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Centennial Elite All-Stars

Starting this fall for the 2019 season, and expanding to more age groups for 2020 and beyond, CYBSA is putting together a strictly competitive division. We have started with one 9U and one 8U competitive team for the 2019 season, with the 8U team playing in mostly 9U competitions. This team will run for at least 6 months of the year, with some optional workouts in other months. Specific details are still being worked out, but more information will be posted on the CYBSA website, when available.

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Centennial Elite All-Stars is a competitive division that plays in 4-7 tournaments per year, in addition to league games against other Babe Ruth Cal Ripken competitive teams throughout the state, and local

CYBSA league games. Teams will compete in around 30 games per calendar year. Elite All-Star teams start at 8U and go up from there. They will also be the All-Star teams for the Centennial League.

Teams will consist of about 12 players each, with the costs per player at roughly \$1,500 per year. This covers everything except travel and travel related expenses. Uniforms, insurance, equipment, tournament entry fees, league fees, practice fields, league games, interleague games, Colorado State, Midwest Plains Regional, and World Series entry fees are

included. At roughly half the cost of other competitive teams in the area, CYBSA looks to provide the same experience and level of play of those others, but at a much more affordable price.

With the 9U and 8U teams forming for 2019, there may be potential openings in the spring.

For more information, please contact James Shields at jamshlds@yahoo.com or Chris Baerns cbaerns7@gmail.com



2018 Baseball Survey Results

You've spoken and we've listened. The survey results were tallied and changes are being made.

One of the top issues was lack of a competitive division. See the previous story for details on our new elite division.

Another top issue was the number of teams in the league. Unfortunately, due to a perfect

storm of events, the most damaging of which was switching to a 3rd league hosting site in as many years, we were not able to do a lot of advertising and marketing for 2018. That is going to change. We have started to discuss and implement an aggressive marketing campaign for the 2019 season, with the goal of doubling the number of teams

in the league.

Another top issue was parity and team selection. Starting next year, all Rookie, Minors, and Majors teams will hold a player draft. Teams may still stay together if they choose, but coaches will be able to draft to fill their roster or build an entire team from the draft.

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2019**Division VP's****All-Stars:**

James Shields

Softball:

Jennifer Ybarra

BR 13-15:

Jeffery Nystrom

Majors:

Kevin Farrell

Minors:

Vacant

Rookie:

Darick La Selle

T-Ball:

Jeremy Jenkins

Buddy Ball:

Randy Seifert

New Board Members

2018 welcomed in three new board members to CYBSA. Kevin Farrell came on in the spring of 2018 and took the VP Majors position. James Shields was appointed to the position of VP of All-Stars, but expanding that to the competitive division as well. Darick La Selle accepted the appointment to the role of VP of the Rookie division. Justin Stein was also elected to the board of directors. All four of these gentlemen have brought some tremendous ideas and passion to your CYBSA board of directors.

Even though we welcomed those new members, there are still positions available for others who are interested in doing more to help out their league. We still have vacancies for officers such as treasurer and secretary. We have a division VP vacancy for the Minors division as well. There are other positions that are available for those who are interested, such as parts of a committee or just a member at large. Please contact Chris if you are interested in helping to shape your league for the present and the future.

Summer 2019
Registration Opens
1 December 2018.

Equipment and Apparel Garage Sale

On Saturday the 15th of September, we will be clearing out our storage lockers and selling both new and used equipment that we no longer have a use for. In addition, we have boxes of new apparel that we will be looking to sell, both CYBSA branded and MLB and MiLB team apparel. There will be baseball pants, shirts, hats, and much more available.

All proceeds will be used to fund brand new equipment for the 2019 season. Our catcher's equipment hasn't been updated in several years and our goal is to sell enough to purchase brand new catchers equipment for every team in the league. That means that most of our old catcher's gear will also be for sale. If you have an aspiring catcher at home and would like to pick up some

equipment for cheap, come on by and see what we have available.

The sale will be held from 9:00am to 1:00pm on Saturday the 15th of September, while supplies last. Come early for the greatest selection.

CubeSmart Self-Storage

20210 E Smoky Hill Rd,
Centennial, CO 80015

Baseball Survey Results cont.

All players either new to the league or wishing to change teams will have to participate in player assessments in the spring. After those assessments, coaches will draft to fill the remainder of their teams. This process has been done in the Minors division the past couple of seasons and has increased the level of parity within that division greatly. Any returning teams who wish to

stay together may still do so and will not have to participate in the assessments or draft. This does not include T-Ball.

Umpiring was another source of problems for some of our members. Whether it was the way they handled their duties or their punctuality, there were a number of complaints. We are under contract for one more year with our current

umpire assignor, and will address these issues for 2019 and make changes if they aren't corrected.

Thank you to everyone who took the time to participate in the survey. Not only do we appreciate it, it allows you to help shape the league for the future.

Registration Opening Day Poker Tournament

On the day 2019 registration opens, Saturday, 1 December, CYBSA is hosting a poker tournament fundraiser. The cost will be a \$50.00 tax deductible* donation to Centennial Youth Baseball-Softball Association. The funds raised will go towards purchasing all new catcher's equipment for 2019.

