

EVEREST YOUTH BASEBALL

2026

TRAVEL
BALL
PARENT
MEETING



1-18-26





• Introductions

• Executive

- President Jimmy Olafson
- VP Mike Wodalski
- League Advisor Mitch Zblewski
- Treasurer Katie Howard
- Secretary Rachel Niziolek

• Communication

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• Commissioners

- Tournament 11-14 OPEN
- Tournament 8-10 OPEN
- Babe Ruth OPEN
- Majors OPEN
- AAA OPEN
- A/AA Brian Drolshagen
- T-ball OPEN
- Concessions Melissa Sigmund

• Appointees

- Concessions Inventory Kelly Ziegelbauer
- Volunteering Lead Tom Coleman
- Advertising Jodi Teige
- Registration/website Brian Pensinger
- Equipment Mike Peterson
- Apparel Nate Davidson/Sarah Olafson
- Field/Facilities OPEN
- Coach/Player Development OPEN
- Parent Committee Lead OPEN
- Scheduling Lead Kristen Maahs

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The DC Everest Youth Baseball Organization (DCEYB) is a non-profit, volunteer organization whose mission is to support, organize, manage, teach, and develop high quality baseball players, learning the benefits of teamwork and sportsmanship in an effort to be an affordable youth baseball program within the DC Everest Area School District.



DCEYB supports recreational league (ages 4-14) affiliated with Cal Ripken and Babe Ruth along with tournament teams (ages 8-14) who are interested in playing in more competitive situations.





- **What is the purpose of DC Everest Tournament Baseball program?**
 - Every year DC Everest Youth Baseball provides an opportunity for kids in the DC Everest area to participate in tournament baseball. There will be tournament team opportunities for grades 2nd-8th (8u-14u).
 - The purpose of DC Everest travel baseball is to ensure all players are able to play at some level if they want to play competitively. Our program philosophy is to **balance competitive baseball with development**. We want to provide a quality, cost-effective alternative to club baseball and the opportunity to represent DC Everest.
 - Skill development, sportsmanship, and having fun will be a priority, however, understanding how to win baseball games will become a higher priority during tournament play competition.
 - Additionally...playing time may not be equal as playing time is dictated by the head coach, not the board. Parents will have to evaluate their child's level of interest and skill when deciding to participate on tournament teams.

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- **What is the difference between Green and Silver level?**

- Match kids with similar skill set opponents and to put them in a position to succeed.

- **“GREEN”** Level: \$500

- Consists of high skill level and high commitment to tournament play (6-8 tournaments per year). Must be selected through evaluation process.
 - MUST ATTEND “Showcase of Skill”
 - Top 6 individuals through evaluations are officially invited to Green level. If they decline or do not register, the next player on eval list is offered the spot.
 - Coach will pick minimum 5 more to commit to Green level making ideal team size between 10-13 players.



- “SILVER”** Level: \$300

- Moderate skill level – high commitment to development...Ready to take on more competitive level baseball (2-4 tournaments per year).

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\$300 or \$500

- Included with registration
 - Hat – Everest Baseball hat
 - A Jersey
- Tournament entry fees
- Indoor practice time – turf & gym
- Umpires, baseballs, trophies, for Home Tournaments
- Field maintenance





DCEYB Tournament Team GUIDELINES

- Ideal Roster size – 11-13 players
- Multiple Sport Expectations
 - Conflicts such as basketball/hockey/bowling shall be communicated to the head coach
 - DC Everest Baseball FIRST over other organized baseball
- All travel ball players are required to play REC with the exception of 8th graders who have the option of 8th grade school baseball.
- Coaches should have a parent meeting prior to start of season
- Playing Time – At the lower age levels, focus is on more development. As you progress, playing time may not be equal based on skill. Every attempt will be made to give opportunities to prove or learn specific positions. Please know exceptions can be allowed at coach discretion, player attitude, discipline, or attendance. There will be a strong expectation to follow DCEYB's sportsmanship policy (Coaches, players, and parents).



- **What if there is not enough kids to make two teams?**
 - Our intent is to create as many teams as we can so that everyone gets the opportunity to max playing time.
 - In the event, we can't create a separate team, we will try to combine age groups, recruit more kids, or at times rotate into green level teams.

