



2nd & 3rd Grade Tourney



Participate in a year-end "optional" Weekend Tournament!

The RYBA program will offer the sixth annual 2nd and 3rd grade tournament. Last year over 200 players squared off for kid-pitch and kid-catch baseball on the "big fields" at the Rochester Baseball Complex by the University Center Rochester (UCR). The tournament will again be held July 31st - August, the 2nd, 2009.

Sign-up via email by July 1st. Players will be assigned to a team of 2nd graders, 3rd graders, or combined 2nd and 3rd graders. Teams are typically divided based on current house league team, schools, and geography, but the coordinators may place kids on different teams as needed. Single teams from the house league can choose to sign up as an entire unit for the tournament. Teams play 3 games over the weekend and will have one practice the prior Sunday to meet the coach and team.

Kids pitch, but will not "walk" kids as the coach will take over pitching once there are 3 balls in the batter's count. This rule is to give everyone an opportunity to try pitching. Players simply wear their house team jersey...what we like to refer to as an "All-Star" jersey team.

It's a field of dreams for kids getting their first chance to play on a real field, with chalked lines, outfield fences, scoreboards, and most of all, real dugouts!

There is **NO additional cost** for this tournament; however, you must be a registered player with RYBA baseball. The focus of the tournament is to provide a competitive, fun, and unique learning experience for the young players. Entries received after the **July 1st registration deadline** will be placed on a waiting list and assigned to teams only if openings become available.

-----**Questions?**-----

Can my RYBA 3rd grade team sign up together as a team for the tournament? *Yes. If signing up a team, coaches must send in players' names to hold spots, but parents need to send registration information so that we have a firm commitment. All info is required by July 1st.*

Can I sign up my child and a friend, or does it have to be entire team? *Absolutely, we make all attempts to put kids with other players from the same team and/or school attended.*

Will the tournament use real baseballs? *The ball that will be used is currently used in the 3rd grade RYBA program. It is the same weight, but slightly softer than a real baseball.*

HOW DO I SIGN UP?

Simply email prisco_24@yahoo.com by July 1st for guaranteed placement in the tournament. We will email you in mid-July to confirm your registration and then in late July with team rosters and game times.

For other questions, please contact Joe Prisco at prisco_24@yahoo.com.