

# Rookie 2019

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## 2019 Season April 30th to June 20th (8 week or 1 Tryouts & 15 Practices)

Hi All

Rookie Division will be run very similar to last year but a few minor changes:

- The teams will tiered based on skills & ability (2 groups (Jr., & Sr.))
- The (Jr.) Will be 9 players per team 3 teams, with Practice Tuesday & Thursday 6:15 to 7:45 (East diamond)

Typical Jr Practice nite:

6:15 to 6:25 (Team warmup)  
6:25 to 6:30 (Drink & Get to station)  
6:30 to 6:50 (At stations) Batting  
6:50 to 6:55 (Drink & change station)  
6:55 to 7:15 (At stations) Infield  
7:15 to 7:20 (Drink & change station)  
7:20 to 7:40 (At stations) Practice  
7:40 to 7:45 (Wrap up talk)

- The (Sr.) Will be 10 players per team 2 teams, with Practice Tuesday run as per coaches discretion & Games Thursday 6:15 to 7:45 (West diamond) (Move from machine pitch to player over the season)
- Also Games with other towns (Wed. nite) Home or away
- \*\*Note: 2019 change: Top 16 players picked by evaluators (the last 4 Picks to be done by the Sr. coaches and the Director, this will help ensure players are in correct tier)

### Summary

- Parents to buy-in to make this work
- Health & Safety of players playing with similar skills
- Need coaches to be involved
- Smaller teams which allows more coaching & touches/at-bats for every player.
- Gives every player a better chance of success & to enjoy ball, and parents find value for their money.
- Allow players to play in their age group and develop
- Please consider coming to AGM this spring
- This framework is subject to change depending on player number, skill, coaches, etc.
- If weather Permits will hold open practice sessions before try-outs (Will e-mail times)

**Note:** SMBA is always looking for volunteers to help, there are many ways to get involved (i.e.: Director of a division, Diamond Scheduler, help with casino, web-builder etc.) If you are interested and want to help we will find a job that will fit your (Time, Skills, Commit, etc.)

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