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Cal Ripken Baseball

AGE	REQUIRED REST (PITCHES)		
	0 Days	1 Day	2 Days
8 - 10	1 - 40	41 - 65	66 - 75
11 - 12	1 - 40	41 - 65	66 - 85

Babe Ruth Baseball

AGE	REQUIRED REST (PITCHES)		
	0 Days	1 Day	2 Days
13 - 15	1 - 45	46 - 75	76 - 95
16 - 18	1 - 45	46 - 75	76 - 105

DCEYB PITCHING GUIDELINES

- Always error on the side of safety
- Guidelines recently updated by Babe Ruth/Cal Ripken Baseball
- It's the responsibility of the REC coaches, tournament coaches, parents, and athletes combined to ensure we stick to our own plan
- This is in combination with REC pitch counts
- Each tournament has their own rules, but THESE are the rules we stick to

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BAT STANDARDS

USSSA vs USA Bat Standard

Not to scale. Drawings below not intended to be taken literally.

What we do know is, if you duplicate a swing in a lab, the USA Bat Standard will not hit the ball as far as a USSSA 1.15 BPF bat.

USA Bat Standard is designed to perform similarly to a wood bat.



- Work with your coach on which tournaments allow which type of bat (or “bring it, swing it”)

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- DC Everest Youth Baseball Code of Conduct

- Parents
- Players
- Coaches

- *Language*
- *Respect*
- *Commitment*
- *Staying Positive*
- *Open Communication*
- *Stay Alert for Signs of Abuse*



D.C. Everest Youth Baseball Parent & Player Sportsmanship Contract

I, the undersigned parent and player, recognize that the team coaches have made a commitment that involves many hours of preparation at practices and games. I also understand that the coaches have committed to teach the principles of sportsmanship, honesty, loyalty, courage, respect, and baseball fundamentals in accordance with the by-laws of D.C. Everest Youth Baseball.

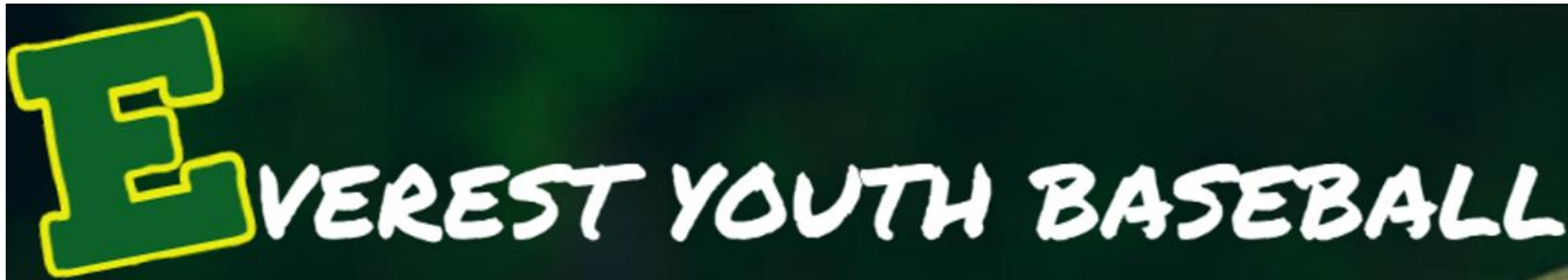
I understand this agreement does not preclude me from talking with the coaches about matters of general welfare concerning my child or expressing my concern to the Board of Directors of D.C. Everest Youth Baseball about a coach's tactic other than playing time decisions. ***If an issue arises over the course of the season, concerns can be immediately reported to the Parent Committee Director or another Board Member whom will then bring the issue(s) to the board. Board members will handle concerns with confidentiality.*** If you're not sure who the Parent Committee Director is, ask your coach, refer to the organization chart online (d-c-everest-youth-baseball.sportngin.com) or contact a DCEYB Board Member.

As a parent, I commit to:

1. Making sure my child attends all team functions (practices, games) when it does not adversely interfere with school, religious education, and other important family matters. Accept the decision of the coach to reduce my child's playing time if he does not regularly attend team functions or has unexcused absences.
2. Honor the game by watching my language and actions during all baseball events especially in communication about umpires, other players, other parents, and coaches.
3. Encourage my child no matter what their level of success or playing time.
4. Encourage other team members with positive communication and cheers.
5. Encourage other parents to honor the game by correcting their negative ball field behavior towards umpires, opposing teams and coaches.
6. Allow the coaches the ability to make playing time and baseball strategy decisions in the best interest of the team.

