

Group _____

No. _____

This is your group letter for ALL sessions

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Saskatoon Blue Jays Baseball 2010 — Mosquito Division

Welcome everyone to another year of Blue Jays Baseball! I will be your Mosquito Coordinator this year. The following information sheet includes some important dates/information on the front and additional information on the back. Please feel free to contact me if at any time you have any questions or concerns at:

Scott Thomas- (h) 652-5484 email: attridgechiro@sasktel.net
Web: <http://www.busybwebdesign.com/bluejays/mosquito.htm>

Schedule

❖ **Warm-up:** Thurs Apr 1, SaskTel Soccer Centre (Cameco field)

Fielding: Tues Apr 6 Sasktel Soccer Center- (Cameco field)

Wed Apr 7 Sasktel Soccer Center- (Cameco Focus field)

▶ Group A: 5:00 pm

▶ Group B: 5:20 pm

▶ Group C: 5:50 pm

▶ Group D: 6:10 pm

▶ Group E: 6:35 pm

▶ Group F: 6:55 pm

▶ Group G: 7:20 pm

▶ Group H: 7:40 pm

▶ Group I: 7:55 pm

▶ Group J: 8:15 pm

Hitting: Sat Apr 10 Fieldhouse

Sun Apr 11 Fieldhouse

› Group A: 900 A.M

› Group B: 925 A.M.

› Group C: 950 A.M

› Group D: 1015 A.M.

› Group E: 1040 A.M.

› Group F: 1105 A.M

› Group G 1130 A.M.

› Group H 1155 A.M.

› Group I 1220 P.M.

› Group J 1240 P.M.

If you chose to register online you will receive an email from me in the next few days informing you of your sons' or daughter's Group Letter and Try-out number

See you at the Diamonds!

The Apr. 1 warm-up session will not be evaluated. Please **make sure you are on time** for all sessions with glove and indoor running shoes. You will need to **tape your player's number** (large and contrasting tape color) to the front and back of their shirt only for the evaluated sessions only.

Additional Information

Thanks to everyone in advance for your cooperation, support and patience during the evaluation and team selection processes. By working together, hopefully we can ensure that this will be the best ball season ever for your son or daughter.

1. Evaluation

The evaluation process is **NOT** perfect. The entire process, including team selection, is a great deal greyer than it is black and white. This being said, we hopefully will make the evaluation/tryout process as fair as possible. This process can often be stressful for players and parents. We will try our best to get the kids playing at the level most suited to their skill level. Team selection will be made by the head coaches. Please let me know if you have any question/concerns about your child and the evaluation process.

Indoor evaluations will be held as per the schedule. Please make sure that your player comes prepared with their glove and indoor running shoes. **You will need to tape your player's number (make number large and contrasting tape color) to the front and back of their shirt only for the evaluated sessions.** There will be limited time between sessions for players to get ready and stretch. Therefore, please have players ready, and stretched out if they want, well in advance of the start time of their session. Only the first few minutes of each session will be used to warm up players prior to the drills.

As you may notice the hitting evaluation is set for Saturday Apr 10th and Sunday April 11th. I understand this may create a conflict for some people however this is unavoidable as facility availability is minimal and league deadlines have to be met. This will be hitting real baseballs in the batting cage. Each player will proceed through a wiffle ball station, soft toss station and then into the live cage. Each player will receive 15-20 balls at each station and will be evaluated at each, with a special emphasis on the full cage session.

I will need a few parent volunteers each session to help with the drills. If you can help out, please bring a baseball glove. Parent volunteers will not be involved with the actual player evaluations and should not provide coaching during the drills.

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2. Team Selection

The most likely breakdown of teams this year will be as follows:

6 Teams (≈ 12 players per team)

1 or 2 AAA

2 or 3 AA

2 A

If 2 AAA teams are fielded, they will be two equally skilled teams. The Blue Jay executive has not yet finalized how AAA teams will be formed for Provincial Qualifiers and Championships. There are 2 options available: sending the two original equally skilled teams; or sending a major and a minor team. Each option has been used in the past. This will be discussed further when coaches are in place.

