

# TAYBS

TOWNSEND ASHBY YOUTH BASEBALL & SOFTBALL  
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## 2025 Parents Meeting





# A BASEBALL AND SOFTBALL EXPERIENCE

*FOR A LIFETIME OF MEMORIES*



# Season Kickoff Party

~~Wednesday, April 17<sup>th</sup> 4-8pm~~  
~~Patriot Pizza, Townsend~~

Come for take out or  
stick around and hang  
out with friends!

20% Off All Sales  
goes to TAYBS!

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CANCELLED



# Hit a Thon & Picture Day

Saturday, May 17<sup>th</sup>  
Craven Field

Food All Day



We have raised  
**\$111,083 since 2018!**

Home Run  
Derby!

Pickup Game  
everyone invited!

Movie  
Night!



Prizes!



# Movie Night at the Ball Park

Saturday May 17th 8pm  
Craven Field

**FREE Event**  
**For TAYBS Families**

**Hot Chocolate**

*“Remember kid, there’s heroes and there’s legends.  
Heroes get remembered, but legends never die”*



**Popcorn**

**Snack Shack Open!**

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**16' x 9'**  
**Movie Screen!**



# Memorial Day Parade

Sunday, May 25<sup>th</sup>

Townsend VFW / Spaulding Memorial



Come march with us on Sunday May 25th as we honor the men and women of our military who gave their lives in service of our country.



# MLB Pitch Hit & Run

- Sunday June 1st at Spaulding at 1pm
- Baseball & Softball, Ages 7-14
- FREE Event
- More details -  
<https://www.taybs.org/events/mlb-pitch-hit-run/21081>
- Top players regionally, move onto the Championship event at Fenway Park. Top players at the Championship, move on to the National Championship held during the MLB World Series.



# Cornhole Tournament

- Sunday June 1st at Spaulding at 2pm
- Open to Everyone!
- Adult Doubles Tournament (Ages 13+)
  - \$50 per team entrance fee
  - \$100 cash prize per player on 1<sup>st</sup> Place Team
  - 4 rounds of Round Robin, top 16 teams move to double elimination tourney.
  - Signup today at - <https://share.scoreholio.com/Po92Slq5ORb>
- Kids 12 and Under Singles Tournament
  - \$10 per player entrance fee
  - 1<sup>st</sup> Place - \$50 DICK's Gift Certificate
  - 2<sup>nd</sup> Place - \$25 DICK's Gift Certificate
  - 3<sup>rd</sup> Place - \$10 DICK's Gift Certificate
  - 4 rounds of Round Robin, top 32 players move to double elimination tourney.
  - Signup today at - <https://share.scoreholio.com/xSn026p6ORb>



Snack Shack  
Open!



50/50 Raffle



# 15<sup>th</sup> Annual Golf Tournament

**TO BE DETERMINED**  
Overlook Country Club



Raffle Items

Individual  
Prizes

50/50 Raffle

Team Prizes

\$125 Per Golfer  
Shotgun Format



Silent Auctions



# TAYBS Night at the Ball Park

Date & Time TBD  
Location TBD  
Ticket Cost TBD



# Baseball Summer Camp!

- July 14<sup>th</sup> – July 17<sup>th</sup>
- 9:00am drop off, 2:45pm pickup
- Spaulding Fields
- TAYBS Receives \$23 per Camper
- \$250 Full Week (\$199 before 5/1)
- Open to Boys/Girls Ages 7-14
- 8 Players to 1 Coach Ratio
- Exciting Fun surprises, games & events
- Pizza Party on Last Day of Camp
- Water Games!

**Open to  
Everyone!**

**Provided by:**



# Band Concert & Lawn Party

Date & Time TBD  
Townsend Common



## Music!



## Games!



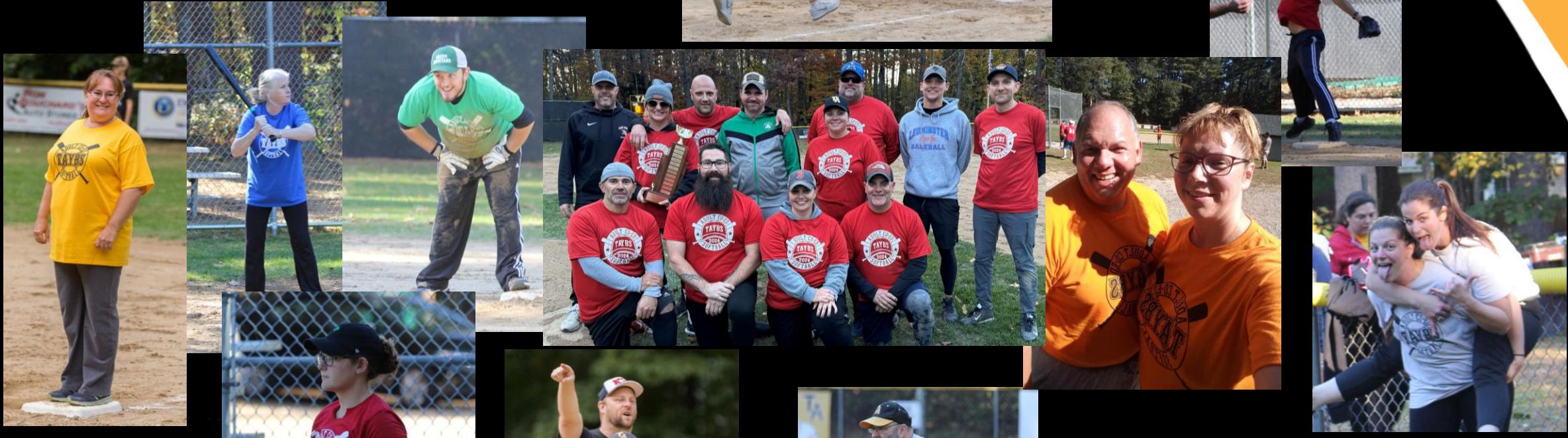
## Food!



