



12U Minor PeeWee Rep Baseball



Welcome to the 2020 Baseball season! My name is TJ Carlson and I am very excited to coach the team this year. In partnership with the association, I would like to present a high-level outline of the upcoming season, some coaching philosophies, strategies, and expectations for the **12U Minor PeeWee Rep Team**.

Our main goal is to create a structured, positive and fun environment to help our players to develop as athletes and more importantly, as people. Every single player will be given equal opportunity to develop during practice and will be pushed hard to do so. Competitive sports offer many valuable lessons that kids can take with them even off the baseball diamond. Our guiding principle will be that the team will always come first. This means that playing time will not always be equal in games and that players may not always get to play their favorite position. That being said, those that work the hardest, have a positive attitude and provide the best opportunity for the team to have success will be rewarded. Success will not always be measured by wins and losses. Success will be measured by being a good teammate, showing sportsmanship to opponents and umpires, working hard on and off the field and playing the game the right way.

Indoor Training/Practices:

We will have optional indoor training in February/March with most likely one available time each week as we understand it is a long season and many athletes are busy participating in winter sports. In April we will start mandatory workouts and increase that to most likely twice a week.

Regular Season:

This year will be a much different year than in previous years as we are seeking better competition and more balance in terms of weekend activities. It is an intensive program that requires high attendance and can be fairly demanding for the players and families and we want to make sure the players have fun and stay engaged throughout. We also realize it is important to be able to get some time away and have a break so as we have done the previous three seasons we will try our best to find a week that we can block sometime in the middle of the season so people can enjoy cottages, camping and nice weather.

- **Games:** We will be playing on average 1-2 games a week from May until August. Players are expected to be prepared for warm-up 45 minutes before game time. (Meaning on the field and ready for warm-up). As the season goes on and we get in a routine this will be reduced to 30 minutes. Games this year may also include playing teams from the Outouais.
- **Practices:** The team will have 1-3 practices a week. On field practices will be organized by a variety of drills which will start out station based to focus on fundamental baseball skills, move players around, keep them active and maximize repetitions and then move in to simulations to focus on team strategies and concepts. Life is busy but 90% or higher attendance is mandatory.

Player Development:

In addition to our team coaches, I plan to bring in some outside resources to assist further with the development of our players. Last year we had outside instructors come in and help with pitching, catching and hitting and it was great to have fresh voices with specialized knowledge.

Tournaments:

The final determination of tournament participation will be concluded shortly after the team is formed. Our preliminary target is four to five tournaments which will be a combination of local and away tournaments throughout the season. For tournaments this year we can confirm two:

- Kanata June 5-7 (would be older teams so not confirmed)
- Montreal Schools Out Summer Invitational June 26-28
- Seaway Shootout July 11-12

Cost Expectations:

What parents can expect for fees for the upcoming season are broken down as follows (please note that nothing is finalized this provides a guide only as to what your fees could be):

- Kanata Baseball Regular Season Registration - \$450-\$550
- Team Fees - we will collect team fees of approximately \$400 to cover tournament entry and other team and player development costs.

Important to Note: Players are also responsible for the cost of uniforms and we will need new uniforms this year. These will be owned by each player. Kanata Baseball will source independently and communicate all costs and requirements.

Fundraising/Sponsorship:

Fundraising & sponsorship will be key to offset some of the costs and manage team fees for the competitive season. Final fundraising/sponsorship plans and ideas will be discussed at the parents meeting shortly after the team is formed.

Offers:

I am looking to extend offers to approximately twelve players by January 31st.

If you have any questions, please feel free to contact me directly at tjcarl@hotmail.com. Looking forward to a great season in 2020 and hope to see you at tryouts!

Thank you,

TJ