All players wanting to join the AAA teams **must be able to commit** to the following: City Championships, Provincial Qualifiers and Championships if the team qualifies

The team selection process **could** be as follows:

AAA (e.g., 2 teams):

From the top 12 players, each head coach in an alternating manner picks 6 players.

Then each head coach in an alternating manner picks 5–6 players from the top ranked 30–36 players.

AA (e.g., 4 teams):

Each coach alternatively picks 11–12 players from the top remaining 56 players not previously selected.

A (e.g., 2 teams):

The remaining players not previously selected plus are drafted alternatively by coaches.

After teams are selected, players and parents will then be contacted by the head coach.

We hope that this procedure is fair and that we all have a great ball season!

3. Coaching

Coach volunteers are always needed. .

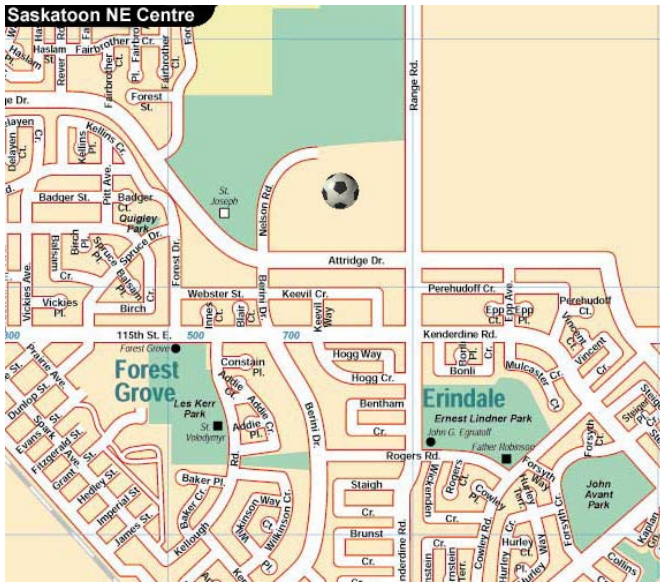
Important Websites (League, Tournament, Etc.)

Check <http://www.saskbaseball.ca/tournaments.htm> for more dates/information on tournaments

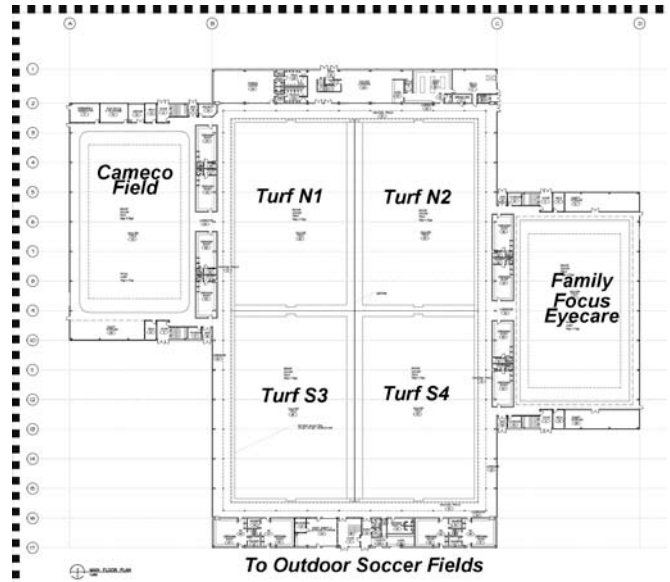
Check www.baseballsaskatoon.com for all information on league start dates, tournament dates, and provincial dates.

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5. Evaluation Facilities



SaskTel Soccer Centre location (soccer ball)



Fields in soccer centre

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