



**Development League
Parents Meeting**

March 21, 2019

Agenda

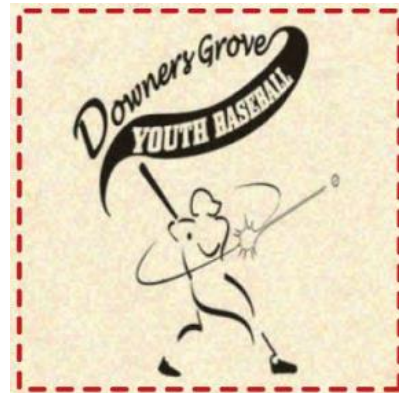
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Welcome to DGYB

- DGYB is a non for profit organization (501c3)
- DGYB partners with the Downers Grove Park District
- DGYB offers baseball designed for ages from 6-16
- DGYB puts players come first...winning isn't the priority
- DGYB provides oversight and coordination of the league operations including

***Good sportsmanship – Honesty – Courage – Respect
for all players and participants.***

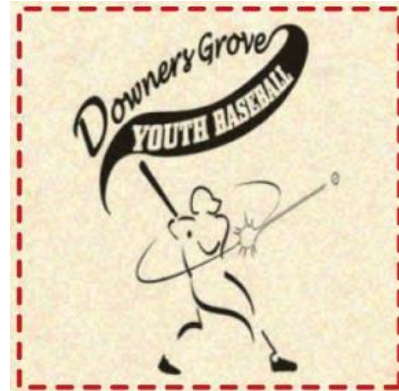


Welcome to DGYB:Approach



- DGYB is a 100% Volunteer Organization.
 - Parents are volunteering because they are passionate about kids playing baseball.
 - The more parents that participate and volunteer the better the experience for your child.
- More are needed: Team Managers Need Help!
 - Please don't assume that the manager has this covered.
 - We like to see 1 coach to every 2-3 players
 - There are game day needs too
- If you can't help your manager, we have sponsorship needs and other volunteer roles that need filled

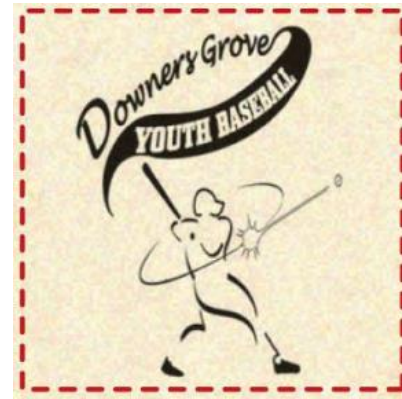
*Thank you to Anthony Popielarz, Michael Russo, Josh Rice, Justin Miller
And the spot volunteers for equipment*



DGYB offers multiple programs

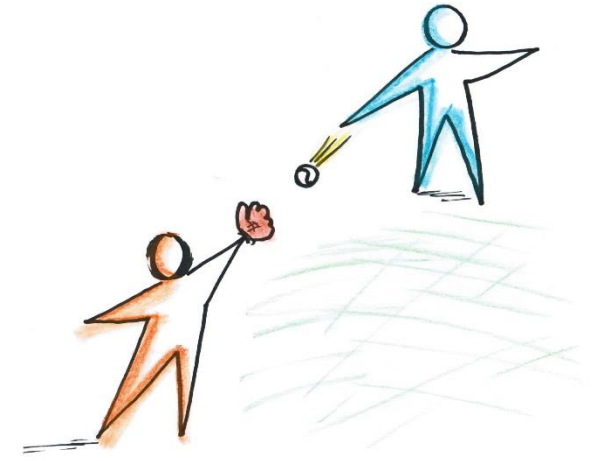


DGYB Spring/Summer Leagues		Fulltime Travel		DGYB Fall Ball			
		Longshots	Dragons				
Babe Ruth	National 15/16	10U-18U	8U-14U				
	American 14/15						
	Prep 13						
Youth Leagues	AAA 12			10U-18U	8U-14U	6U-12U	
	AA 10-11						
	A 9						
Development Leagues	Rookie 8/2 nd						6U-12U
	Instructional 7/1 st						
	Instructional 6/K						