# Adult Co-ed Softball League

Saturdays in September & October  
Craven Field, Townsend

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2024 Champions  
“The Leftovers”



# GENERAL INFORMATION



# What equipment do we need?



- Parents Shopping List - <https://www.taybs.org/parent-resources/required-equipment-list/10956>
- Bats –
  - T-Ball, Must be a T-Ball Stamped Bat
  - Baseball Rookie – Majors, USA Bat, cannot be a T-Ball, USSSA or BBCOR
  - Baseball Juniors & Seniors – BBCOR (USA Bat can be used up to 14)
  - Softball – “Official Fastpitch Bat”
- Glove, Helmet, White Pants, Black Socks, Black Belt
- Cleats – Plastic Cleats until age 13+
- Athletic Supporter/Cup is required for all boys.

# Boyd Family Fund



About Matt: Matt enjoyed playing baseball with TAYBS from the early age of T-Ball and played every season he could. Matt was always smiling on the field and enjoyed the camaraderie of the game. He was always cheering on his teammates. Sadly, Matt was diagnosed with cancer in 2021 and passed away on October 30, 2021, at the young age of 14.

Mission: The Matthew Boyd Fund has been created by the family of Matthew Boyd. The Boyd Family believes Matthew would want to support other children who have the desire to play the game he loved. In his name, his family has created this fund to help young athletes who may struggle financially to go out for a baseball or softball team. If you have or know of a child athlete who may be struggling to afford equipment or another aspect allowing the participation in one of TAYBS baseball or softball programs this fund is here to support children each season.

To qualify: Please write a description of what the financial need may be and a brief explanation of why. Do you need assistance with equipment, uniforms etc.? The Boyd Family will do their best to assist those they can, and the decision will be made at the discretion of the Matthew Boyd Fund. Specifics of your needs will be kept as private as possible.

For full details and to apply - <https://www.taybs.org/about/boyd-family-fund/26436>



# Uniforms

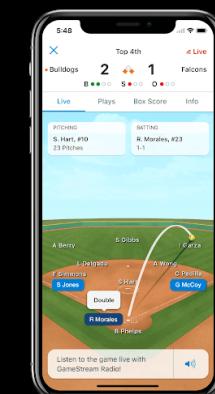


- Your child will receive a uniform based on the size that you selected when you registered them.
- The size they receive may be up to 1 size bigger than ordered. This is normal based on sizing from the manufacturers. One example is a Youth Extra Large is the same as an Adult Small.
- If ok with parents, once everyone receives the shirt they ordered, the players can then trade to find sizes that fit best for each of them.
- If the size that you ordered does not fit, and there is no other person they can trade with, we would need to reorder another one. There is a \$25 fee plus the cost of the new uniform to order another uniform, and it will likely take 3-5 weeks to arrive – if it is even possible to get.
- TAYBS will not change the pants more than once every 5 years. This is now the 4<sup>th</sup> year of white pants, and we will not consider changing that for 1 more seasons (We are likely go back to black starting in the 2027 season).
- Important – teams should NOT unilaterally make a decision on their own to change the color of their team pants. This was a big issue last year.

# GameChanger, Crossbar & Scoreboard



- GameChanger is an electronic scoreboard, with live scoring
- All coaches at the Minor levels and above will be using the app GameChanger to keep track of game activity.
- This is a free application that is available on both IOS and Android.
- Crossbar is an app that is linked with the TAYBS website. This will allow you to get notifications of your child's scheduled games and practices.
- **HELP!** Your child's coach could really use a hand with running GameChanger. If you are going to be at the game, offering to help run GameChanger is very much appreciated.
- **HELP!** Your child's coach could really use a hand with running the scoreboard. If you are going to be at the game, offering to help run the scoreboard is very much appreciated.



# Background Checks



- **Governed By:**
  - Federal Law – Safe Sports Act of 2017
  - Massachusetts General Law – Chapter 6, Section 172H (CORI)
- Volunteers must pass a Massachusetts CORI Check by completing the TAYBS Online Volunteer Application & providing official Photo Identification.
- We recommend that all parents register as volunteers so that they can be CORI cleared in case a team is struggling and needs a hand in the field or help managing the dugout.
- Before any adult steps onto the field during a practice or game, the coach will ensure they are on the approved volunteers list. If they are not, they **CANNOT** be on the field. ← IMPORTANT
- Even after being CORI cleared, you must be asked by a coach before you are allowed to step onto the field or enter the dugout during a practice or game.
- You do not need to have to be CORI cleared to step onto the field after a practice or game to assist with field cleanup efforts.



**NO ADULT MAY ENTER A DUGOUT OR FIELD AREA DURING A PRACTICE OR GAME UNLESS THEY HAVE A COMPLETED APPLICATION, WAIVER, PHOTO ID AND PASSED THE MASSACHUSETTS CORI CHECK**



# Calendar Raffle



- Each coach has been given a calendar raffle package of 10 tickets to be handed out to each player's parent.
- You should turn these into one of the snack shacks.
- Do not bend/fold any of the raffle tickets. Any raffle tickets bent/folded will be discarded.
- **Do not give any money to the coaches**, you already paid for the tickets as part of your child's registration – you keep the money that you raise by selling the tickets.
- Tickets must be turned into the snack shacks by June 30th. Winners will be drawn around July 1<sup>st</sup>.
- Any tickets not turned in are considered losses – there are no refunds for unsold tickets.
- If you do not receive your tickets by the end of April, please reach out to the coach or the league to determine how to get them. If you do not receive them, and you do not reach out and tell the league, you will not be given a refund for the unsold tickets.
- If you would like additional packets of tickets to sell, you can reach out to [info@taybs.org](mailto:info@taybs.org) and we will coordinate getting you another packet. The packet needs to be paid in full in advance and they come in packets of 10.

