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The Big Decision to go Little

After assembling a subcommittee earlier in the year to explore options that would best position the league to deliver the best experience for the families and players of our organization, the subcommittee, led by Eric May, presented the findings to the full board of directors on August 18 at the board's regular meeting.

After a lengthy discussion, a motion was presented to the board to move our program to Little League. This motion was passed unanimously by the board.

What does this mean for you, our families?

At first, we can say that we are excited to be able to tell our players that what they are currently watching on television is what our league is, and their dreams of grandeur match what they're seeing.

It will also expand the opportunities for league play with a high density of programs in the near surrounding towns. Our greatest challenge recently has been finding games within a reasonable local area. You can see the map of teams and our District (District 8) here:

[State Map \(bluesombrero.com\)](http://bluesombrero.com)

Additionally, Little League offers programs through a Junior League up to 14 years old, allowing for players who would have otherwise aged out to continue their baseball journey with us. This is one of the main driving forces behind the decision. Director Dan Rapelye said, "We're here to do the best for the many, not the few", and this is in direct alignment with the mission of our league.

Little will change for our rec season except the potential to run it a bit longer than we were previously able. There is work to be done for us as a board, but we hope you share in the excitement we have for this decision.

The official transition will take effect for the 2023 spring season.



The RHAM Youth Baseball Board of Directors voted unanimously on August 18th to make the shift from Cal Ripken Baseball to Little League Baseball.

Alex Hurley

Fall Registration is open, but don't wait

Registration is open at www.rhamyouthbaseball.org and will close on September 1. Any questions regarding the registration process, please contact Ryan Price at president@rhamyouthbaseball.org and Rob Mangiafico at secretary@rhamyouthbaseball.org. Numbers are already looking good and there are few things better than fall baseball.

Calling all Coaches!!!

We need coaches. We are a 100% volunteer organization, and our success is realized through the selfless dedication of our volunteers. Don't think you have what it takes to coach? You're wrong. All you need is a willingness to teach. And don't think us existing coaches haven't heard your sideline coaching over the years. Bring it to the dugout. We need you! Email secretary Rob Mangiafico at secretary@rhamyouthbaseball.org with your interest. In the email, include which league you would like to coach and in what capacity (manager, assistant coach).

RHAM 8U are Division Champions

The RHAM 8U team brought the hardware home to the tri-town from the Woodbridge Friendship Tournament this summer, a very competitive tournament loaded with Connecticut powerhouse baseball towns.



The RHAM 8U Team were division champions and placed 2nd overall in the Friendship Tournament held in Woodbridge over the summer.