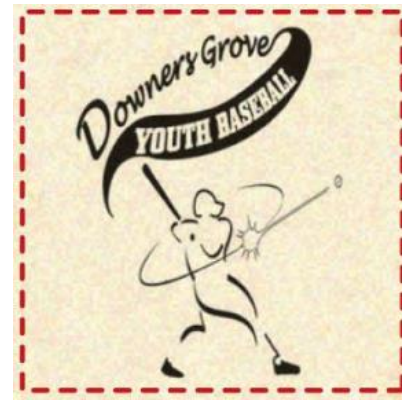


The development leagues are just that ...

- The Development League's focus is on getting players ready to play on their own.
- Instructional 6U/7U focuses on:
 - Batting: proper swing techniques / comfortable batting.
 - Catch and throw: basic throwing and fielding techniques
- Rookie focuses on:
 - Pitching: proper/age appropriate pitching techniques
 - Game play: Peer pitching/batting and fielding skills
- We emphasize Development verses Competition
 - We have no standings, no W/L records and no All Star Game



Most improvement comes from players playing catch with their family



Rules and Guidelines: Instructional – 6 v. 6 concept

The What

- 6 players in the field (no outfielders)
- Rotate players through all six positions
- 1-hour games
- April & May: Hit of the Tee
- June: Coach-pitch - No strike outs
- 5 swings, then tee is up
- Four Runs or Three Outs
- Singles only first half of season
- Doubles in the second half

Benefits

- *All kids are engaged and active*
- *More at bats*
- *More fielding, including outfield skills*
- *Get all the “action” in one hour*
- *Base runners can find 2nd base*

The How

- Managers split squad into two teams
 - Must be evenly balanced (age and talent)
 - Must be different each game
- Parent’s responsibility
 - Be available for either time slot
 - Do not make petty requests for time slots

After having participated in a full season of this format, did you like it, neither like nor dislike it, or dislike it?		
Like a great deal	80.0%	80
Like a moderate amount	10.0%	10
Like a little	1.0%	1
Neither like nor dislike	1.0%	1
Dislike a little	4.0%	4
Dislike a moderate amount	3.0%	3
Dislike a great deal	1.0%	1



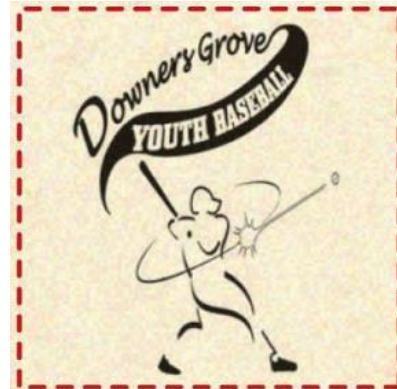
Rules and Guidelines: Rookie – Intro to Kids Pitch

The What of Pitching

- Moderate Kid Pitch
 - Pitch for 1 inning in game
 - No walks
 - Strike out or hit into play
- If the count reaches 4 balls
 - Coach steps into pitch to that batter
 - Start with 1 and 1 count
 - Strike out or hit into play
- If the pitch hits a batter
 - Coach steps into pitch to that batter
 - Start with 1 and 1 count
 - Strike out or hit into play
- Pitching rotation should be continuous
 - 1-5 in game one
 - 6-10 in game two
 - 11, 12, 1-3 in game three...

The What of Fielding

- 10 Player in the outfield
 - Regular Infield
 - 4 outfielders
- Pitchers pitch without batting helmet from now on
- Coaches/Umpires call balls and strikes
- Coaches call safe and out at the bases
- No limits on base advancement
 - no more single until June



Rostering – Transparency

At these age groups the Development Leagues attempt to place players with their classmates of the school they attend. This is not always possible.

For schools that have more or less than a single roster of players registered we have approaches for roster assignments that we have utilized in the past and can be found on the documents tab in this section.

