



# Greenfield Minor League Baseball Tournament Team Player Information

Congratulations on your player making one of our Tournament Teams (12U, 11U, 10U, 9U or 8U)! Below is some additional information now that your player has been selected.

In the coming weeks, your team manager will decide on a practice schedule and what tournaments the team will participate in. Please note they may not have the full listing of tournaments yet as some tournaments do not decide dates or confirm teams until shortly before. Please be on the lookout for direct emails (or texts) from the manager. Please remember this is a competitive tournament team. It is expected that players will be at most, if not all, practices and make every effort to be at all games. But even though it is competitive, most importantly, we want this to be a fun experience, win or lose, for all the players involved as well as their parents.

Most of the teams will communicate through the GameChanger app. It is important that you closely watch communication made through this app. GameChanger works very well for team communication. However, please make sure that any personal or serious issues are addressed directly with the Head Coach, and not in the group chat.

## **Costs**

With tournament teams, there are certain fees and costs that are the parents/guardians' and players' responsibility. Some of those include:

- Uniforms
- Tournament Fees
- Hotel Bookings (some tournaments you will need a hotel, others may be closer and not needed or optional). Parents/Guardians are expected to book their own hotel room(s).
- Game Costs (fields, umpires, balls, etc)
- Practice Facility Rental Fees (if the team decides to practice in the off season, indoors, etc)
- Any items from a "team store" that might be offered (optional)
- Miscellaneous Costs

To keep fees as low as possible, GMLB assists with tournament fees. However, fees can also be significantly reduced with fundraising and solicitation of donations and sponsorships. If you are interested in assisting with fundraising or sponsorships, please reach out to your team manager. Please note any efforts or items need to be approved by the team manager or GMLB.



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## How can you help?

Tournament teams are a team effort. While your manager and coaches have taken on a lot of the work that will be needed, they really need parents/guardians to help out as much as possible. Possible items for which parents/guardians can assist:

- Reserving a block of hotel rooms close to the location of a tournament for which parents can direct book rooms.
- When traveling, help with scheduling team dinners at restaurants, outings, etc.
- Score games “live” on GameChanger or keep books, if needed.

## GMLB Tournament Team Requirements:

- **\$150 team registration fee (due in full by May 20).** Your manager will provide a link to make payment. This fee will be used for team uniforms and the first State Tournament.
- Payment of future costs (to be set and announced by manager) via check made out to Greenfield Minor League Baseball and given to the team manager.
- Once a team decides on a tournament, confirmation ASAP as to player availability so decisions and registration can occur quickly.
- Birth Certificate, to be provided to manager upon request. This is a requirement for tournaments as proof of the age of each player.
- Completion of all required/necessary forms, upon request (for example, consent for treatment, photo waiver); many of which are required by Cal Ripken.

Unless specified otherwise, all tournaments are typically associated with Cal Ripken and operate under Cal Ripken rules. However, some tournaments use their own specific rules. Western Mass Cal Ripken is broken down into five districts. Greenfield is in District 2 along with towns like Hadley, Frontier, Turners Falls.

If you have any questions, please let your manager know.

*Have a great tournament season!*