As a player, I commit to:

1. Making sure I attend all team functions (practices, games) when it does not adversely interfere with school, religious education, and other important family matters. I accept the decision of the coach to reduce my playing time if I do not regularly attend team functions or have unexcused absences.
2. Honor the game by watching my language and actions during all baseball events, including games and



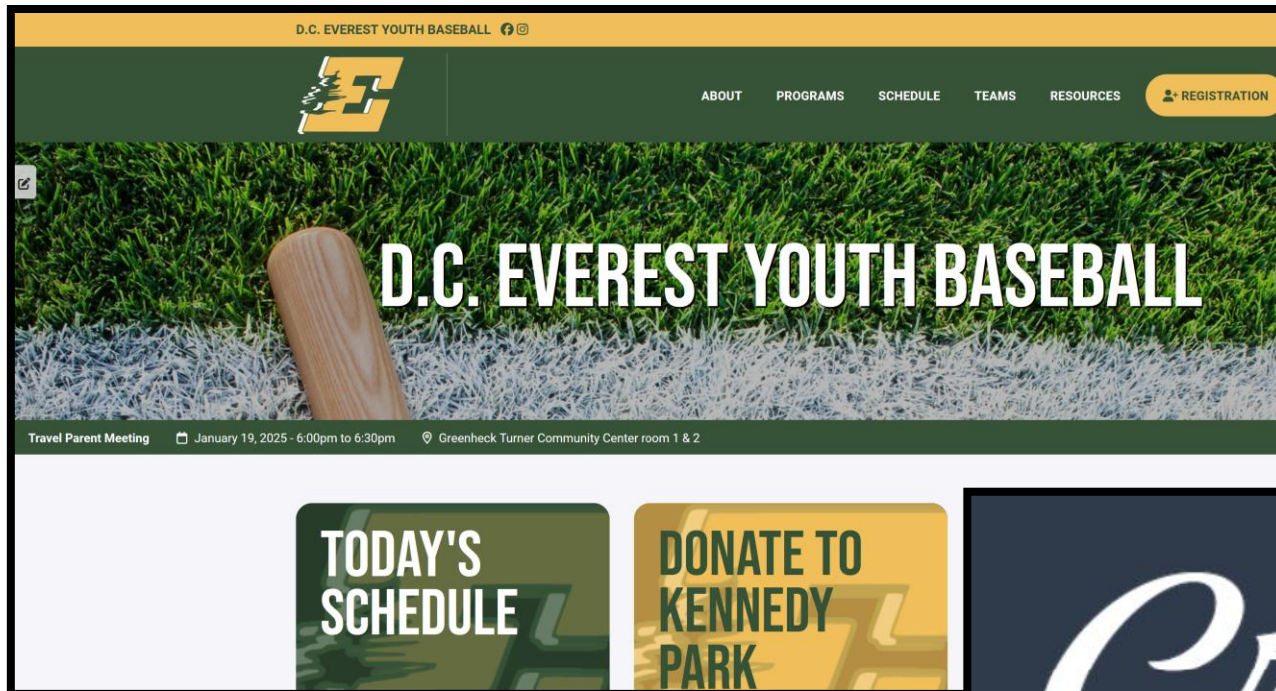
- **What avenues do parents have in the case of an issue?**

- Develop honest dialog with coaching staff
- 24 Hour Rule
- Start with the coach first
- Travel Commissioner – Mitch Zblewski
 - mitchellzblewski@icloud.com 715-574-9466
- Parent Committee Lead –
- Any Board Member
- DCEYB.Registrations@yahoo.com

- **Process**

- Step 1 - Player / Coach
- Step 2 - Player / Coach / Parent
- Step 3 - Player / Coach / Parent / Commissioner
- Step 4 – Player / Coach / Parent / Parent Committee Member or Board Member





MOVING TO CROSSBAR

- Better internet tools
- Registration
- Calendar
- Used by youth hockey and soon youth basketball
- www.dceyouthbaseball.org





• 2026 Season Plan

• 108 kids between 8 teams

• 2026 Managers

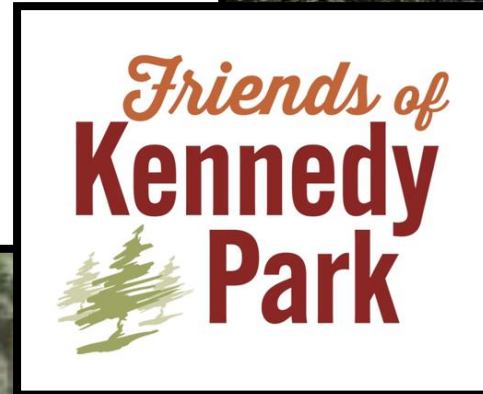
- 14U Mike Sowinski
- 12U Mike Wodalski
- 11U Nate Ziegelbauer / Jason Ladwig
- 10U Jimmy Olafson
- 9U Andy Brown / Jeremy Brewster
- 8U Joel Pergolski

