



# **Kanata Cubs 13UT2 Rep Baseball**



Parents and players,

Welcome to a new year of baseball! My name is Rob Mercer and I will be the Head Coach for the 13U Tier 2 competitive team this year. I am excited to get things started for the season and would like to take the time to provide a brief overview of what to expect.

I have been coaching baseball and hockey for over 12 years. This will be my 6th season coaching Rep ball and my third coaching at my youngest son's age. I will bring a positive atmosphere to the diamond every day and players will only be supported and encouraged at all times. Baseball can be a hard game to play at times and mistakes will be made on the field, but rest assured that the dugout will always be a positive place for every player.

The team will be formed with players from two age cohorts - 2009 and 2010. As a result, I am expecting to form a team that really wants to play ball, to have fun and learn the great game of baseball all within an structured and accountable environment. This year our team will build on the current skills and abilities of all players and elevate them to be even better ball players. We will focus on hard work, a positive attitude and a competitive approach to achieve this.

We are planning to run indoor winter training starting in January at the Sooners Megadome in Stittsville. Once the outdoor season starts players can expect to be on the field 3-5 times a week from May – August (Practices and games). Practices are usually two hours and regular attendance is expected. For games, arrival time will be one hour prior to first pitch and this will provide sufficient time for warm up and game preparation.

Your child can expect to play competitive games in the National Capital Ontario Baseball Association for the upcoming season. I remain hopeful that the team will play in at least three out of town tournaments and also push to qualify for the Provincial playdowns traditionally played Labour Day weekend in September.

Upon completion of the tryouts, players will receive a letter outlining their options for the upcoming season. Once the team is finalized I be scheduling player/parent meeting in early November.

Looking forward to the start of the season.

Rob