The event will start at 5:00 PM on Saturday, 1 December, with the location yet to be determined. It will include food and beverages, as well as a 10,000 chip starting stack, which you have the option to double for just a donation of \$20.00 more.

The game will be Texas Hold

Em. It will be a no limit game with reentries available up until 8:00 PM.

Prizes will include 50% and 100% off 2019 baseball or softball registrations, as well as other prizes donated by sponsors. At least 20% of those in attendance will receive 50% or more off of a 2019 player registration.

You can enter the event by going to the Centennial Baseball website, going to the registration page and clicking on "shop." The URL is also listed on the side of this page.

If you have any questions, contact Chris at cbaerns7@gmail.com

League Management

Following the 2018 season, the board of directors commissioned Chris Baerns to take over the league management duties. Randy Seifert will still be performing limited league management duties, focusing on the Buddy Ball program.

Chris joined the league in 2014 and became a director in 2015.

He holds a BA in Economics and recently completed his endorsement in Secondary Education, for teaching social studies, at MSU Denver. He has been a CHSAA umpire and referee since 2012.

Chris brings decades of entrepreneurial and management experience to the position.

Keeping Registration Fees Down in 2019

In an effort to keep the leagues fees where they are at for 2019, and as low as possible in the future, CYBSA is implementing a program where every team will be assigned a specific duty during the season.

In the past, the league has tried to rely on volunteers to cover these roles, but generally falls well short of the number of

people needed to run things as well as we would like. To find outside people to fill these roles would cost around \$50 more per player in registration fees. As an alternative, we can keep those fees from hitting our families, if we have everyone spend just a few hours helping each year.

In 2019, every team will be

Fall Baseball Coming

CYBSA will be starting a fall season beginning next year. Many details are still being worked out, pending the availability of fields to permit.

The goal is to have a season that is from 6-10 games long, running from August through September or early October. If possible, the season will end with tournament play.

More information will be coming in the spring of 2019, once we have found what fields are available and we can put together a schedule.

Registration for this fall league will begin during or immediately following our regular summer season.

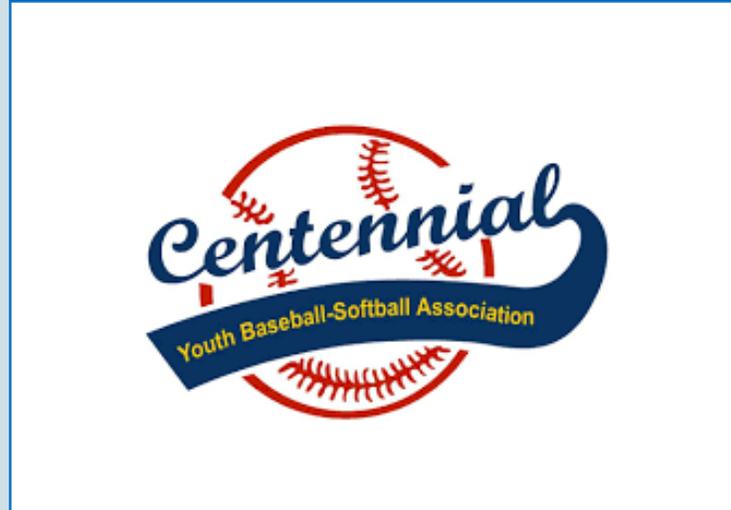
assigned one task to perform during the season, which should take roughly 4 hours, on average. It could be helping out with equipment pickup, tournament setup, helping run assessments, or any of the dozens of other things needed throughout the season.

More information will be provided during registration.



<https://centennialcybsa.siplay.com/MySportsStore/cybsa-fundraiser-poker-tournament>

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About CYBSA

CYBSA is registered and operates as a 501(c)3 non-profit organization.

Centennial Youth Baseball-Softball Association (CYBSA) is affiliated with [Babe Ruth League, Inc.](#) and offers Summer Baseball to boys and girls between the ages of four and eighteen, and Softball to girls between the ages of seven and sixteen.

CYBSA is organized to develop and operate baseball and girls softball programs in affiliation with Babe Ruth League Inc., a New Jersey corporation. In conformity with and pursuant to the

principles enunciated by said Babe Ruth League Inc., and in conjunction with such purposes, the objective of CYBSA is that, through the medium of a supervised, competitive baseball or softball program, guided and governed by said Babe Ruth League Inc., CYBSA league will seek to implant in the youth of the community ideals of good sportsmanship, honesty, loyalty, courage and reverence, so they may be finer, stronger and happier youths who will grow to be good, clean, healthy adults.

CYBSA includes but is not

limited to serving the youth of Centennial, Greenwood Village, Englewood, Aurora, Parker, Foxfield and unincorporated Arapahoe County. With exception of League Manager (only paid position), CYBSA is an all-volunteer staffed organization working to provide the very best program for the youth of our community, where competition, learning and having fun go hand in hand.

CYBSA prides itself in the ability to provide the youth of our community an environment in which to learn and develop athletic skills, as well as life skills to apply in the

competitive arena, while maintaining an attitude of good sportsmanship and fun. The primary focus of CYBSA has always been and will continue to be the YOUTH of our community.