

2023 U11 A/B Rage Evaluation Parent & Athlete Information

Hello parents and athletes!! We are excited for this season's evaluations and are ready to get a few more of our teams formed. The information below will provide you with our evaluation process for the 2023 ball season. When the list comes out, if you do not see your child on the list, and you have paid for the evaluations, please contact Mike Gullett immediately or your child won't be evaluated.

- Evaluations will take place in the soccer pitch at the Collicutt Center. When you arrive please have your child report to the registration table which will be located right inside the doors of the soccer pitch. There, they will sign in and receive their player ID number. This ID number is very important. Once you have signed in and have your ID number, please start warming up. Time is very tight and we will need to move efficiently through each station. Please ensure your child shows up on time. If you attend both evaluation dates, repeat this process each day.

- Players are required to provide the equipment needed for their evaluation. Rage will not be providing equipment on the day of evaluations. Competitors will NOT be sliding, ball pants are optional. Equipment required: clean running shoes (cleats are not permitted), batting helmet, batting gloves, infield mask, bat and glove.

- If your child wishes to be evaluated as a catcher, we strongly recommend you have your own equipment. If you don't own equipment Rage will have a couple sets on hand. We can't guarantee how it will fit.

- Pitchers are able to warm up with a parent / friend. Catchers WILL NOT be provided. You are welcome to arrange someone to warm up your child, if not a bownet will be available. Any minor catching for a pitcher must wear the appropriate mask.

- Athletes will be evaluated on all ball related skills. Below are some examples.

Batting - hitting mechanics/technique, power, contact, bunting mechanics, bunting contact, etc.

Infield - catching a ball, fielding ground balls, mechanics/techniques, running speed, throwing accuracy, and overall ability.

Outfield - fly balls, ground balls, throwing power / accuracy, tracking & overall ability.

Pitching - Speed, targets, pitching mechanics/form, option to demonstrate types of pitches.

Catching - Blocking, catching, throwing, bunt recovery, pop ups & overall ability. █

-We have hired outside evaluators. These evaluators will include position specific evaluators to evaluate our pitchers and catchers. It is our goal to have the same evaluator in each section for all the athletes for both days. This will help to ensure equal scoring. The players are evaluated anonymously. Evaluators won't be given the players name, only their player ID number from sign in will be on the score sheet.

- Our teams will consist of 12 players and formed by the following in this order starting with the A team:

1) Top 2 pitchers from the pitching evaluations make the team

2) Top 1 catcher from the catcher evaluations makes the team

3) Top 7 player scores from the player evaluations make the team

4) 2 coach picks make up the last two spots (any player that attended evaluations, regardless of score)

- Parents can request their child's individual evaluation score from Mike after teams have been posted.

- U11 A/B pitching distance will be 35'

- U11 A/B ball speeds in the batting station and for the catching evaluations will be: 35MPH

- Baselines for U11 A/B will be 45'

- U11 A/B will use a 11" ball

- In the event of a tie for player scores for the last player position (#7) it will be determined by the highest score from the batting section of their evaluation, if it's still tied the highest score from their infield evaluation is used, if it's still tied the highest score from their outfield evaluation will be used, finally if it's still tied the coach will pick between the tied player.

- Your child is welcome to participate in both evaluation dates but we understand that this isn't always possible. The athlete's top day score will be used, not individual event scores.

- Evaluation slot times will be posted by March 12.

- After evaluations, when the teams are formed they will be posted on our website. The U11 teams will be posted by April 2.

- Please consider that A and B are competitive travel teams. You can expect higher costs, more practices and lots of travel. If that isn't what you're looking for we will have a C team and rec teams as well. Please let us know prior if you don't intend to play A or B. If your child would like to play rec there is no need to evaluate.

These teams will play in GPLS (Girls Prairie League Softball). The GPLS dates are below. Teams may play more weekends at the teams/coaches discretion. However, these weekends are for sure.

“A” Division

- May 12-14 (St. Albert/Greater Edmonton Area)
- May 19-22 (Calgary, AB)
- June 16-18 (Sherwood Park, AB)
- June 23-25 (Lloydminster, AB/SK)

“B” Division

- May 12-14 (St. Albert/Greater Edmonton Area)
- May 26-28 (Irma, AB)
- June 23-25 (Unity, SK)

If you have any further questions please contact Mike Gullett.

Thank you,

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