

# U-9--2021 (Formerly Rookie)

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## 2021 Season April 29th to June 24th (Try-outs April 29<sup>th</sup>)

Note: April 27<sup>th</sup> will be an optional practice for players, but mandatory Coach instruction

Hi All

U-9(or 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 8 or 9 players per team , 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 9 or 10 players per team, with Practice Tuesday run as per coaches discretion & Games Thursday 6:15 to 7:45 (West diamond) (electric machine pitch week 1, machine pitch week 2-3, coach pitch week 4-5, & player pitch over the season)
- Also Sr. Teams may have Games with other towns (Wed. nite) Home or away
- Top 14 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)
- **\*\*Note: 2021 change:**
  - Coach instruction on April 27, this will insure we all coaches are on same page and practice time is run in fair, fun & productive matter.
  - The Sr. Team will be using Real Balls for portions of the season;

### 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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