School	Players Registered
School A	16
School B	8

Team 1	Team 2
12	4
	8

4 unhappy parents

Team 1	Team 2
8	8
4	4

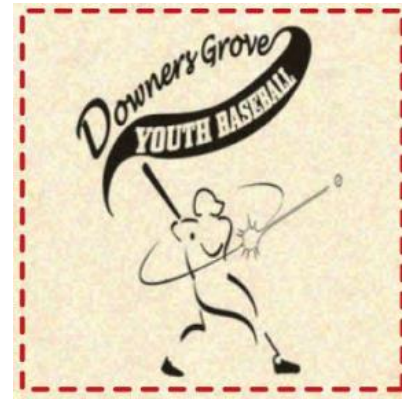
8-24 unhappy parents



Our Code of Conduct is real

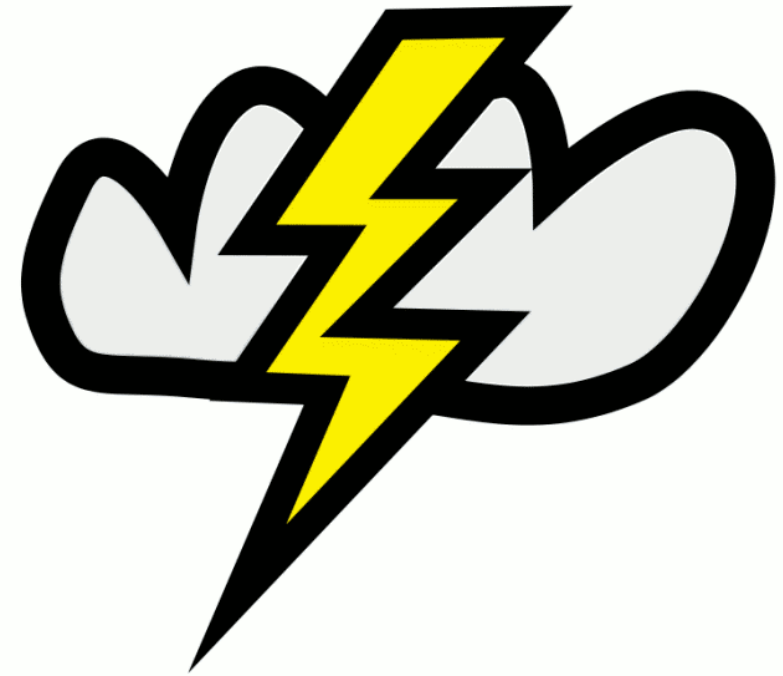
- Sportsmanship and the code of conduct our priorities for DGYB
- Expectations are high
- Maintain the development attitude and cheer for all players

DGYB Code of Conduct

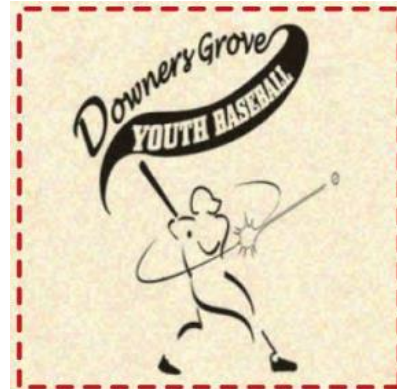


Weather/Lightning are taken seriously

- DGYB is very serious about our lightning policy
- Play is suspend for 20 minutes when:
 - lightening spotted or thunder is heard
 - Indicators are alarmed
- Fields are to be vacated and everyone is to take shelter
 - That includes players, coaches, managers and spectators
- Managers can decided if the game can be resumed or should be suspended

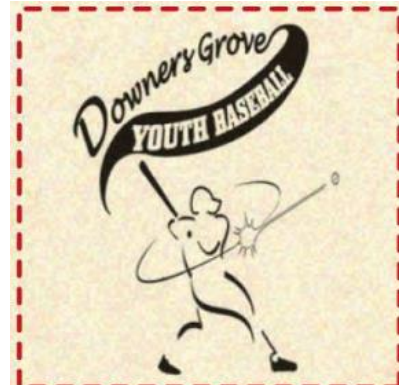


[DGYB Weather Policy](#)



