



# 2012 Parental Handbook

*A GUIDE TO MILLIS YOUTH BASEBALL & SOFTBALL*

*2012 SPRING-SUMMER PROGRAMS*

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Board members can be contacted by phone for any questions relative to their specific area of responsibility. Board meetings are held the first Sunday of every month (except July/August) at 7:00 PM in the American Legion Hall on Curve Street.

## CODE OF CONDUCT

Millis Youth Baseball, Inc. is a **ZERO** tolerance league. There will be no exceptions to the code of conduct and disciplinary action will be enforced.

**MILLIS YOUTH BASEBALL, (MYBS) INC. is a private, non-profit organization and is not affiliated with the town of Millis, Millis Public Schools, or any other organization.** Playing in, coaching for, and volunteering for MYBS is a **privilege and not a right.**

1. **All** persons involved with MYBS including parents/guardians, players, head coaches/coaches and officials shall abide by the code of conduct and all the rules governing the league.
2. It is the duty of all managers/coaches to control their players and spectators at all times.
3. **All** managers, coaches and assistants are expected to comply with the stated purpose and the rules of MYBS.
4. **All** participants, spectators and guests are subject to all the rules and regulations of MYBS.
5. Coaches should teach their players to respect the dignity of the game, the authority of its officials, the value of the opponent and the institutions they represent.
6. Coaches shall confine their discussions with the opposing team and game officials to interpretation of the rules and **NOT** challenge an umpire's judgment call. A judgment call is considered, ball/strike, safe/out, and/ or fair/foul.
7. Cursing, obscene or threatening gestures or language, harassment of any kind, malicious or personal remarks between opponents, players, spectators or officials **on or off the field will not** be tolerated and will be subject to disciplinary action. Anyone in violation will be immediately removed from the field or field area and forbidden to return until disciplinary action(s)/decision(s) have been made.
8. Improper use of, or deliberate damage to the equipment or property by anyone **will not** be tolerated and will be grounds for disciplinary action.
9. Officers, directors, umpires and all coaching staff are responsible for enforcing the rules and regulations on and off the playing field.
10. The rosters, a player's name or evaluations are the property of MYBS and will not be released to the public, media and or placed on-line with out the consent of MYBS.
11. All email addresses are for MYBS purposes only. They will not be used for personal items or solicitations that are not baseball/softball related.
12. Telephone/Verbal/Email/In-person assaults, harassment and/ or threats are strictly forbidden. Coaches/Parents with sensitive questions, coaching/player problems or moral/ethical issues that may require board intervention, **will not** email team parents, coaches, town representatives or travel league organizations. **Any and all emails regarding a disciplinary problem(s) and action(s) are strictly confidential and will not be shared with anyone other than the parties involved.** Violation of this policy will result in immediate disciplinary action.

# 1. REGISTRATION –ALL DATES ARE 2012

## REGISTRATION WILL TAKE PLACE ONLY ON THE FOLLOWING DATES:

- ▶ **Wednesday, January 4 6:30 PM – 8:00 PM Memorial Building**
- ▶ **Saturday, January 21 8:30 AM – 11:30 AM High School Gym Area**
- ▶ **Saturday, February 11 8:30 AM – 11:30 AM High School Gym Area (Final)**

## 2. PARENTAL SUPPORT

- The success of our program depends on your continued support. Each year MYBS sees increasing costs for equipment, uniforms, field maintenance and our scholarship programs. One of the many fine traditions of our program is the willingness of our player's parents to volunteer their time and energy in many ways. Your participation allows us to upgrade the quality of our program while keeping registration fees reasonable.
- If your child plays in the MAJOR LEAGUE at the Gerry Sisto Memorial Field, you are required to work the concession stand during their games. This stand is our largest source of revenue. The concession director will give each parent a work schedule at the start of the season.
- Other areas in which volunteers are needed are COACHING, FIELD MAINTENANCE, TEAM PARENT, UMPIRING and BOARD of DIRECTORS. If you can help please notify a Board member.
- Please note that all coaches and managers will be required to complete and pass a CORI.

## 3. SPRING PROGRAM

Millis Youth Baseball & Softball offers spring programs for children with League ages 6 through 16. Practice for spring programs begin on **March 24, 2012** with games beginning on **April 21, 2012** and ending in Mid-June, around the end of the school year. Opening day ceremonies include a parade through town with ceremonies held at the Gerry Sisto Memorial Field. First games are played immediately after the opening day ceremonies for many of the teams.

### MYBS Spring Baseball

The MYBS Baseball program is offered for both boys and girls. The league is divided into five levels ranging from league age 6 through 16. The **League age** is the child's age as of **August 31, 2012**. The August 31 deadline is in place to allow children to play in an age group with their school class. Players are assigned to levels and teams based on age and ability as determined at player evaluations.

**Instructional Baseball:** This program is for league age 6 & 7 year-olds. The purpose is to provide basic fundamental instruction about the game and introduce players to the sport. This is a non-competitive league in which scores and standings are not kept. The coaches do all pitching and an inning is completed only when each player on the batting team has had a chance to hit. Any player who has a difficult time hitting the pitched ball may use a batting tee provided by the team. A soft tee-ball is used to limit the risk of injury that can be caused by a hard ball. Players are rotated throughout the field in order to gain experience at each position. Games are played at the Oak Grove Farm fields.

