

Bloomington Normal Baseball Association



Our mission is to “Provide organized affordable youth baseball to both recreational (In-Town) and competitive (Travel) teams for players ages 5 through 18

Welcome to our February Newsletter 2018

IN HOUSE LEAGUES ARE FILLING UP FAST!!!!
REGISTER YOUR CHILD SOON

Welcome to our monthly newsletter for BNBA families. We utilize this electronic newsletter to provide information to our parents, coaches, players and umpires in a regular format. We will still use our website and group emails to complete timely communication, but we hope that this will help the flow of information from the office.



REGISTRATION OPEN FOR IN HOUSE BASEBALL FOR 2018

Information is available online now about registration for the 2018 season. Once again you may register your son on-line and pick a friend to play with or select a coach to play for. We also organize teams by school or neighborhood. You can select those things while registering your child. Please go to www.bnba.net for all your BNBA information and registration needs. **THE BNBA ADVANTAGE – your child can play with his friends, classmates, neighbors.** You can form a team of players of the proper age to play in the BNBA. Find your sons classmates or friends from the neighborhood and we will put them all together on a team.

In House League Key Dates - 2018

April 13	Close of In House League Registration
April 23,24	Team Assignments Released Emails sent to all parents
April 27,28	In House Schedules Released
May 7	In House Practice Begins
May 21	In House League Games Begin
May 25-28	Memorial Day Weekend No Games
June 2	Saturday Picture Day at the CornCrib
July 4-6	No Games July 4 Holiday Break
July 13	End of Season for T-Ball, League 1 and League 2
July 16 – 21	Post Season League Tournaments for League 3 and League 4

The BNBA Office will open at O’Neil Park in Bloomington Wednesday March 7, 2018 according to the following schedule

The BNBA Office will be open Wednesday through Friday from 300 pm - 600 pm and Saturdays mornings from 1000 am - 100 pm. Beginning March 7, 2018. The office will be open 1100 am - 600 pm Monday through Friday and Saturday 1000 am - 100 pm beginning April 2, 2018

BNBA In House Program Info and History

BNBA has provided organized affordable baseball to Bloomington-Normal for over 50 years. Formerly known as American Junior Baseball and American Legion Baseball, the BNBA provides both recreational (In-Town) and competitive (Travel) teams for players ages 5 through 18 and typically accommodates 1,000 players each season. Registration fees for In-Town players range from \$95 to \$170 based on the league. Registration fees provide uniforms, equipment, umpires, program operations and supplemental insurance for players. The In-Town program provides for the largest number of players and includes six leagues as follow:

- **T-Ball** / Ages 5-6 Cost \$95.00
- **Rookie League** / Ages 7-8 Cost \$115.00
- **American League** / Ages 9-10 Cost \$125.00
- **National League** / Ages 11-12 Cost \$170.00
- **Major League** / Ages 13-14 Cost \$170.00
- **Senior League (Recreational High School Division)** / Ages 15-17

The season begins in early May and concludes in late July. Teams are scheduled 2-3 games per week including a season end tournament for players in the National and Major leagues. Rainouts are attempted to be rescheduled as field availability allows. Weekday games begin at 5:30 or 7:45 pm and Saturday game times vary from 11 am to 3 pm. The In-Town program does not play Sunday games. The BNBA relies on volunteer coaches who are asked to promote the fundamentals of the game, equitable playing time and sportsmanship. The goal in this division is to provide a positive baseball experience for players and fans.

Our numbers are Growing!!!!!!

In House Registration is moving along well. We have over 100 players in T- Ball, Rookie League 1 and American League 2. We still have plenty of openings in National League 3 and American League 4. Please be sure to complete Registration as soon as possible. Reserved roster positions are not guaranteed after April 1.

Coaches Corner - Get involved!!!!!! We need volunteer Coaches

This year we are registering Coaches online so that we can background check all coaches. Online registration of Coaches is at no cost to the Coaches. We appreciate our volunteer coaches. We will offer several training opportunities to our Coaches. We will have a Coaches training clinic in late April before the start of the season.

Special Opportunity for our In-House Coaches - Your son can play for free

As a **Head Coach** your player will have your **Registration fee refunded** if you can do one of two things

1. Designate the BNBA for A State Farm Good Neighbor Grant. As a Coach you can designate the BNBA as a recipient of one of your Volunteer Employee Good Neighbor Grant opportunities. If you do so and the BNBA receives the \$500 grant, then we will refund you your child's registration fee
2. Provide a sponsor for your team. If your business or someone you know is willing to sponsor your team at the BNBA, you can receive your child's registration refunded after we receive the sponsorship payment. Cost of Sponsorship is \$350.00. Contact the office for more information on this opportunity.

**Mark Your Calendars 2018 BNBA In House Coaching Clinic – April 22, 2018 1230 PM
Central Catholic High School 1201 Airport Road Bloomington, Illinois**

Volunteer Coach Background Checks:

All coaches need to create a user account and register online. If you are a parent and have an account, you will still need to go through the Coach Registration process. Log into your account, then go to the proper league to the left and register as a Coach. In the following years, you can log in with your account information to register. Online Coach Registration and Background Check Authorization is designed to help our league and youth sports officials implement and maintain a thorough background screening process and child abuse prevention program for all coaches and volunteers. By registering as a Coach your information will be sent through our background check process which is directed by Protect Youth Sports and EverySport.

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Umpiring in the BNBA

Do you have High School students looking for a way to make some additional money? Umpiring in the BNBA is a great part time job for your high school or college student. We train the umpires and give them help by allowing them to work with more experienced umpires. Umpires make \$25.00 per game. Games last one and a half to two hours. Umpires can work one or two games a night. Games are played beginning at 5:30 pm or 7:45 pm on weeknights and at 10:00 am or 12:15 pm on Saturdays. **The 2018 BNBA Umpire Clinic is scheduled for Sunday, April 22, 2018, at 3:00 pm at the Central Catholic High School.** There will be umpiring skills demonstrations and we will begin the umpire scheduling process.

Watch for our next Newsletter late February in your email in box

K's Academy is the Official Training Center of the BNBA. Contact them at 309-535-0338 for lesson needs