# Playoff Schedules



- MAC Baseball League (Minors & Majors)
  - Regular season, April 28th – June 8th
  - Playoffs are June 9th – June 20th
- NCMS Softball League
  - Regular season, April 28th – June 8th
  - Playoffs are June 9th – June 20<sup>th</sup>
- Vacations have been a problem in the past, please plan accordingly.
- End of year school events have been a problem in the past, please let us know as soon as you know of a planned school event.
- The regional leagues will not make playoff schedule exceptions for AAU/Club ball. Make sure you block off the entire playoff window.

# All Stars & Cal Ripken Tournament



- Both MAC & NCMS league are planning to hold all-star games this year. The number of players per team has yet been finalized. Typically, each team will send 1 to 3 players depending on their final seeding.
- Player selections are decided by the head coach.
  - It may not need to be the players with the most talent.
  - It could be the player who has shown most improvement.
  - It could be the player who has put in the most effort.
- The MAC league all star games will happen on Saturday, June 21<sup>st</sup>.
  - Rookies – **Craven Field at 3pm**, Minors – Groton, Majors – Shirley, Majors-A **Craven Field at 5pm**
- The NCMS league all star games will happen on Sunday, June 22<sup>nd</sup> (Templeton)
- Babe Ruth will be holding their annual Cal Ripken All-Star Tournament this year. TAYBS and Pepperell Baseball combine to form the North Middlesex All Stars. We hope to be able to field a team at 8U, 9U, 10U, 11U and 12U. Players must try out (5/18) and the best players will be selected for the NM All Stars team.
- Planned dates for Cal Ripken All Star Tournament - <https://www.taybs.org/parent-resources/2024-tournament-dates/20074>
- Most local towns including TAYBS do not participate in the Babe Ruth Softball All Star tournament.

# Player Playing Time



- T-Ball & Rookies
  - All players will have equal playing time.
  - Players will be rotated to all positions during games.
- Minors
  - All players will have *generally* equal playing time – though preference will be given to those kids putting in the most effort/showing up and participating in practices.
  - Players by rule must play in the field for only a minimum of six defensive outs.
  - Players will be rotated as possible around the field defensively during games.
- Majors
  - Playing time will favor the kids that are putting in the most effort/showing up and participating in practices.
  - Players by rule must play in the field for only a minimum of six defensive outs.
  - Players will have some rotation around the field defensively during games.
- Juniors & Seniors
  - The Junior & Senior programs are designed to be our most competitive programs.
  - Players will be put into positions in order to be the most competitive – playing time will not be equal.
  - Players by rule must play in the field for only a minimum of six defensive outs.
  - Players who put in the effort, regardless of skill, will be given opportunities, *when possible*, to try any position.

# Field Access & Security Cameras



- All fields are closed from November 1<sup>st</sup> through April 1<sup>st</sup> - During this time, all security cameras will alarm on motion including sending alarms to the TAYBS Facilities Team.
- There are security cameras all over our fields, both Craven & Spaulding. This includes parking lots, fields, dugouts and inside the snack shacks.
- Cameras will sound alarm if it detects pets/animals at the fields.
- When alarms go off, the TAYBS Facilities Team are immediately notified.
- Players should NEVER change anywhere while at our facilities.
- All fields at Spaulding are closed during school hours. Do not attempt to use the fields when school is in session – you will be forced to leave by school personnel.
- There are security cameras covering the Spaulding School playground & basketball area operated by the school's facility department. This area is not open to the public before 5pm on school days.



# Batting Cage



- At Craven Field we have a batting cage available for our players to use. This is available for parents at no additional cost to bring their children to when it is not being used by a team
- The batting cage is not a sandbox! Do not let your children play in the batting cage for use outside of batting/pitching usage.
- Do not use the batting cage for hitting when there is a game going on. The hitting is a distraction for players during a game and can cause safety issues.
- Our fields & batting cage are not available for use for private lessons. If your child is paying for private lessons, please have the instructor reach out to the league about facility rentals.
- ***Make sure you close the batting cage gate when you are finished.***  **IMPORTANT**

# Hitting into Fences/Backstops



- If you are going to take your child to the field to practice – and we love it when you do – please make sure to take care of the field. Leave it in better shape than you found it.
- There is no hitting into any of the fences or backstops at any of our fields. This causes significant damage.

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# Weather Policy



- No game will be cancelled more than 2 hours in advance.
- For Minors division and above:
  - **Games will be played in light to moderate rain.**
  - Games will only be cancelled if the field is unsafe.
- When there is a visible strike of lightning (that the umpire sees), the game will stop immediately, and everyone should take shelter in vehicles. The game can resume when 15 minutes have passed since the last visible lightning strike.
  - Do not start yelling at the coaches/umpires because you saw something they didn't.
- A weather/lightning delay is NOT a game cancellation. When the umpire resumes the game, if there are not have enough players remaining, your team will forfeit that game.

# Registration Windows



- **Spring Season**

- Season starts 4/1 and goes through 6/20
- BB Junior/Season season starts 5/1 and goes through 8/8
- Ontime Registration - September 1st – January 31<sup>st</sup>
  - Guaranteed Team Placement
  - Guaranteed Uniform for Season Start
  - \$25 Discount
  - Payment Plans Available
  - Shift Buyouts Available
- Late/Waitlist Registration - February 1<sup>st</sup> – March 17<sup>th</sup>
  - Team placement first come first serve.
  - Uniform delivery by season start is possible.
  - Limited to no shift buyouts available.
- Waitlist Registration – March 18<sup>th</sup> +
  - Uniform delivery by season start unlikely.
  - Team placement only if available slots.
  - No special requests available

- **Summer Season**

- Registrations - May 1<sup>st</sup> – June 15<sup>th</sup>
- Season starts 7/7 through 8/15 on Weeknights

- **Fall Youth Season**

- Registrations - July 1<sup>st</sup> – August 17<sup>th</sup>
- Season Starts 9/6 through 10/26 on Weekends

- **Fall Adult Season**

- Season Starts 8/30 through 10/26 on Saturdays
- Previous Player Registration - June 1<sup>st</sup> – June 30<sup>th</sup>
  - Only open to Players from the 2024 Season
  - Guaranteed Team Placement for 2024 Players
- General Player Registration – July 1<sup>st</sup> – August 17<sup>th</sup>
  - Open to everyone, first come first serve.