- January - April – Indoor Practices
- Every Month – Restaurant Days
- February – REC Registration opens - **Feb 1st**
- February – GLOW GAMES Fundraiser – **Feb 28th**
- February/March – UW Whitewater Camps
- March – Dick's Sporting Goods DCE Sale - **Mar 20th – 22nd**
- March – REC Evaluations – **Mar 9th and 11th**
- **March 20-22 Everest Turf Tourney (11U, 9U)**
- April – High School Spring Clinic – **TBD**
- April – Baseball Field Work Day – **Apr 18th**
- May – Kickoff Weekend (REC League) – **May 2nd**
- May – Youth Night at High School Baseball – **TBD**
- June – Woodchucks DCE Baseball Night – **TBD**
- **June 19-21 Splash 1 (9U Green, 10U, 12U, 14U Silver)**
- **July 24-26 Splash 2 (8U, 9U Silver, 11U, 14U Green)**

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Kennedy Park Project

- Combined effort between Youth Baseball, Youth Softball, and Youth Hockey
- 2 Fields Built Already!
- Village and DCEYB have dedicated funds
- Approaching donors and writing grants
- Events and Fundraisers
- Sponsorship & Banner Sales
- Glow Games – February 28th



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Everest Glow Games

- February 28th
- Fundraising Event for Kennedy Park lights, a scholarship in Bradyn's name, and education for youth regarding Sextortion
- Whiffle ball, raffles, prizes, music, and more
- Still looking for sponsors, raffle baskets, and teams!



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Tournament Volunteer Options

- Concession Stand
- Grill Master
- Field Work
- Clean Up Days
- SUNDAYS!

• What is expected of the parents?

- Encourage and support your child to give their very best!
- Second, please ask questions
 - Contact your coach or DCEYB.Registrations@yahoo.com
- Volunteer time.....
 - Field Work Days – Spring and Fall
 - Each travel family will be required to volunteer minimum 10 hours throughout the season but mostly during Summer Splash tournaments.
 - In April, we will set up a schedule for each family to sign up for a time slot.
 - Our home tournament's success is dependent on all of us to provide a high-quality experience.




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RaiseRight




- Earn by purchasing gift cards or shopping online



Gift Cards **12%** 8%


BONUS ⌚ 7 days left

Buffalo Wild Wings®




Gift Cards **4%**

Home Depot



Gift Cards **2.5%**

Target



Gift Cards **4%**

Kwik Trip



Gift Cards **1.5%**

Amazon



DCEYB is offering a discounted Camp at UW-Whitewater



UW - Whitewater Spring Baseball Clinic

The purpose of our baseball clinics is to teach the proper fundamentals of pitching, hitting, catching, and fielding. Our clinics stress the importance of attitude, confidence, and dedication in order to give all attendees an opportunity to succeed in baseball and life. Instruction is directly from Warhawk Baseball Staff and its athletes. The high quality instruction and motivated staff foster a positive learning environment for all that attend. Anyone 8-18 years of age is eligible to sign up for our clinics including high school seniors.

REIMBURSEMENT

They have several dates and camps.
Check out their website:
<https://www.uww.edu/ce/camps/athletic/baseball/baseballspring>

Pitching

- Session One | Sunday, February 22, 2026 | 9am-11:30am
- Session Two | Sunday, March 1, 2026 | 9am-11:30am
- Session Three | Sunday, March 8, 2026 | 9am-11:30am

Hitting

- Session One | Sunday, February 22, 2026 | Noon-2:30pm
- Session Two | Sunday, March 1, 2026 | Noon-2:30pm
- Session Three | Sunday, March 8, 2026 | Noon-2:30pm

Fielding

- Session One | Sunday, February 22, 2026 | 3pm-5pm
- Session Three | Sunday, March 8, 2026 | 3pm-5pm

Catching

- Session Two | Sunday, March 1, 2026 | 3pm-5pm

Location:

UW-Whitewater
Kachel Fieldhouse





DCEYB Board Meetings

- Held monthly on the 3rd Sunday of every month
- 1 hour @ GTCC and ZOOM
(During the summer we switch the meetings to Kennedy Park)

****All DCEYB families are encouraged to attend and become involved.**