Dear Prospective ABL Families,
We are very thrilled to continue offering our newest baseball program, The Aurora Baseball League (ABL) Aces or the ABL Ace Program!! This option will be available at some age levels and commence in January 2024.

The ABL Aces Program is what we would consider a "hybrid program", meaning it's NOT a Travel Team and it's NOT a Rec Team. The purpose of this team is to provide a different opportunity for players/families who are serious about baseball but want MORE than what our recreational baseball league has to offer. The Aces Program will fall under the ABL management umbrella.

The main function of the ABL Aces Program is to provide baseball players access to more player development using baseball instructors in an indoor facility during off-seasons as well as skill-appropriate game playing experiences beyond the typical recreational league.
Wouldn't it be nice to be able to keep excited baseball players playing baseball in Aurora, and over time, create a more competitive Travel and Rec Baseball Program?

The Aurora Ace Teams will play a league/independent schedule of approximately 10-12 games per year in addition to a total of 3 weekend tournaments (10-15 more games), one of which will include the ABL Tournament the second weekend in June. The other major draw to the program is that each Ace team will get $12+$ hours of player development practices (by ex-professional players/high school/college coaches) starting in mid-January that will continue throughout the season. The price point will align with our Travel Teams, but the main focus will be player development practices throughout the season as well as playing a game/tournament schedule that fits the dynamic of the team. Due to this being our second ABL Aces inaugural year, we hope to kick it off with a few Aurora Ace Teams! (Specific age levels are TBD based on demand/player numbers.) Please hang in there with us as we spread the word about this new innovative program and ensure there is enough demand at specific levels before starting teams!

If your player is interested in this program, they must attend one of our two Travel Tryouts on Sat, July $15^{\text {th }}$ or Sun, July $23^{\text {rd }}$. Travel Greenmen team rosters will be established first and players will be notified, then any remaining players who have tried out for our traditional Travel teams will have the option of signing up for the Aurora Aces. Please visit: www.aurorabaseballeague.com to register today for tryouts!

We are thrilled to be able to offer this option to those serious baseball players in Aurora! Thank you for your time and support and please stay tuned for more information! Feel free to share this information with others as it's a new program and "word of mouth" is the best way to share exciting information!

The ABL

| ABL Program Comparisons |  |  |  |
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|  | ABL REC | ABL ACES | ABL TRAVEL |
| Season | mid-April - June | January - mid-July | January - mid-July |
| Practices (off-season) | X | January - April | January - April |
| \# of hours with an instructor | 2-3 hours | 12+ hours | 6+ hours |
| \# of indoor practice times | X | $26+$ hours | 20+ hours |
| Games played throughout the season | Varies by age: <br> -T-ball/Rookie: 6-8 games -CP/Juniors: 7-10 games -Minors/Majors/Seniors: 16-20+ games | 10-12 league games $+$ 10+ tournament games (skill appropriate) | 18-25 league games $+$ 20+ tournament games (competitive) |
| Tournament Weekends | X | 3 | 4-5+ |
| Cost | $\$ 110-\$ 225$ (uniforms included) | $\$ 1000$ (uniforms included) | $\$ 1000$ (uniforms included) |

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