



Post-Season Baseball Info (2018)

Dear Parents & Players,

Many of you may have already played post-season (all-star) baseball in Belgrade, many of you may not. This letter is for both groups, and attempts to explain the vision of Belgrade Youth Baseball with regards to post-season baseball.

First of all, post-season baseball is not intended to be “instead of” our regular season. The regular season is the primary focus at this point in time, as kids have made a commitment to the teams they are currently playing for. However, post-season tryouts are necessary early in the season to allow time to form teams, identify tournaments that we can register for, and begin planning for what happens immediately following the regular season tournament.

Our goal is to get as many kids playing baseball for as long as possible. The play at this level is more competitive than our regular season, and forces our kids to elevate their game to compete. This in turn will benefit our league play year after year as these players bring their skill and knowledge to the regular season and teach other kids. There is no guaranteed playing time in all-star baseball. The tryouts for this season are slated for Sunday April 22 at Lion’s Park:

Mandatory Tryout – Sunday April 22nd

Minor Players – 3:30 PM (Fowler Field)

Major Players – 2:00 PM (Fowler Field)

*Babe Ruth Players – 2:00 PM (Miller Field) *(**POSTPONED to Saturday April 28th**)
(Players need to be to the field, checked in and warmed up by the time their tryout begins)

Players will be notified of their selection to a team by Monday April 23rd.

Our goal is to staff as many 12 man rosters as possible in each age group, which is dependent on players and available coaches. We are hosting the 11U state tournament this year (July 6-8). Additionally, we host our Woodbat Tournament June 22-24, and **will need all parents/players to commit to helping run this tournament**, which typically brings in 40 teams from around the Northwest and Canada!

Tournament Schedule

If placed on a team, an appropriate schedule will consist of daily practices beginning immediately following our city tournament (and possibly even some practices on the weekend prior to the regular season being complete). Tournaments begin right after the regular season is over and Belgrade is **currently scheduled** to participate in the following tournaments for the 2018 season:

Tournament Schedule (cont.)

May 25-27 – Billings (9U, 10U, 11U, 12U, 13U)
June 1-2 – Lovell, WY (9U, 10U, 11U, 12U)
June 8-10 – Bozeman (9U, 10U, 11U, 12U)
June 15-17 – Helena (9U, 10U, 11U, 12U, 13U, 15U)
June 22-24 – Belgrade Woodbat (All Teams)
June 29-1 – Kalispell (9U, 10U, 11U, 12U, 13U, 14U)

State Tournaments

July 5-8 – Helena (9U)
July 5-8 – Manhattan (10U)
July 6-8 – Belgrade (11U)
TBD – Havre (12U)
TBD – Hamilton (13U)
TBD – Bozeman (14U)

Uniform Cost

The mandatory costs for post-season baseball upfront are simply to purchase the complete uniform, which totals around **\$150 per player**. If you elect to buy extra items such as jackets, windbreakers, etc. you could expect closer to \$200, though these items are not required. You will obviously be responsible for your own gate fees, travel, lodging and meal costs when attending tournaments.



There will also be two deposit checks required, a \$300 deposit per family, which will require signup and working of ten (10) shifts for the Woodbat Tournament to get refunded to you, and a \$100 deposit per family for teams not participating in a State Tournament the week of July 5-8. If you rather not help work tournaments, we will simply deposit your check(s) and hire workers to fill in for you, (we prefer you NOT do this). To get your deposit refunded is an all or nothing proposition. We will, however, notify you prior to depositing your check if you have not fulfilled your work obligation to give you a chance to avoid losing your deposit.

How Kids are Evaluated

Please know your child will be evaluated by their coach for selection purposes throughout the season in addition to the tryout. These evaluations combined with their initial season evaluations along with the all-star tryout are ALL used to determine team selections. Attitude, drive and respect play a big part when coaches are selecting teams. Check our website regularly at www.belgradebaseball.org for updates and more information.