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Hello Baseball Families,

We hope you have had a fun and exciting baseball season and enjoyed the fall. With baseball registration only a month away, we wanted to make you aware of a change that will impact Shoreview Area Youth Baseball (SAYB) and Irondale Baseball League (IBL) families next year.

After offering travelling baseball for one age group (12-year-olds) this summer, IBL has decided to offer travelling baseball at all age groups (ages 9-15) moving forward and, like SAYB, will participate in Minnesota Youth Athletic Services (MYAS). IBL and MYAS have determined that a realignment of SAYB's boundaries will occur and, as a result, will affect which organization your child will play baseball in. Essentially, IBL will align with the Irondale High School borders and SAYB with Mounds View High School borders. However, to let players continue with their current associations, should they want to do so, SAYB and IBL leadership have agreed that players may continue to play in the association they participated in during the 2019 season, even if that is not their "home" association after SAYB's and IBL's new boundaries have been established. Aside from that exception, players must play for either SAYB or IBL depending on where they live or go to school.

The following scenarios best illustrate whether this change may impact you:

- 1) If you live outside the Irondale High School borders (but within SAYB's boundaries) or do not attend a school that feeds Irondale High School, you can play baseball through SAYB.
- 2) If you live within the Irondale High School borders or attend a school that feeds Irondale High School, you can play baseball through IBL.
- 3) If you participated in SAYB in 2019, but you attend a school that feeds Irondale High School or live within the Irondale High School borders, in 2020 you have your choice of continuing to play for SAYB or moving to IBL. This is a one-time only decision and players must remain with the chosen association for the remainder of youth baseball through the age of 15.
- 4) If you participated in IBL in 2019, but you attend a school or live outside of the Irondale High School borders, you can have your choice of continuing to play for IBL or moving to SAYB. This is a one-time only decision and players must remain with the chosen association for the remainder of youth baseball through the age of 15.
- 5) Any new player (i.e., a player that did not play baseball for SAYB or IBL in 2019) will have to register for the organization whose boundaries cover player residence or school they attend. Please note that players that attend or live within the Valentine Hills Elementary School registration area may choose to play for either SAYB or IBL in 2020, but players must remain with the chosen association for the remainder of their traveling baseball seasons through the age of 15.

We are looking forward to the 2020 baseball season. If you have any further questions, please feel free to reach out to one of us.

Sincerely,

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