



MYBA Hot Stove Baseball...

- ◆ Part of Ohio Hot Stove Baseball League, Inc (OHSBL)
 - State versus Nationally sanctioned league
 - 23 Charters serving 850 teams / 12,000 players in Ohio
- ◆ Play through the Lorain County Charter
 - On average, 30-minute travel time to games
- ◆ ~20 regular season game schedule, May-June
 - 2-3 games per week
 - Teams may enter independent community tournaments at manager's & parents' discretion
 - Practice is at managers discretion, typically start indoors in the March timeframe and practice once a week during the season
- ◆ OHSBL State Tournament
 - Commences first weekend following 4th of July and lasts 4 weekends until eliminated (District / Regional / State Finals)
 - Parents are asked to push vacations into August

Make the right choice for your son...

- ◆ For those players with desire to play high school level ball
- ◆ Beyond Recreational Ball characteristics:
 - Instructional league where not all players share equal commitment
 - Rules require playing time for all players
 - Local play against other Medina rec teams only
- ◆ But not that of Nationally Sanctioned Travel League characteristics:
 - Try outs & hand-selection enable players to be 'cut' typically based on talent
 - Greater # of games & year-round activity are required to be competitive in these leagues at all ages
- ◆ Rules differentiating Hot Stove from Recreational Ball
 - No 2-hour limit except at a 10 run differential
 - No equal play time requirement
 - No continuous batting order, only starters bat (except for 8 year olds)
 - No requirement to move players throughout all positions
 - Standard 9-man line up versus 10
 - Hot Stove is beyond an instructional league
- ◆ Hot Stove Commitment of Players & Parents
 - It is not a year round commitment to the game of baseball
 - However, *baseball should be the highest priority during baseball season*, typically March-July
 - The player NOT the parent should love the game to play at this level

Registration & Costs...

- ◆ Registration, Leagues & Ages
 - Coaches may 'freeze' returning players so teams stay together year over year – a GREAT aspect!
 - 'Coach picks' enable coaches to select a limited number of players ahead of a draft to build teams with similar interests
 - Limited vacant spots are filled via open registration on a first come basis and selected through a draft
 - Ages include Farm 8; Class H 9/10; Class G 11/12; Class F13/14; Class EE 15/16; Class E 17/18
- ◆ Hot Stove Costs Are Beyond Recreational Ball
 - MYBA registration fee (\$125-\$155 pending age) covers Lorain County Charter fees, umpires, insurance, and basic equipment
 - Beyond the registration fee, teams (Parents) are responsible for the cost of uniforms, etc.
 - Player contribution, fundraising, sponsorship