*If someone is unable to be placed on a team **by the league** for whatever reason, a full refund will always be provided. See our full refund policy for more details - <https://www.taybs.org/parent-resources/refund-policy/24912>*

# Early Placement Policy



- At the time of registration, if you believe your child is ready for a higher level of play than their age allows, you can speak with their previous coach and have the coach enter a recommendation for them to be moved up early.
- Official Policy - <https://www.taybs.org/parent-resources/early-placement-policy/24924>
- Moving up to a higher division, even with a coaches recommendation is not guaranteed. Building teams is heavily determined by the total number of kids that are signed up.
- You will not know if your child is going to be officially moved up until rosters are released before the season.
- There are no refunds if you child is not selected to move up early.

# Player Rostering & Team Assignments



- Official Policy - <https://www.taybs.org/parent-resources/player-rostering/40513>
- Special requests are only used for T-Ball & Rookie divisions.
- Once reaching Minors and above, this is now our competitive divisions, and team rosters are selected using either a Coaches Conference or a Player Draft.
- Upon assignment of our competitive divisions, we very rarely make roster changes. Working with our coaches, we do our best to ensure teams are as balanced as we can. When post assignment changes need to be made, teams can become very unbalanced.
- During the 2025 assignments, there was a TON of work put in at the Minors Baseball to try to make the best teams possible, and all coaches were in agreement with the rosters before they were finalized.
- Due to some required post team assignment changes in the Softball Majors divisions, the teams become unbalanced, which was not the original intent of the team assignments. This does occasionally happen, but be aware, we did make significant efforts to try our best to put in solutions. In the end the coaches on both teams agreed on the rosters as they stand today.

# Snack Shack Operations



- All families (that did not do the buyout) are required to work 5.5 hours per season in one of our open slots (typically Snack Shack duty). Everyone agreed to this policy when you registered your child to play this season.
- You do not need to work during your child's games, and you will be able to pick which games you would like to work at. However, as we get closer to the season, if there are unfilled slots, the league will automatically assign people to those slots.
- The schedule of available slots will be posted on the TAYBS website once the game schedules are published. Available slots will include special events (Hit a Thon, Band Concert, etc.)
- If you do not show up for a scheduled shift, regardless if it was selected by you or assigned, or fail to complete their required hours will be charged a \$75 fee. [Policy](#)
- If you are unable to work a shift, it is up to you to talk with other parents and swap your shift for another one. Sending a message to the league saying you cannot do it and cannot find someone else will not release you from the commitment.

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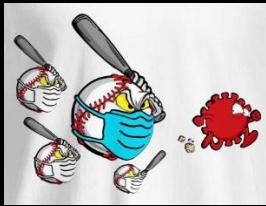
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# Medical Information



Our coaches will do the best to accommodate players with medical conditions. It is up to the parent to have an open line of communication with the coach to give them the best information to be able to help.

- If a player has an inhaler, please make sure you tell the coach.
- If a player has an epi-pen, please make sure you tell the coach.
- All coaches are provided with a basic medical kit which includes band aids and ice packs for traveling to away games.
- Both Spaulding & Craven Snack Shacks have additional medical supplies and replacements for coaches' bags.
- If someone uses medical equipment from the Snack Shack, please let Safety Officer Jessica Fellows know.



# COVID19 Update



- At this time, ALL COVID restrictions have been lifted at our fields.
- Each individual town can set their own rules. If you go to another town, and they require masks, then everyone must comply, or risk a team forfeit. There are no exceptions to this rule.
- We are required to follow the state guidelines. Right now, during this low period of COVID activity, there are no rules in place. However – this can change at anytime! In the event the rules change, everyone will be required to follow whatever new rules are put in place.
- Players while currently not required, **are allowed** to wear face masks if they would like to. This includes during games and practices.
- If a child tests positive for COVID19, they cannot participate in a team practice or game until they have had a negative test outcome.

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# Concussion Information



**TAYBS Concussion Policy compliant with Massachusetts State Policy** - If a player is suspected to have a concussion or head injury, a coach will remove the athlete from play for a minimum of 24 hours. They will advise the athlete's responsible adult that medical evaluation is recommended. Notification of this injury will be sent to the League President and Safety Director as soon as possible. After 24 hours, a player may return to play with a doctor's note or at the parent's discretion.

## Head injuries

A concussion is a type of traumatic brain injury, caused by a bump, blow, or jolt to the head that can change the way your brain normally works. Concussions can also occur from a blow to the body that causes the head to move rapidly back and forth. Even a "ding," "getting your bell rung," or what seems to be mild bump or blow to the head can be serious.

### Signs and symptoms:

- Any loss of consciousness
- Confusion, forgetful or unsure of what is going on
- Dazed or stunned
- Behavior, mood or personality changes
- Head or neck pain
- Vomiting
- Difficult to arouse
- Abnormal walking or speech
- Dizziness
- Sensitivity to light or noise
- Feeling sluggish, or foggy
- Does not feel right
- Convulsions or seizures
- A headache that gets worse and does not go away.
- Unusual behavior, restlessness, or agitation.
- Weakness, numbness, or decreased coordination.
- Significant nausea or vomiting.
- One pupil is larger than the other.

