confirmed.
- Team Budget requirements may necessitate additional cash calls or fundraising.

### **3) Evaluations**

- Evaluations will take place on April 5<sup>th</sup> or 6<sup>th</sup> 4:45 – 5:45 at Kinsmen Field. Players wishing to try out for a Rep team must attend their scheduled Rep try-out.
- Players are scored in 5 general categories: hitting, fielding ground balls, fielding fly balls, throwing and athleticism/potential. Each category will be scored on a scale of 1-5 with 5 being the best possible points allowed. Players are then ranked based on total scores with a score of 25 being the highest possible. In hitting, coaches are looking for form, bat speed, contact point and drive of the ball off the bat. Fielding ground balls will consist of each player fielding 5 ground balls from the shortstop position and completing the play by throwing to first base. Coaches are looking for form, approach to the ball, aggressiveness and accuracy; this gives the coach the opportunity to judge fielding the ball and half of the throwing category. Fielding pop flies will consist of each player fielding 5 fly balls in the outfield and completing the play by throwing to the designated cutoff



man or base. As in fielding grounders, coaches are looking for the same characteristics; form, angle of approach, aggressiveness and accuracy. This will allow the coach to judge the player's ability to read a ball and field it while also allowing coaches to see a player's arm strength from having to throw from further away.

#### **4) Coaching**

- The Mosquito Rep head coach is Brad Badger. Coach Badger will choose his 2 (two) assistant coaches from the parents of the Rep team players. Per Baseball Alberta guidelines, all Rep level coaches must complete the NCCP courses corresponding to the age group and level of play.
- Mosquito Rep coaches are not paid.

#### **5) Schedule**

*Weekdays* (Monday-Thursday) will involve an average of 2 days/week.

*Weekends* - tentative schedule outlined below:

April 28-30 SWEMBA CAMP DAY; practice, Exhibition Game

May 5-7 league games

May 12 (OFF MAY 13/14)

May 19-22 St. Albert Tournament

May 26-28 league games

June 2-4 Spruce Grove Tournament

June 9-11 league games

June 16-18 workouts

June 23-25 league games

June 30-July 3 OFF WEEKEND

July 7-9 games or tournament

July 14-16 playoff weekend 1

July 21-23 playoff weekend 2

TBD Provincials July 28-30 OR August 4-6