



## **Jr. Academy Information**

### **FAQ:**

What is the goal of this program? - The Junior Academy was created to create more baseball opportunities for players who show continued interest in getting better within the sport. This program is considered a higher level of competition and will consist of playing competitive teams from other areas, with the goal of challenging our teams to play better teams to improve our competing skills.

Will this conflict with Little League? - Junior Academy has a working relationship with Little League and every effort has been made to minimize any conflicts.

When do we start? As soon as the teams are confirmed, coaches will have practices start shortly after. We will have indoor use while the weather is cold outside. April - June

When do we play? Generally speaking, you will be playing games on weekends and practicing during the week. Please note that there could be some exhibition games scheduled during the week, but you will have notice from your coach.

### **Schedule**

Each team will be entered into the tournaments as per the decision of the Head Coach. All teams will be in the Lethbridge Ice Breaker in April, as well some will be in the Mitch Ball Memorial Tournament in Lethbridge in late May/early June.

For the 2024 season each team will play approximately 16-20 games including exhibition/double header games and 3-4 tournaments (weather pending). Each team can expect to practice weekly in coordination with the Little League schedule so athletes can play in both programs. The age cutoff will also be August 31, the same as Little League, no exceptions.

To go along with the 3-4 tournaments, teams will have an additional exhibition game & practice schedule. The Jr Academy season will be from April to the 1st week of June.

### **Registration Fees for 2024**

10U – \$320 (registration + apparel) package + \$300 fundraising deposit = \$620

11U – \$320 (registration + apparel) package + \$300 fundraising deposit = \$620

12U – \$345 (registration + apparel) package + \$300 fundraising deposit = \$645

13U – \$345 (registration + apparel) package + \$300 fundraising deposit = \$645

Jr. Academy registration fees include practices, tournament registrations, uniform jersey rentals, and facility rental fees.

Jr. Academy apparel packages include the following; short-sleeved T-shirt, long-sleeved T-shirt, hoodie, shorts, hat.

## **Fundraising Expectations**

### **Meat Order**

Each player & family will be expected to meet the minimum of 10 boxes sold.

### **Bingo**

Each player & family will be expected to meet the minimum of working 1 bingo for our partner organization Little League District #1.

### **50/50 or Raffle Tickets**

Each player & family will be required to meet the minimum of \$100 worth of tickets sold.

If you wish to simply pay the \$300 fee, you may opt out of the meat box AND bingo fundraisers but will still be expected to participate in the ticket sales and the tournament volunteer schedules. You are welcome to put your name on all of the tickets and submit them, and have the opportunity to win the Grand Prize. Once your family has met the minimum in sales for each opportunity, the \$300 paid up-front will be e-transferred back to you.

### **Home Tournaments Volunteering**

Each player & family will be required to help with the Ice Breaker and Mitch Ball Memorial Tournaments, 50/50, raffle table items, concession, or any other tournament events.

# **Junior Academy 10-13U TRYOUTS 2024**

**Locations - PBA Facility - 545 6 Ave N OR Orion Sports Center - 212049, Twp Rd 81a**

**Players to be at the facility at least 10-15 mins prior to start time to register** (we will have tape on site)

A tryout fee of \$20 will be due at check in and you should note that parents will not be allowed in the facility during tryouts.

**10U Tryouts – Friday Feb. 9<sup>th</sup> - 300-500pm – Orion Sports Centre  
Sunday Feb. 11<sup>th</sup> - 530-730pm – PBA Facility – Omar Kadir**

**11U Tryouts – Friday Feb. 16<sup>th</sup> – 300-500pm – Orion Sports Centre  
Sunday Feb. 18<sup>th</sup> – 530-700pm – PBA Facility – Mitch Carpenter**

**12U Tryouts – Sat. Feb 17<sup>th</sup> – 530-730pm – PBA Facility  
Sun. Feb 18<sup>th</sup> – 730-930pm – PBA Facility - Lucas Puszkur**

**13U Tryouts – Sat. Feb 24<sup>th</sup> – 700-830pm – Orion Sports Centre**  
**Sun. Feb 25<sup>th</sup> – 530-700pm – PBA Facility**

Skills - Agility, Arm Strength, Athletic Ability, Infield, Outfield, Catchers Pop Times, Conditioning, Hitting, Pitching, Catching (catchers - bring your gear)

**\*\*Times may change if the tryouts can be held outside\*\***

If you have any questions, please contact Lorien at the Administration Office;

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**AGE CHART**

Sept	Oct	Nov	Dec	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	June	July	Aug	Age
2014	2014	2014	2014	2015	2015	2015	2015	2015	2015	2015	2015	9
2013	2013	2013	2013	2014	2014	2014	2014	2014	2014	2014	2014	10
2012	2012	2012	2012	2013	2013	2013	2013	2013	2013	2013	2013	11
2011	2011	2011	2011	2012	2012	2012	2012	2012	2012	2012	2012	12
2010	2010	2010	2010	2011	2011	2011	2011	2011	2011	2011	2011	13

Tentative Tournament Schedule:

1. Lethbridge Ice Breaker, April 2024, Lethbridge
2. Helena Mother's Day Tournament, May 2024, Helena Montana
3. Spokane Memorial Day Super Bash, May 2024, Spokane Washington
4. Mitch Ball Memorial Tournament, June 2024, Lethbridge