



Kanata Cubs 18U Rep Baseball



Players and Parents,

My name is Dale Perry and I will be the Kanata 18U Rep coach this upcoming season. I have been an assistant coach in the Kanata competitive baseball program since 2016.

My main reason for coaching is that I love being involved in the game...either coaching, playing or watching...there are few days during the ball season that I am not engaged in the game in some manner.

Season Expectations

Our goal will be to maintain a competitive focus throughout the season and ensure that the team is always in the best possible position to succeed. This means having structured and purposeful practices, taking advantage of our pre-game warm-ups to be ready to play, and putting players in positions that give them and the team the best chance of success.

It is a goal that playing time throughout the regular season will be balanced. For tournaments, must-win games (such as playoffs) and provincials, it should be expected that playing time will not be equal. With that being said, I do expect this to fluctuate as the year progresses as the players that put the investment into practice and skill development see the payoff of improved performance.

The expectation for our players and coaches will be that they always show respect to their teammates, coaches, opponents, the umpires and fans. This includes actions such as being supportive of teammates and players when mistakes are made, showing class whether we are winning or losing and not reacting negatively towards umpires when calls that we disagree with are made.

Lastly, I am cognizant of the fact that players at this age have a multitude of demands and interests outside of baseball...school, jobs, social commitments etc. This fact will be respected. What I will ask is that if a player is unable to make a practice or game, that they provide the coaches with as much notice as possible to allow for proper planning.

Season Plan

Indoor training (once per week on the weekend) will begin in January/February and go until the end of April. It is anticipated that this will again be at the Sooners Megadome.

The regular season will start sometime in May when the fields are available. You can anticipate 1 to 2 games per week with one practice on weekends. Complete details about the regular season are still to be determined.

The plan is to register for 4 tournaments with at least two of those requiring an out of town stay. In addition, a goal will be to qualify for and attend provincials (also out of town). For those new to this age group, provincials are scheduled for mid-August to accommodate those players attending college or university.

League fees are expected to be about \$700, with an additional team fees of between \$200 - \$250. This will cover umpires, league fees and tournaments. Costs associated with uniforms are separate and will be paid for by the player. It is anticipated that uniforms will be of the same style as those used this past year so some players may only need certain pieces.

Letters of Offer

At the completion of the final tryout session on October 1st, letters of offer will be sent via email to prospective players. I expect this to occur by EOD October 3rd. Players will be given 24 hours to accept the offer to join the team.

I would like to thank all those players attending tryouts in the coming weeks and I am really excited about coaching the 18U team this year!

Dale Perry