

Rattlers Family,

I am VERY excited about our team (we have some GREAT kids and families!) and hope you are looking forward to a great season together!

Before we get into too much of the team business, I would like to get everyone together on **Sunday (January, 28th) at 4 PM**. I am suggesting we meet at Kindle (Horn, this should take less than 30 minutes.) No, we are not practicing, this is a *Parents Meeting* and the kids can meet and play at the park or play some catch. Please reply letting me know you can attend.

This season **'The Bellaire Little League Board'** has created a **requirement** that **every family** must take at least one of the team roles coordinated by our TEAM PARENT. We will discuss this in more detail at our Parent Meeting. **The Rattlers need a Team Parent, as you can see that role will be less difficult than in years past.** Let me know if you can help our team and myself get things rolling right out of the gate this year! Remember: "Our team will only be as good as the **PARENT INVOLVEMENT** we as a TEAM receive." I have managed several age groups in BLL, this is my third time for Minors and this statement is 100% SPOT ON.

I thought I would share my personal objectives for all of your players in managing our team this spring. They are:

- 1) Have fun!
- 2) Teach your child a new baseball skill or enhance his existing baseball skills.
- 3) Allow the opportunity and encourage your child to succeed.
- 4) Teach your child about teamwork and sportsmanship.
- 5) Help your child learn to handle competitiveness, success, and failure while striving to always give his BEST EFFORT.
- 6) Season goals- each PLAYER will write down their own goal(s) for the season (personal & Team.) I think this is important in their development. (I will pass these out on Sunday.)

There will be a huge learning curve for **many** this season as they are seeing "kid pitch" for the first time. We are going to have fun and work hard no matter how long the transition takes.

You will see our team display good sportsmanship and respect for every teammate, opponent, coach and umpire. This goes for us as parents too.

For those of you that have not been on one of my teams before - please know I do not play "favorites". I strongly believe in rewarding hard work, positive attitudes and expect good behavior and listening from the boys. **There is no other agenda except for what I outlined above!**

Assistant Coaches: Daniel Goot and Mario Quintanilla have volunteered to be our shirted coaches this season for the Rattlers. Our team is VERY fortunate to have these two seasoned coaches working with our boys.

During practices I plan to have stations set up. Keeping the kids in small groups will keep their attention focused on baseball and focused on improving their game. I am more than happy to spend a minute with you and show you how to run a station during practice. We can only accomplish this with the help of **YOU!** We welcome ALL parents to help at practices.

Start getting out today with your son and have a catch. We will be starting practices next week! (Dates and times to be announced soon.) Once I hear them I will email out the dates, times, and locations. Practice away from our team is a must!! I will remind everyone about this often.

I've attached several sheets: Code of Conduct for Parents, **Minor** League Ground Rules, Medical Release Forms, & Volunteer Forms. Please fill them out and return to me as soon as possible. Either print them out and bring it to practice OR scan and email to me. One is the **medical information form** and the other is the **volunteer form (if never filled out before), volunteer form returning (if you HAVE filled one out before.)** Please complete ALL forms-even if you have completed one before. Your child cannot participate without a medical information form in my possession (please make sure I am aware of any **allergies/etc**) and the volunteer application is required by the League for **any** parent/volunteer who is going to have any contact with any of the kids, A COPY OF YOUR TDL IS REQUIRED for the background check. The SS# is NOT required. I will keep the forms in the equipment bag.

Rain Outs

https://www.rainedout.net/team_page.php?a=15f0aead02eb62c84e36

RainOuts is the fastest way to find out if we are rained out. Sign UP!! This is a free service. If there is a rain out you will receive an email and or text message exactly when I know.

Any questions- you can always text, email me or call me on my cell if you prefer [281-932-2330](tel:281-932-2330).

My email is rattlersbll18@gmail.com.

See everyone on Sunday!

Elliot