## **Long-Term Risks**

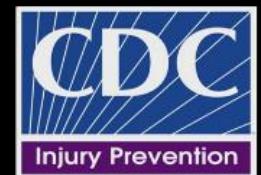
- Some athletes may experience persistent concussion symptoms, including issues with behavior, mood, and memory.
- Young, developing brains may be more sensitive to the effects of one or multiple concussions.
- Returning to sports before the brain has recovered can increase the risk of complications, repeat concussions, and persisting symptoms.
- Parents, coaches, and athletes don't get to make decisions about return to sports after a possible concussion. Only healthcare providers can do that. They will give instructions on when it's safe for the athlete to return to sports.

## **Things to Keep in Mind**

- 66% of high school athletes played through their sports-related concussion because they did not want to be removed from play.
- They reported they were fearful of approaching their coach and concerned about a lack of recognition by coaches, athletes, and parents.

## **Concussion Plan**

- Step 1: Stop play or activity
- Step 2: Remove the athlete
- Step 3: Notify the parents or guardians
- Step 4: Coach will document the injury. This will be shared with guardians and the league for proper follow up.
- A full return to sports usually happens after an athlete has returned to regular, non-sports-related activities (like school).
- Safe return to sports should happen gradually.



# Emergency Response Kit

We have an Emergency Response Kit at each field. This is different than our first aid kits handed out to all teams. Our Emergency Kit is meant for something other than bumps, bruises, or scrapes. This is the more serious injury.

Each kit has: Band-Aids, sterile gauze, sterile cling, rubber gloves, medical tape, a tourniquet, emergency blanket, ice packs, a flexible splint, and a compression bandage.



# AED Availability



We are lucky to now have an AED at each of our field's thanks to the generosity of our community. If at any point, a party becomes unconscious **CALL 911** and check to see if the party is breathing. If there is any doubt if the patient is breathing assume, they are not. For a patient unconscious and not breathing get the AED.

- At **Spaulding Field**, we have a ZOLL AED that our league purchased. Here is a video on the use of the ZOLL AED - <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=yo5jKJBKo0w&t=7s>
- At **Craven Field**, we have a Phillips Heartstart AED that was donated by our Cal Ripken State Commissioner Jim Edelman. Our Phillips AED will walk you through the CPR instructions. When the AED instructs you to give rescue breaths there is a face mask in the AED case if you are comfortable providing rescue breaths. Here is a video on the use of the Phillips AED - <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=2k4cHni8lWo>



# NO Animal/Dog Policy



- There are no dogs/animals allowed anywhere that TAYBS plays. This includes parking lots, sidelines, bleachers, on the fields, in the woods, your car – anywhere.
- If an animal is brought to the field, you will be asked to leave the complex without warning.
- **IMPORTANT** - The American Disabilities Act & Massachusetts law only allows those who are blind, deaf, or otherwise have a physical disability to be accompanied by a properly trained AND licensed service animal at our fields. Animals provided by the Veterans Administration (VA) are allowed when notified in advance.
- Emotional support animals and those animals without state certified in-person training AND state licensed as a service animal are NOT ALLOWED at the fields. Certificates that are purchased online or just putting a dog in a colored vest are NOT acceptable and will not allow you to bring an animal to the field.

# Post Practice & Game Cleanup



At all fields, after every practice and game:

- All trash must be picked up from the dugouts.
- All trash in the spectator's area must be picked up, including under the bleachers.
- All trash barrels must be emptied into the dumpsters.
- At Craven, the base paths, home plate area, and pitchers mound must be raked.
- The infield must be dragged (entire infield at Spaulding)

**All parents are expected to help with these tasks at the end of every practice and game.**  
**The coaches should not have to take care of maintenance in addition to coaching your child.**  
**Do your part to help. We are all volunteers.**

**FIELD MAINTENANCE MUST BE COMPLETED AFTER ALL EVENTS**

# Player Commitment



- Spring Season is our competitive season, and this is a team sport – everyone needs to do their part for the team to succeed.
- All players are expected to attend all practices.
- All players are expected to attend all games.
- Team sizes are very small this year. If your child does not show up for a game, the team might have to forfeit.
- If your child participates in another league, we cannot ask our coaches to make exceptions for your child. It is too hard for our volunteer coaches to plan games and practices.
- It is not fair for kids to show up to a practice and only have a few kids be there because the other kids are on AAU/Club teams.

# Umpires



- We have lost many good umpires over recent years because of the poor behavior of our parents.
- Regardless of regional league rules – TAYBS does NOT allow protests of a decision made by an umpire at the field.
- It is 100% against league policy for any of our families to say ANYTHING to or about an umpire regarding a call they made. This includes yelling about a call but not “at” the umpire. **They can hear you in the stands.**
- It does not matter if the umpire made a bad call – if they called it, that is the final call.
- It does not matter if you have video evidence that the umpire made a bad call – if they called it, that is the final call.
- It does not matter if it is a junior umpire that made a bad call, if they called it, that is the final call.
- It does not matter if the umpire did not know the correct rules, if they called it, that is the final call.
- Every umpire has their own strike zone, and many of them will widen their strike zone depending on the division or the pitcher (their goal is to get kids to swing the bat). The hope is for consistency, but in the end, it is still the umpires call regardless of what we think is right. Yes – this is tough for better players, but in the end remember this is a REC league not AAU/Club.

# Parent - Not Coach



- You should enjoy the time watching your child play ball at the field. This is a recreational league. Nobody is being scouted here for college, and nobody is starting next week for the Red Sox.
- Please do NOT coach your child from the stands. This includes yelling at them from outside the field and telling them where to stand or throw the ball. We need the kids to hear and listen to their teammates and their coaches' instructions.

## **A mom is making breakfast for her teenage boy, as he walks in.**

"Mom, don't burn the eggs! Careful! Careful! Don't mess up!, don't let them burn. Be careful! CAREFUL!"

## **Finally, the mom snaps.**

"I know what to do, I've cooked eggs before!"

"I know, Mom. I was just trying to show you what it's like while I'm playing **BASEBALL**

**"I SURE DO WISH MY DAD WOULD YELL MORE MECHANICAL ADJUSTMENTS FROM THE STANDS," SAID NO KID EVER.**



**Seth McClung**   
 @Seth\_3773

If you're a parent that instructs or coaches from the stands & you're not a former pro player or coach, stop it.

