

Junior Baseball Parent Information

JBO baseball is **NOT** recreational, but competitive. Depending on their age/level of play, players are only required to play a certain quantity of defensive outs per game. At all ages and levels, the entire roster bats.

If a player is evaluated at and placed on a Federal level team the following may be true.

- There may be more costs associated with Federal play
- The team plays more games • Coaches may expect my player to arrive early to games
- The team will practice more (yes in the rain too)
- There will be higher expectations from me and my player
- Playing time may not be equal
- The team may play in more tournaments
- Travel outside of the Portland Metro Area is a possibility

For all levels:

Westside District and JBO State Championship Tournaments occur from the middle to end of July through the beginning of August. My player's team will need him/her present or it will be a forfeit. For a team to be post-season eligible, it is required that players participate in at least 50% of the league games. Additionally, it is **REQUIRED** for all teams to have at least 11 of these players present to play in the JBO Championship Tournament.

GYB offers nine levels of play* under the Junior Baseball Organization (JBO) umbrella.

There are three divisions broken down by grade levels:

- Seniors (7th & 8th grade)
- Juniors (5th & 6th grade)
- Minors (3rd & 4th grade)

Within each of the three divisions there are three skill levels that teams are assigned to:

- Federal (advanced)
- American (above average)
- National (developmental)

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Evaluations:

Why do we evaluate?

Evaluations are intended to provide a means to place kids on teams that are consistent with each player's individual skill level.

When are the player evaluations?

2018 evaluations will be Saturday, February 16th at Glencoe High School. They will be scheduled for different times depending on your child's grade in school. Check the GYB's website, Facebook page or Twitter for the latest information on dates and times.

Who evaluates my child's skill level?

To the best of our ability, we try to find knowledgeable baseball people in the area that do not have any current affiliation with the GYB program to evaluate players. Depending on the availability of the volunteer evaluators, it may be necessary for a GYB Board Member or Coach to evaluate however, they will NEVER evaluate at a level they will be coaching at that season. Prospective head coaches may also participate in the evaluations, but their scores and notes are for their personal use only and are not used by GYB's skill level assignment.

What if my child cannot attend the player evaluations on the scheduled date?

A registered player who cannot attend the scheduled evaluations will be placed at the lowest skill level. In the event of exceptional circumstances that prevents a player from attending evaluations, contact us at glencoeyouthbaseball@gmail.com to discuss options.

When can I expect to hear what level my child will play at?

After the evaluations are completed, the teams will be formed. We expect to have the teams formed within the week after evaluations. Players will then be notified of their team assignment **BY THEIR HEAD COACH** no later than two weeks after evaluations.

How many teams are at each level?

It depends on the total number of players we have, which varies from year to year. JBO defines the number of teams at each level based on the number of total teams within a club's age division.

When will I find out who my child's coach is?

Within two weeks after evaluations.

When do practices start?

At the coach's discretion, generally practices will begin the week after spring break. Some teams may elect to start prior to spring break.

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When do games start?

League games will begin mid to late April, depending on level.

Are there extra costs for weekend tournaments?

Your registration fees include entry into *two tournaments, one home and one away. Fees for any additional tournaments are the responsibility of the participating team. If your team qualifies for post season play, GYB will cover the entry costs. This includes the Westside District Tournament and the JBO Championship Tournament.

Where are the league games?

GYB participates in the Westside Youth Baseball district of JBO. Home games will be at GYB fields. Away games may involve teams at any or all other West side associations and their respective fields.

When does the season end?

Regular-season games end by late June or early July. Depending on team performance, advancement to district and/or state tournaments may extend the season until mid to late July to early August.

What are the governing rules for GYB?

As an organization, we operate under established by laws. These documents are available on our website. All baseball play is governed by National Federation of State High School Association rules, with JBO-specific modifications. JBO rules can be found on the JBO website.