



## **Invitation to try out for 9U Baseball Tournament Team(s)**

TO: Parents of Fond du Lac Youth Baseball players

REGARDING: 9U/Third Grade Tournament Baseball Team(s) for summer of 2026

ELIGIBILITY: All players must live within Fond du Lac School District boundaries or attend a school (private or public) located within those boundaries during the 2025-2026 school year. All players must be entering 3rd grade this fall. All players must also be 9 years old or younger on April 30, 2026. (Any player that turns 10 before May 1, 2026, is ineligible due to tournament rules. Players that are older may try out for the age group/grade above.)

### **Dear Parents,**

FDL Youth Baseball is excited to once again be organizing a tournament baseball team(s) for next summer. Tryouts for the 9U team(s) will be held in August so that the selected team(s) can start practicing around March 2026 and for fundraising efforts to begin this year. This team is for those interested in a competitive atmosphere that will remain focused on fun and baseball fundamentals. Players selected for the team(s) will travel to other communities for games and tournaments in addition to playing on their weekday rec league teams. There will be one or two teams selected based on interest and number of players that tryout. We will not be organizing an A/B team format.

Below is the information that we have currently. We are presenting this to you so that you can determine if this is something your child and you, as a parent, would like to pursue. **If you are interested, you must contact: DJ Rahe - [drahe22@gmail.com](mailto:drahe22@gmail.com) – Cell Phone: 920-517-0380.** Tryouts will not interfere with flag football and final dates will be set once the player list is established and will be communicated to you via e-mail.

**COMMITMENT:** Being on a youth tournament team requires commitment of both athlete and parent/family. This will include a commitment of both time and money. The commitment to this team is more than to a recreational team and carries higher expectations. Players selected for this tournament team(s) will likely start practice in March or early April and will need to help with fundraising. Players must also be committed to

attending the five weekend tournaments in which the team will be playing. Players and parents must also be committed to skill development as the team will be competing against teams selected from other communities.

**COST:** The cost to participate on the team will likely be around \$150. This fee is in addition to the fee to play in rec league. This fee will be needed to cover costs related to entry fees of the tournaments, uniforms, team equipment, umpires, and field fees. The coaches will be volunteering all of their time to this team. We can keep our fees lower because of generous sponsorships from area businesses and family support at fundraisers such as brat fry's or super bowl pools. This fee also includes the cost of the player uniform which you can keep at the end of the season. Players will receive a hat, jersey, baseball pants, socks, and a belt that they can keep. If players do not play in the Fondy Youth Baseball Rec league there will be an additional \$50 fee paid to Fondy Youth Baseball.

**DATES:** Tournament dates and game schedules are yet to be determined. However, we will "try" not play or practice on Memorial Day weekend, Walleye weekend, and 4th of July weekend. Nothing is guaranteed though. We will play in 5 tournaments on weekends in May, June and July. Indoor practices will likely begin in March/early April once a week to help teach the kids hitting, fielding and pitching. In addition, this is a good opportunity to start teaching baseball concepts that the players will need to understand as we approach tournament play. As summer nears, practice days will increase, and additional scrimmages may be scheduled for late April and May.

**TRYOUTS:** There will be two tryout dates, and players are expected to attend both. These tryouts will be in August. Players will be evaluated on all baseball skills such as hitting, throwing, pitching, fielding, base running, as well as behavior and coachability. If two teams are to be formed, we will likely select the top 22-24 players and then assign them to a team. Players must be registered by August 3rd, so the Tryout Coordinator has an opportunity to plan and organize the tryouts.

**Email tryout information to DJ Rahe - [drahe22@gmail.com](mailto:drahe22@gmail.com) – Cell Phone: 920-517-0380**

**TRYOUT DATES: MONDAY, AUGUST 25<sup>TH</sup> & THURSDAY, AUGUST 28<sup>TH</sup>. 5PM-7PM @ NEBAT (NATIONAL EXCHANGE) DIAMOND.**

**DEADLINE FOR TRYOUT REGISTRATION IS August 3<sup>rd</sup>**

**Player's Name:**

**Player's Birth Date:**

**Player's school for 2024/20025:**

**Player's grade entering this fall:**

**Team's player played on this summer:**

**Coach's names from this summer:**

**Color and # of Rec Jersey:**

**Do you live within the FDL School District Boundary?:**

**Parent Names:**

**Parent E-Mails:**

**Parent Cell Phone #'s:**