



2013 Playbook and guidelines

Richmond Hill Phoenix Minor Mosquito REP

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LEVEL and Goals

- "A" or "AA" in 2013
- 3 Tiers in YSBA. We play Tier #2.
- We declare "A" or "AA" in July.
- We must **WIN** YSBAs to go to OBAs.
- "AAA" in 2014 – There will be TWO major mosquito teams in Richmond Hill next year. "A" and a "AAA" team. This is the "AAA" team.
- "AAA" in 2015 and beyond
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RESPECT

- RESPECT YOUR TEAMMATES
- RESPECT YOUR COACHES
- RESPECT THE EQUIPMENT OF THE TEAM AND THAT OF OTHER PLAYERS
- Do not throw equipment
- Do not show up late
- Do not show up late
- Do not show up late



ATTENDANCE

- We don't take attendance this year.
- You don't need to – you can see on the field who is there and who isn't.



EXPECTATIONS – GENERAL BEHAVIOUR

- Treat your teammates with respect
- Hands off policy
- Pick up your teammates – everyone makes errors
- Arrive on time – respecting your team and coaches
- No negative cheering – parents included
- The umpire is always right – parents included
- No throwing things, no tantrums.
- Remember they say “play” ball and not “work” ball. This should still be fun.



EXPECTATIONS – OUTSIDE OF PRACTICE

- Wear your Phoenix gear with pride
- You should be proud to wear it, but remember it represents Richmond Hill at tournaments and road games – don't embarrass the team or the club.
- 10,000 hours of work to one day become a pro. Take swings off a tee at home. Play catch as much as you can. Watch baseball!
- Baseball is like music, you may have a lesson but the teacher expects you to practice at home.



EXPECTATIONS - PRACTICE

- Arrive on time
- PERFECT PRACTICE MAKES PERFECT
- Listen
- Have fun, don't get lazy
- Derek Jeter takes a few hundred ground balls a day, Tiger Woods hits thousands of balls and Sidney Crosby works on his shot.
- Work on positive thinking and visualization
- To be a pro at something – takes 10,000 hours.



EXPECTATIONS – IN GAME

- Always arrive early – 30 mins at least
- Starting pitcher who arrive late do not start the game
- No negative cheering
- Umpires are always right
- No throwing things
- Arrive early to warm up properly
- Run hard
- Swing HARD
- ALWAYS THINK “THE BALL IS COMING TO ME”
- Think positive – visualization
- Watch the signs!!!!



PLAYING TIME

- Pitching in regular season – goal is to build 11 pitchers. Some will pitch more than others but goal is to have all 11 reach 300 pitches thrown through regular games, simulated games, tournament and exhibition games.
- Playing in regular season – we will allow everyone a chance to play a spot they want however THIS IS REP. The best at each spot will play will play.
- Tournaments: The best players play at each spot no exceptions.
- All kids will hit but in playoffs they may sit a couple innings, some kids might not sit at all.



PLAYING TIME

- Read the previous slide again.
- No seriously. Its rep, play hard in practice and earn a position you want.
- Now go back and read the previous page one more time.
- If you have not asked to play a position and then ask in the playoffs, you will not play there. ASK NOW OR IN THE REGULAR SEASON.



PLAYING TIME - CONTINUED

- Batting order: We do not pick these out of a hat. There is a strategy. We may front load our order with lefties against certain teams, we may go strongest to weakest. Rarely have the same line up twice with 11 kids. By playoffs it will be set.



ISSUES

- Any issues or complaints – wait a day. decompress then approach head coach.
- Complaints about batting order: coaching rep for three years – not one complaint yet.
- Complaints about positions: wait a couple of games as we have a lot of kids to cycle through. Make sure it's a position your son wants to play not just the one you want him to play.