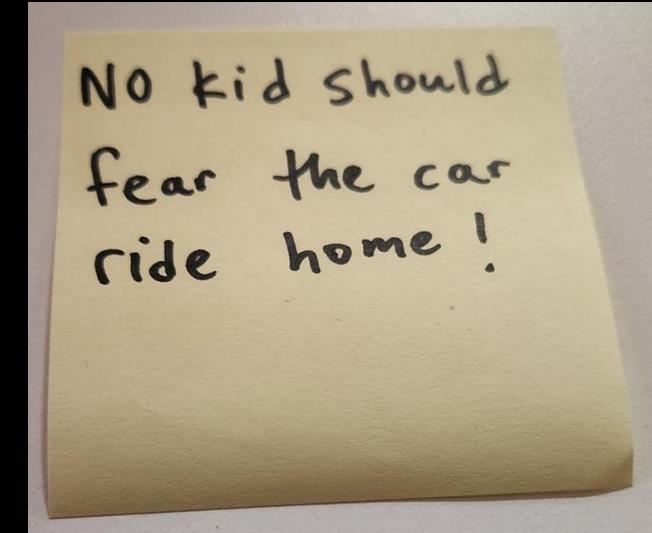
Don't come to practice & coach your kid. If you have to, bring a notebook write it down & tell them later.

I don't want MY PLAYER looking back at you the whole practice. I need them listening to me.

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# Few Reminders...

- NO Smoking, Vaping or Chewing Tobacco permitted anywhere on any grounds at any time. This includes the parking lots or wooded areas or in vehicles on property.
- NO Alcohol is allowed on any grounds, during any practices or games.
- Parents are NOT allowed in the dugout or field during any practice or game, unless they are first asked by a coach.
- There is no food allowed in the dugouts, except for gum and sunflower seeds.
- This is a recreational program. Let the kids have fun and play the game!





# LEAGUE UPDATES



# WHAT IS TAYBS



- TAYBS is a private 501(c)(3) non-profit corporation.
- We are not funded in any way from the Town of Townsend or the Town of Ashby – or any other government entity.
- We are a 100% volunteer run organization. There are no paid salaries. There are no stock options. There are no stipends. There are no bonuses. We do it because we love it, and we want to give the kids the best experience we can!
- We are not a government, a town or a federal organization that is bound by the rules of the Open Meeting Law or the Freedom of Information Act for public transparency – however if you are interested in any information, please feel free to just ask.
- As an independent youth sports organization, as such we are not bound to Little League, Babe Ruth, USA Baseball, USA Softball, or any other sports governing body that dictates how we operate our organization.

# BOARD OF DIRECTORS



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President



**Gary Donia**  
Vice President



**Matt Hagar**  
Coaching Director



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**WE WOULD LOVE FOR YOU TO HELP BY JOINING OUR BOARD**

# Who do I contact for help?



- **Coaching & Equipment Questions**

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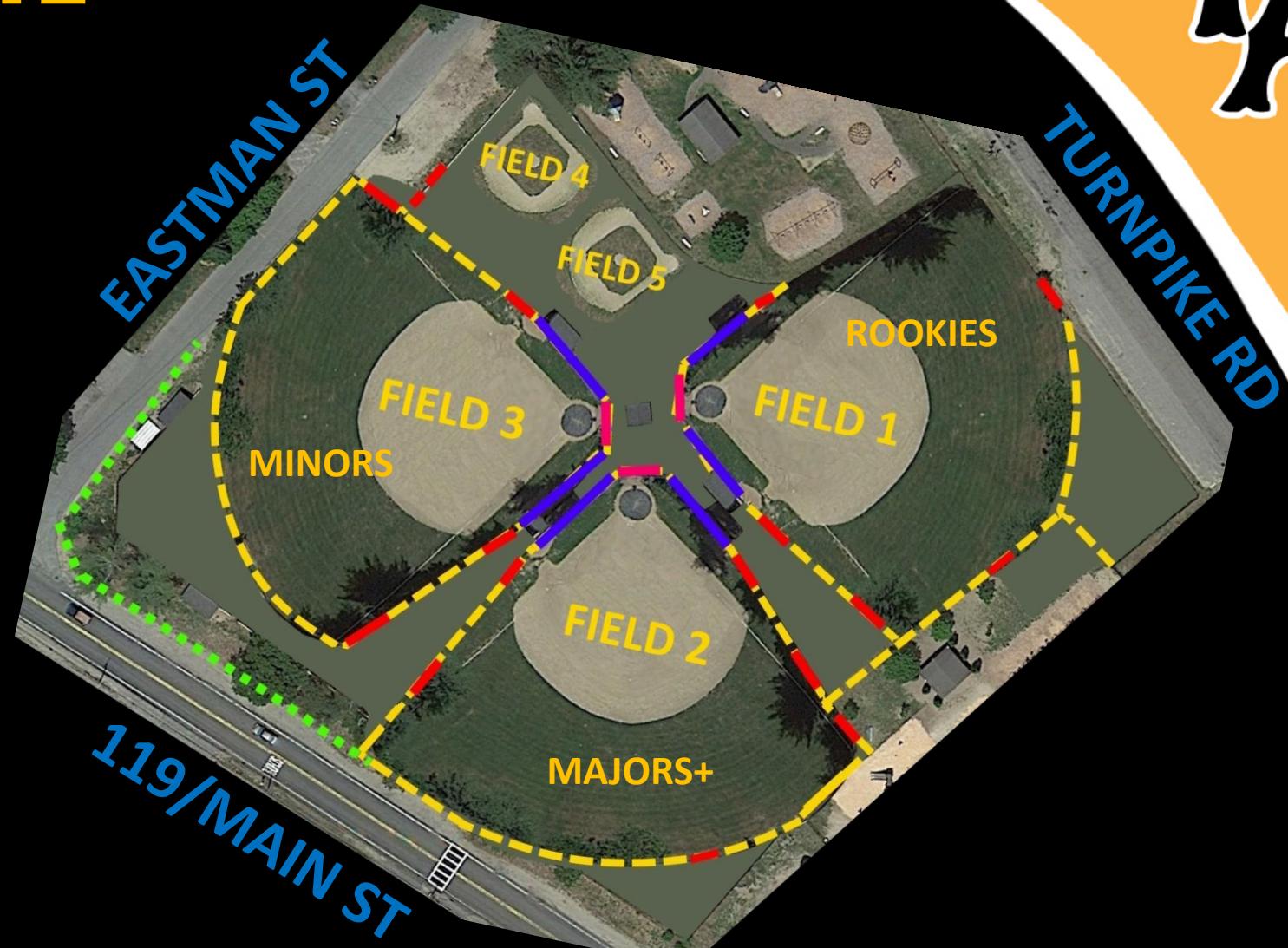
- **Everything Else**

