Sluggers

Green Bay Sluggers tournament teams are designed for players who have a strong desire to learn and play baseball in a more competitive environment. The tournament program emphasizes developing players on the fundamental skills of baseball and helping these players continue to get better each year.

- 1. All league eligible players are required to attend tryouts.
- 2. All Sluggers tournament team players must play in the GBESYB League.
- 3. Teams are available at every level from 7U through 12U. 7U and 8U will be machine pitch.
- 4. All players will be evaluated and scored thru a variety of pre-determined skill events meant to showcase their individual talent.
- 5. Players will also be evaluated on hustle, enthusiasm, and desire to play baseball.
- 6. If we have enough player interest and enough coaches for a team, we will support multiple teams per age group (*teams will have 10 to 14 players per team*). If multiple teams cannot be created, player cuts are possible based on skill level and participation.
- 7. Within two to three weeks after tryouts, players/parents will be contacted in regards to their status on a team.
- 8. If there are multiple teams per age group team will be divides up as follows:
 - o 7U, 8U and 9U will be divided into equal (split) squads. (At the coaches' discretion, an "A" can be created for a limited number of tournaments).
 - o 10U, 11U, and 12U will be split into A and B teams.
- 9. A \$100 non-refundable deposit will be made to Green Bay Sluggers when a player accepts a roster spot on a team. This deposit will go towards player fees or training.
- 10. If too many players declined a roster spot, the GBESYB Board of Directors and coaches will meet to determine if there are enough players for multiple teams (see 8 for team breakdown). If there are not enough players, refunds will be given to any player that accepted a roster spot that no longer has a team available to play on. All efforts will be made to find additional players before refunds are issued.
- 11. Within three weeks after tryouts, players/parents will be contacted by the Sluggers coaching staffs in regard to their status on a team.
- 12. Sluggers practices can begin after the GBESYB organizations fall baseball season is completed.
- 13. It will be up to each Sluggers coaching staff to seek out practice locations, schedule and pay for any associated fees (GBESYB will help fund the 7U and/or 8U teams if they are new to Sluggers).
- 14. Each Sluggers coaching staff will determine the number of and what tournaments they will enter.
- 15. Tournament season typically starts in May and runs through July.
- 16. Families are required to volunteer at our annual Sandlot tournament. In addition to any league obligations (each shift is about two hours long).

- 17. Please note, league and tournament baseball are very different. League is a recreational atmosphere focused on improvement and providing opportunities for players to experience different positions. Tournament baseball is a competitive atmosphere where kids are more likely to play positions that best help them grow as baseball players.
- 18. Each tournament will have its own schedule format. Most tournaments guarantee three games and possibly up to six depending on the number of teams registered. Tournaments may extend the entire weekend, Friday night through Sunday.
- 19. Commitment to attending practices and tournaments is required (we do understand there are exceptions). Playing time is earned, not given.
- 20. Tournaments are generally within an hour from Green Bay. Some tournaments may involve more travel.