

President's Report for 2022 AGM: (Approved & Accepted at November 2022 AGM)

The 2022 season saw the return of both Rep and Select baseball in Thorold. The 2022 registration was incredible and is broken down below.

- 257 (157 in 2021) Players / 73 Coaches
- 5U – 10 teams = 72 (50 in 2021) players
- 7U – 9 teams = 66 (39 in 2021) players
- 9U – 3 teams = 45 (24 in 2021) players
- 11U – 3 teams = 37 (35 in 2021) players
- 13U – 2 team = 25 (12 in 2021) players
- 18U – 1 team = 12 (11 in 2021) players

Our 9U Jr. Anchors won the Niagara Interlock Baseball “A” Pod Championship, while our 13U Jr. A’s finished second in the “A” Pod. We had teams in every “A” Pod during the playoffs.

Our 9U Aces won the Niagara Falls House-League Tournament.

Our 11U Rep A’s finished 4th for 10 in their regular season, made the semi-finals in their first OBA tournament in Dorchester, finished 2nd in the Thorold tournament and had a great run at the OBA’s finishing 2-2 and were 1 run away from moving on to the OBA Semi-Finals.

Our 9U Select A’s finished 2nd in the Brantford tournament, and our 13U Select A’s went deep but fell just short in the Niagara Falls tournament.

Collectively Thorold's teams were 73-40-25 during the regular season.

2022 also saw the return of Thorold-hosted tournaments. We hosted 9U, 11U & 13U tournaments. They were very well received, as many teams have already said they will come back.

The sponsorship portfolio was very strong. Skritch Living stepped up as a Champion sponsor and Pine Street Dental, Thorold Fire Services and Front Row Sports were League sponsors.

In September and October, we held tryouts for 9U, 11U and 13U Rep teams for 2023. Pat Graham, Robb Norris & Chris Green/Sean Millette will coach the teams respectfully.

Thorold Baseball and the City of Thorold have had many talks about the McMillan Park topic. Thorold has spoken in favour of the conversion of McMillan Park to a turf field and creating a new baseball facility at Rolling Meadows or another. As of now, there has yet to be any movement on this topic.

Lastly, the financial stability of Thorold Minor Baseball is strong. The back balance at the end of 2021 was \$13,455. The ending balance of 2022 is \$20,701. We will continue to budget accordingly, so there are retained earnings while updating/upgrading equipment/facilities and providing new programs for the players and families of Thorold Baseball.