DYGB is partners with the Chicago White Sox

- Uniforms
- Training/Skills Development
- Field Improvements
- White Sox Outing – June 28th
- Association to MLB



Sponsorships are critical to DGYB



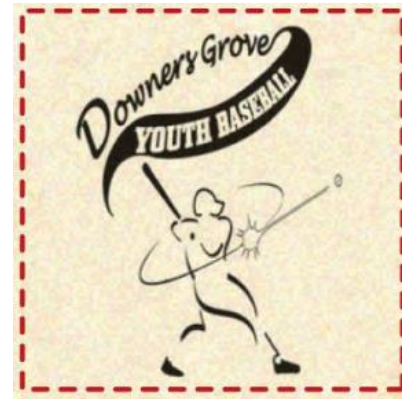
- Team Sponsors
 - All Star (\$375)
 - Jersey, Logo on the Team Page, Partner Directory, Teams Plaque
 - MVP (\$525)
 - Placement in the rolling sponsors page
 - Connectivity to your website
 - Grand Slam (various packages)
 - Banner at the ball park

[DGYB Sponsorship Programs Link](#)

Development Field Upgrades

- Fairmount
- **Lester**
- Highland
- Hillcrest East
- Hillcrest West
- Indian Trail
- O'Neil

Still need volunteers to canvas local businesses



Gear Recommendations

- Coaches choose game pants and sox/belt colors
- Sliding Shorts with Cups
- Rubber Cleats
- Glove size – 9 – 10 inch
- Bat Size – 10 second rule – League does supply
- Consider your own helmet



Key Dates



April

- Practices
 - Twice a week
 - Schedule by the Manager
- Uniforms (end of April/ first of May)
- Coaching Clinic Tuesday April 2nd
- Opening Day – April 27th test
 - Starts with a Parade at 8 am
 - Games Start later 9 and 10 am

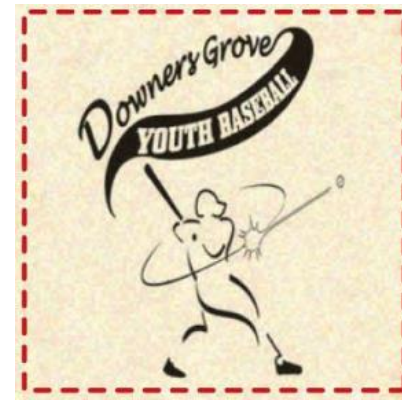


May

- Games on Saturday
- One Practice a week
- Pictures – May 13th – Herrick Jr High
- Off Memorial Day Weekend