**AA Baseball:** This program is for league age 8 & 9 year-olds. The focus continues to be on teaching the game at a more advanced pace than the instructional level. Players use a reduced impact ball that reduces the risk of serious injury that can be caused by a hard ball. Players do all the pitching from a distance of about 35 feet. Modified youth league baseball rules are followed in an effort to slowly introduce the players to more advanced fundamentals of the game. Each player is given equal playing time by the coaches. Coaches are encouraged to move each player to a variety of positions over the course of the season so that they may gain experience at most, if not all, positions. Games are played at the Clyde Brown School field.

**AAA Baseball:** This level is for 10-12 year-old players who are not quite ready for the Major League level. Advanced 9 year-old players may also be selected to play at this level based on their player evaluation and the program's need for additional players. Instruction of more advanced concepts is the focus of coaches. Players do all pitching from a distance of 46 feet. A youth league approved hardball is used. Base stealing and bunting is introduced and scores and standings are maintained leading to a play-off series at the end of the season. Then season consists of 12-14 games plus playoffs. All games are played at the AAA (Tennis Court) field.

**Major League Baseball:** This league plays under youth league rules and guidelines as adopted by MYBS. Tryouts are required for all players. A player must have a league age of **at least 10 years old as of August 31, 2012**, and **can not turn 13 before August, 31, 2012**, in order to tryout for this league. A greater emphasis on skills is evident at this level in a more competitive environment. Coaches' focus remains on instruction and player development in a team setting. Players pitch the entire game and unlimited stealing is allowed. Team rosters are set at 12 players and each player will play a minimum of 3 innings in the field with a continuous batting order. The season consists of 12-14 games plus playoffs. All games are played at the Gerry Sisto Memorial Field.

**Spring Senior League:** The Senior League spring program is for 13 year-old boys. This is an informal travel league played with Walpole, Norfolk, Wrentham and Plainville to introduce the 90' baseball diamond. The league is based on Babe Ruth rules and the MYBS by-laws.

- **If a player plans to play a school sport during the spring season, he is not eligible to play MYBS. Any decision must be made no later than March 15, 2012 (softball EXCLUDED). There are no exceptions to this rule as all players must be evaluated and teams formed.**

## **MYBS Spring Softball**

**Instructional Softball:** This program is for grades K-2. The purpose is to provide basic fundamental instruction about the game and introduce players to the sport. This is a non-competitive league in which scores and standings are not kept. The coaches do all pitching and an inning is completed only when each player on the batting team has had a chance to hit. Players learn proper batting form by using a batting tee. Players are rotated throughout the field in order to gain experience at each position. Games are played at the lower Oak Grove Farm field. This league travels one day a week to Medway.

**AAA Softball:** This level is for players in grades 3 & 4. Coaches pitch for the first few games. Players should try to pitch a whole game from a distance of 40 feet. A youth league approved

11" softball is used. Umpires are used. Base stealing and bunting is introduced and scores and standings are maintained. Team rosters are set at 12 players and each player will play a minimum of 3 innings in the field with a continuous batting order. This league travels to surrounding towns. The season consists of 16-20 games. All games are played at the lower Oak

Grove Farm field, but some games may be played at the Memorial Building field. This league follows the ASA, TriValley/MYBS rules (in this order). Mouth guards are mandatory.

**Jr/Sr Softball:** This level is for players in grades 5 & 6 (Jr.) 7 & 8 (Sr.). Tryouts are required for all players. A greater emphasis on skills is evident at this level in a **more competitive** environment. Coaching focus remains on instruction and player development in a team setting. Players pitch the entire game from 45 feet. A youth league approved 11” softball is used. Team rosters are set at 12 players and each player will play a minimum of 3 innings in the field with a continuous batting order. The season consists of 16-20 games plus playoffs. All games are played at the Memorial Field. This league follows the ASA, TriValley/MYBS rules (in this order). Mouth guards are mandatory.

**NOTE:** AAA/Jr/Sr softball players are required to purchase a Millis reversible uniform. Because of low numbers at this level, Sr. players often play in the Medfield league, and are required to purchase a Medfield uniform.

**Summer Softball:** The summer softball program is players aged 8 to 17. Tryouts are required for all players. **This is a highly competitive travel league.** A youth league approved 12” softball is used. This league follows the ASA, Twin Valley and MYBS rules (in this order). Mouth guards are mandatory.

## 4. IMPORTANT DATES – ALL LEAGUES AND DIVISIONS

SATURDAY MARCH 24<sup>th</sup>

EQUIPMENT PICK UP DAY  
SPRING PRACTICES CAN BEGIN

SATURDAY APRIL 21<sup>st</sup>

OPENING DAY PARADE AND CEREMONIES  
RAIN DATE APRIL 22

TUES & WED MAY 15<sup>th</sup> & 16<sup>th</sup>

TEAM PICTURES

We hope this information packet answers many of your questions. If you have additional questions about any of our programs, please feel free to contact the league director or any other Board member.

The MYBS website is intended to provide news and information about our league. Please visit this site for important news and information about our programs, schedules, make-up games, and league news. The site is: [www.millisybs.org](http://www.millisybs.org)

If you are interested in becoming a board member or getting further involved in our organization, please feel free to visit our public meetings held on the first Sunday of every month except July and August (subject to change, please check our website for updates), or contact any of our board members.

We hope that this season is enjoyable for your child. We appreciate your involvement and suggestions as to how we can improve our programs.

Sincerely,

Millis Youth Baseball/Softball, Inc. Board of Directors