Tournaments

- Vaughan "AAA": May 17-19
- Niagara Falls "AA": June 24-26
- Barrie "AA": July 5-7
- Bolton "AA": July 19-21
- YSBA (OBA QUALIFIERS) : AUGUST 9-11
- YSBA RAIN WEEKEND: AUGUST 16-18
- OBA CHAMPIONSHIPS: LABOUR DAY WEEKEND



GOALS

- Win at least 12 games in the regular season
- Win at least 2 tournaments
- Win YSBA and qualify for OBA championships
- Win OBAs.
- Develop 11 pitchers
- Develop 4-5 catchers
- Style of play: pitching, speed, defense. Home runs are great but we are a fast team and will use our speed.
- Swing hard, get on base, steal bases, throw strikes.



ROSTER BY UNIFORM#

- #2 Logan Lindo
- #3 Tyler Hill
- #4 Matthew Raymond
- #10 Sam Edmands
- #12 Lee Majorivits
- #17 Tyler Shea
- #22 Nathan Duck
- #32 Aidan Katz
- #34 Billy Schick
- #71 Garret McCabe
- #77 Oliver Chow



COACHES

- #39 John Lindo: Head Coach
- #24 Dan Shea: Assistant Coach
- #27 Jason Katz: Assistant Coach
- #15 Avery Schick: Assistant Coach
- #31 Jim Edmands: Assistant Coach
- #50 Nino Apostoli: Pitching Coach
- Daniel Apostoli: Pitching & Catcher coach



UNIFORM

- Yellow dri-fit is your practice jersey only. Wear it every practice. You are part of a team.
- Green dri-fit and grey jersey for games. Grey pants. Always bring green dri-fit in case of heat.
- Long sleeve green dri-fit for cold games
- Green hat – they will come with numbers on the back. No initials or nicknames on the hats please.
- Proper cleats
- No cup = no infield, no pitching.





**PART 2 – PLAYBOOK &
POSITION NOTES**

The importance of each position

- Take pride in the position you are playing.
- Make it your own.
- You are the best on the team at that position.



THE IMPORTANCE OF THE OUTFIELD

- BABE RUTH
- HANK AARON
- KEN GRIFFEY JR.
- MICKEY MANTLE
- MIKE TROUT
- WILLIE MAYS
- TED WILLIAMS
- ROY HOBBS
- ROBERTO CLEMENTE
- JOSE BAUTISTA
- BRYCE HARPER
- ***THEY ARE ALL OUTFIELDERS!***



PHOENIX

PART 3 – FUN STUFF

Superstars at each position

- CATCHER
 - Johnny Bench
 - Yogi Berra
 - Carlton Fisk
 - Roy Campanella
 - Gary Carter
 - Buster Posey
 - Yadier Molina
- FIRST BASE
 - Lou Gehrig
 - Don Mattingly
 - Albert Pujols
 - Willie McCovey
 - Rod Carew
 - Frank Thomas
 - Keith Hernandez



Superstars at each position

- SECOND BASE
- Joe Morgan
- Roberto Alomar
- Jeff Kent
- Rogers Hornsby
- Jackie Robinson
- Ryne Sandberg

- THIRD BASE
- Mike Schmidt
- Brooks Robinson
- George Brett
- Wade Boggs
- Chipper Jones
- Brett Lawrie



Superstars at each position

- SHORTSTOP
- Derek Jeter
- Cal Ripken Jr.
- Ozzie Smith
- Honus Wagner
- Ernie Banks
- Tony Fernandez
- PITCHER
- Cy Young
- Sandy Koufax
- Nolan Ryan
- Randy Johnson
- Greg Maddux
- Steve Carleton



Superstars at each position

- OUTFIELD

- Babe Ruth
- Ted Williams
- Ken Griffey Jr.
- Mike Trout
- Bryce Harper
- Joe Carter
- Willie Mays

- OUTFIELD

- Joe DiMaggio
- Dave Winfield
- Stan Musial
- Hank Aaron
- Ichiro Suzuki
- Reggie Jackson
- Ty Cobb



Messages to remember

- Think positive
- Visualize the perfect play happening
- Assume the ball is coming right at you
- Know the situation
- Work hard in practice
- Swing hard
- Run hard
- If you strike out swinging that is fine as long as you **swing hard**.
- Be aggressive at bat and on the bases
- Watch the signs!