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# SPAULDING UPDATE



- This year –
  - Picnic Tables
  - New Bleachers
  - More fencing for Field 2
- Next year –
  - Scoreboard for Field 1
  - Fencing for Field 1
  - Removal of old shed on Field 2
- Future –
  - Batting Cages
  - Lights



# Player Registrations



Spring Baseball	2013	2014	2015	2016	2017	2018	2019	2020*	2021	2022	2023	2024	2025
T-Ball	48	32	33	36	38	32	48	56/27	63	62	61	57	50
Rookies	32	44	30	28	37	28	46	41/21	36	45	34	35	34
Minors	30	24	29	26	27	21	26	33/22	24	20	22	19	29
Majors	47	34	23	25	33	41	33	23/21	30	25	19	24	22
Juniors/Seniors	29	23	26	27	-	-	10	22/16	23	25	16	16	17
Totals	186	157	141	142	135	122	163	175/107	176	183	152	151	152

Spring Softball	2013	2014	2015	2016	2017	2018	2019	2020*	2021	2022	2023	2024	2025
Rookies	13	10	10	9	9	9	8	12/11	12	16	14	21	10
Minors	12	13	12	9	10	14	12	9/0	12	23	17	20	11
Majors	12	11	10	12	30	12	10	14/13	-	12	21	23	19
Juniors/Seniors	15	13	11	11	-	14	9	0/12	-	-	14	13	23
Totals	52	47	43	41	49	49	39	35/39	24	51	66	77	63

\* Pre/post COVID19

# TAYBS 2025 Estimated Finances



## Operating Expenses

Alumni College Scholarships	750
Background Screenings & Training	1,500
Baseballs & Softballs for Games	2,250
Community Donations	250
Credit Card Fees for Registrations	1,500
Field & Facility General Repairs	7,000
Field Mowing	10,000
Field Preparation	2,000
Field Rentals	1,000
Field Supplies (Chalk, Quick Dry)	2,500
Field Treatments (Fertz, Ticks, Mosquitos)	2,500
Insurance	2,500
League Charter, Registrations & All Stars	700
Medical Supplies	250
Office Expenses	300
Player Equipment & Repairs	3,800
Portable Toilets	2,250
Team Ice Cream	1,500
Trophies	825
Umpires	10,500
Uniforms	13,250
Utilities	5,600
Website	2,000
<b>Total Expenses</b>	<b>74,725</b>
Player Registrations (207)	31,765
<b>Annual Starting Balance</b>	<b>-42,960</b>

## Fundraising, Donors & Sponsorships

Batting Cage Sponsor	0
Calendar Raffle	3,350
Concession Stands	6,000
Cornhole Tournament	500
Donations	1,000
Field Banners Sponsorships	11,000
Golf Tournament	0
Hit A Thon	12,000
Picture Day	500
Scoreboard Sponsors	5,000
Season Kickoff Party	250
Snack Shack Sponsors	2,000
Summer Camp	350
Super Bowl Squares	1,600
Team Sponsorships	10,700
Website Sponsors	0
<b>Total Additional Revenue</b>	<b>56,250</b>
Annual Starting Balance	-42,960
<b>Ending Balance</b>	<b>11,290</b>

**TAYBS**  
**Average Fee to**  
**Parents**  
**\$153**

**TAYBS Average**  
**Cost per player**  
**\$361**

TAYBS is a private non-profit organization and is completely self funded. We are 100% responsible for the complete upkeep and maintenance of all our fields & equipment.

# 2024 MAJOR PROJECTS \$43,821



- Craven Mound Replacement - \$1,850
- Craven Infield Repairs - \$7,151
- Craven Picnic Tables - \$1,900
- Craven Audio System - \$1,848
- Spaulding Fencing - \$18,800
- Spaulding Parking Area - \$6,900
- Spaulding Scoreboard Work - \$2,200
- Spaulding Field Seeding - \$2,275
- Spaulding Snack Shack Upgrades - \$1,061

# 2025 MAJOR PROJECTS

- Craven Tree Removal - \$10,000
- Craven Coach Dedication - \$1,000

**\$27,000**

**(Estimated \$11,290)**

- Spaulding Picnic Tables - \$2,000
- Spaulding Bleachers - \$8,000
- Spaulding Windscreen - \$1,500
- Spaulding Fence Cap - \$500
- Spaulding Foul Lines - \$1,500
- Spaulding Tree Removal - \$2,500

# IN THE FUTURE....

- Craven Field
  - Snack Shack Replacement
  - Sheds Replacement
  - Parking Lot Size Increase
  - Field Lighting
- Spaulding Fields
  - Batting Cages
  - Field Lighting
- Common
  - Wireless Internet Access
  - Live Game Cams

*Have an idea on how to make our programs and facilities better? Let us know! We want to hear from you!!*

ALL FUTURE PROJECTS ARE NOT APPROVED AT THIS TIME AND ARE SUBJECT TO CHANGE



# 2025 SPONSORS

\$28,500!