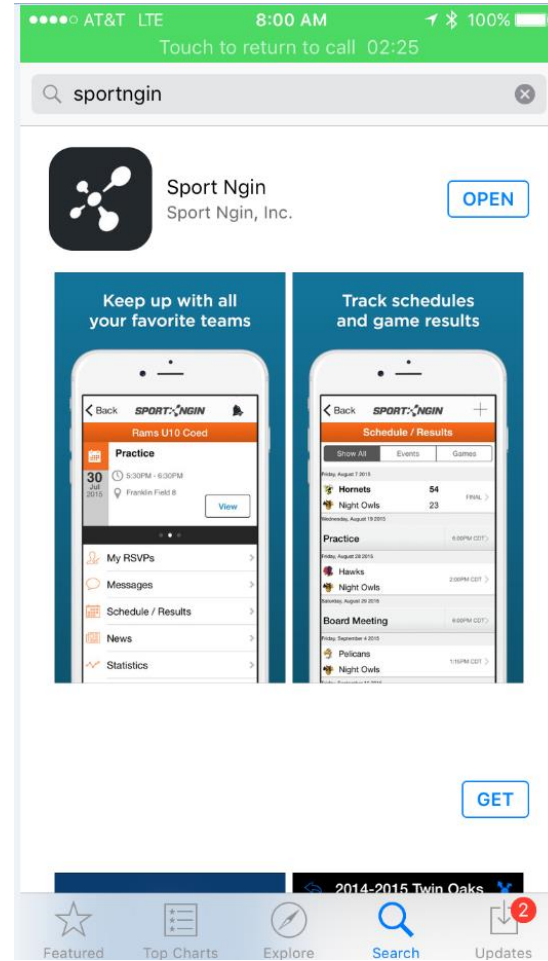
June

- Games twice a week
- White Sox Outing June 28th
- Last Saturday June 29th

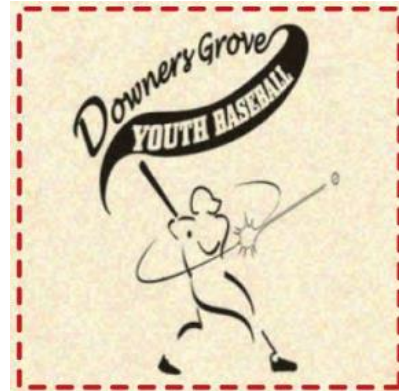


Digital DGYB - SportNgin Mobile App

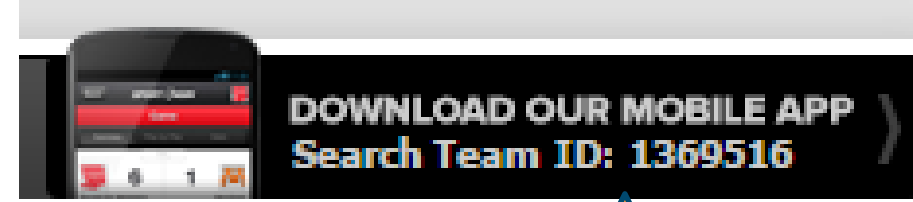
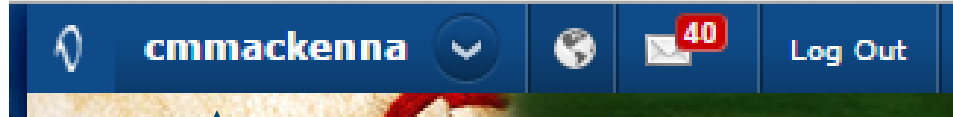
- iPhone and Android
- Free to all members
- Need your DYGB Account ID & Password
- Private Sites
 - Account ID Association to Team
- Includes
 - Rosters
 - Games
 - Events – Practice
 - Group Messaging`



**Managers Choice
on Team Use**



Log In > Use Team Name or Team ID



OUR LEAGUES
AGES 6-16
DEVELOPMENT 6-7
YOUTH 9-12
BABE RUTH 13-16

DGYB
DOWNERS GROVE YOUTH BASEBALL

TRADITION TEAMWORK
SPORTSMANSHIP
RESPECT COURAGE
COMMUNITY

Oldham

Spring Season 2018

DATE	TIME	OPPONENT	LOCATION	STATUS						
SAT 7	14	21	4	6	11	15	18	21	22	25

Date	Result	Opponent	Location	Status
Sat Apr 30	-	Mikesh	Hillcrest East	10:45 AM CDT
Sat May 7	-	Bucklar	O'Neil	10:45 AM CDT
Sat May 14	-	Noonan	McCullum #4 SW	6:00 PM CDT
Sat May 21	-	Thurston	Highland	1:00 PM CDT
Sat Jun 4	-	Zimmewicz	Fairmount	8:30 AM CDT
Mon Jun 6	-	Komanduri	Fairmount	6:00 PM CDT
Sat Jun 11	-	Clifford	Hillcrest East	10:45 AM CDT
Wed Jun 15	-	Brown	Hillcrest East	6:00 PM CDT
Sat Jun 18	-	Ruta	Highland	1:00 PM CDT
Tue Jun 21	-	Andreatta	Hillcrest East	6:00 PM CDT
Wed Jun 23	-	Eldridge	Highland	6:00 PM CDT
Sat Jun 25	-	Bostian	Highland	8:30 AM CDT

