

January 20, 2010

Dear Parents:

The Plymouth Youth Athletic Association (“PYAA”) is changing the structure of its’ Cadet baseball program beginning in 2010. We believe this new program will enhance the baseball experience for all players that participate.

Over the last few months, we have had discussions with other cities in the area and agreed that there is a need for a league that supplements the current Lakeshore League. Together with several other communities, we are establishing the “Mid Shore League.” This new league will be for teams comprised of both 7th and 8th graders. Below is a comparison of the two leagues that our 7th and 8th grade Cadet players can participate beginning in 2010:

	<u>Mid Shore League</u>	<u>Lakeshore League</u>
Grades:	7 th & 8 th grade combined	Separate 7 th and 8 th grade teams
Evaluations		
Required for Participation:	No (1)	Yes (2)
Home and Away games:	Yes	Yes
Outside Tournaments:	No	Yes (Coach Discretion)
Home Field:	Rotary Park	Rotary Park (7 th); Carl Loebe (8 th)
Schedule Strength (3):	Medium	High
Teams Determined Through:	Coaches Draft	Coaches Draft

- (1) An assessment of all players by the coaches will be done through a series of practices in order to properly allocate players to each team (the number of participants will determine the number of teams)
- (2) Any player wishing to participate on a Lakeshore League team will need to go through an evaluation process each year. The results of the evaluation will determine if the player participates in Lakeshore or Mid Shore League.
- (3) Anticipated level of competition of other teams in the League.

We are strongly encouraging all 7th and 8th graders to participate in the initial evaluation process. This will enable the evaluators and the coaches to determine which league may be appropriate for each child. The dates and format of the evaluation is still being developed. Further information will be sent to each family that registers for the Cadet League.

On-site registration for the 2010 season is scheduled for February 16th, 18th and 22nd from 6:30 – 8:00 at City Hall, room 303. Forms are also available now at plymouthyouthbaseball.org and can be mailed to our PO Box at any time. In order to meet League deadlines, we are asking that all Cadet registrations be received no later than March 15th.

The PYAA board is working hard to organize a program that develops every player's baseball skills and also provides a positive and fun experience. We believe that this new structure accomplishes those goals. As with any volunteer organization, we welcome any feedback you may have. If you have any questions regarding this program, please contact any board member.

Sincerely,

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