American True Merit  
Anderson & Son Funeral Home  
Apple Meadow Hardware  
Arrow Septic  
Bark & Call Inn  
Be Ready Driving School  
Bin There Dump That  
Black River Tree Company  
Blood Team Realty Group  
Builtwell Fence Company  
Cam & Sons Excavation  
Camosse Family Foundation  
Compassionate Care Veterinary Services  
Critical Mass Solar  
Dale's Market  
Dee Bus  
DICK'S Sporting Goods

Evans on the Common  
Fifth Gen Masonry  
Fraticelli Oil Company  
Gatsby Grounds Company  
Gold Bowl Chinese Restaurant  
Great Road Automotive  
Groton Wellness  
Haffner's  
IPS Oil Burner Service  
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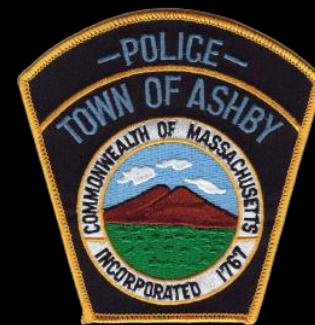
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# TAYBS GIVES THANKS

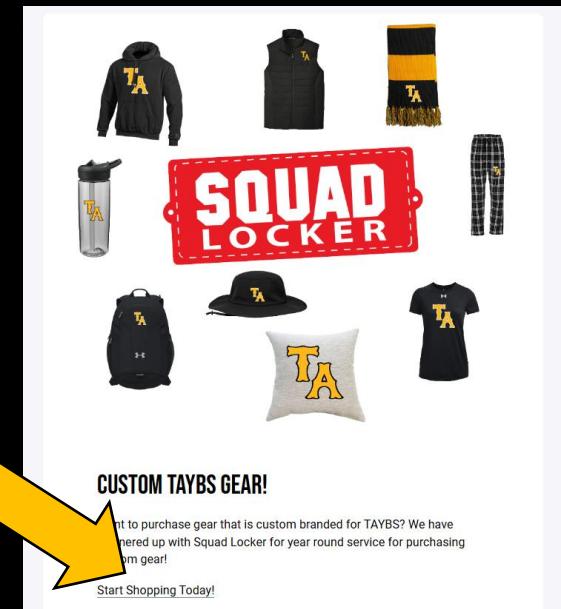


TAYBS wants to offer our thanks to the people who have dedicated their lives to keeping all of us safe. Any Uniformed Military or Public Safety Personnel that attend a game at Craven or Spaulding Field will receive a free meal on us!



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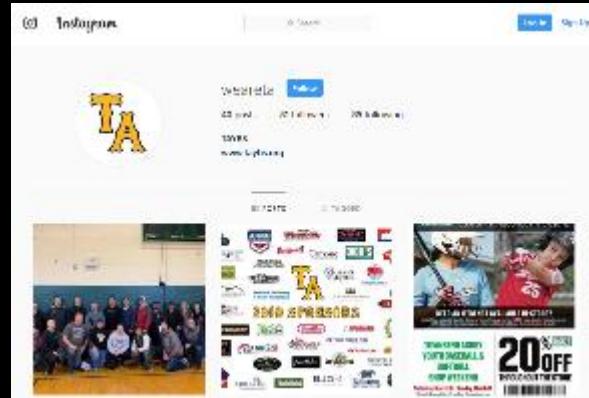
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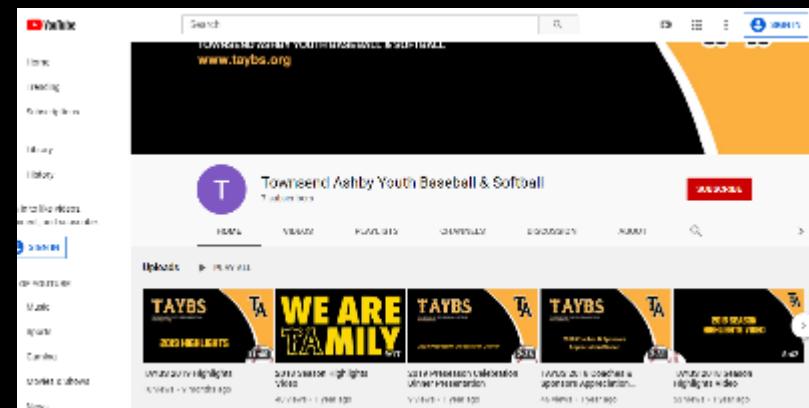
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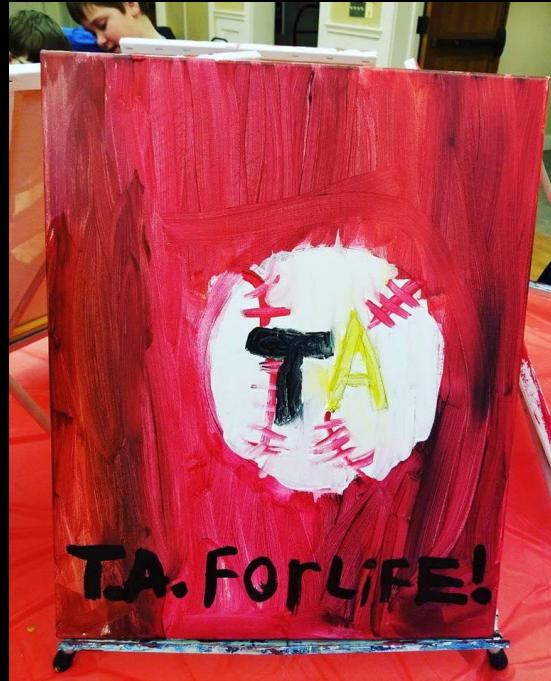


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