



CYLB REC PLUS PROGRAM

The Rec Plus Program is a program for players who are currently registered in the CYLB recreation program. This program is designed for those players who possess the skills to play at the level of increased competition and to play in more games than the current recreation program offers. The Rec Plus Program is designed to be a bridge between the CYLB recreation and travel programs. It is believed that young player's playing interests, as well as their maturation in general, are best served when given the opportunity to participate with "like minded" peers. This means that youngsters enjoy the game more when they are similarly competitive with teammates and opponents, and dislike the game more when they feel they are not challenged. The Rec Plus Program is designed to improve the skill of players. While winning games is a goal, the emphasis is on player development over game results. Players selected for the Rec Plus team will participate in the recreation program as normal and play as a team for one game on Sundays. There will be no more than one practice per week. The Rec Plus team will participate in at least one tournament at the conclusion of the regular recreation league season. The number of players on each Rec Plus team is limited and tryouts will be held to select the team each year. All Rec Plus players will be required to play in the regular rec league and there will be an additional fee to cover expenses.

RULES

1. Each year the CYLB Board will determine in which age groups the Rec Plus Program will be offered. All age groups are eligible except the 5/6 and 15/17 age groups.
2. Participants can indicate their interest in participating in the program by indicating such on the registration form.
3. Rec plus teams must play in the Baltimore County Major League (BCML) Sunday Only League. They may participate in a maximum of three tournaments per year.

4. Interested coaches may apply to the CYLB Board. The Board will select coaches at the January Board meeting. Coaches must apply each year for the upcoming season.
5. Coaches may use walk in registrations and age group clinics to solicit interest in program.
6. The try outs for the Rec Plus team will begin with the regularly scheduled evaluation for the recreation program in March. For the 7/8 age group this would be the third weekend in March. At least two additional open tryouts must be conducted before the team is selected. All players who indicated interest on the registration form must be invited to the tryouts. The tryout is limited to registered CYLB players.
7. The Rec Plus team must be selected before the draft/team selection in their respective age group. Rec Plus teams are limited to a roster of 14. There must be at least 6 players from each age on a team unless BCML rules differ.
8. Rec Plus team members must be spread as evenly as possible throughout all of the teams in the age group in order to maintain competitive balance. For age groups with 7 or more teams, no more than 2 Rec Plus players may be on any one team. For age groups with 6 or less teams, no more than 3 Rec Plus players may be on any one team. Any recreation team that does not have a Rec Plus player on its team will receive the first pick in the draft and an extra first round pick.
9. The practices and games of the recreation team have priority over any Rec Plus team activity. Any player who misses a recreational team activity cannot participate in any Rec Plus activity that week unless the absence is due to illness or school/religious/family obligations. Excessive absences from the recreation team activities is grounds for dismissal from the Rec Plus program.
10. In age groups with a Rec Plus team, that team will be the only team from CYLB to be eligible to enter the Linthicum Ferndale tournament. CYLB will not sponsor another team from that age group even if the Rec Plus team elects not to participate. Rec Plus players are not eligible for recreation all star games.
11. Rec Plus teams are disbanded on August 1st. The selection of coaches and teams starts over every year.
12. Players are limited to participating in the Rec Plus program for two years unless they have been cut by their respective age group travel team.
13. Rec Plus teams are not allowed to participate as a team in any fall ball league. Players from the previous season's Rec Plus team must be evenly distributed on fall ball teams in all age groups.
14. Pitching Limits This includes pitching in recreation games, practices, and Rec Plus Games

7/8 40 pitches per day, 100 pitches per rolling 7 days, 1 day off for every 20 pitches, Must pitch from stretch.

9/10 3 innings per day, 8 innings per rolling 7 days, No consecutive days. Must pitch from stretch.

11/12 3 innings per day, 8 innings per rolling 7 days, No consecutive days

13/14 4 innings per day, 10 innings per rolling 7 days, No consecutive days

It is critical that players and their parents provide accurate information about a player's pitching time to each coaching staff. These limits are designed to ensure player safety. Players who misrepresent pitching time to any coaches will be dismissed from the Rec Plus Program.

15. The league will supply each Rec Plus team with one standard equipment bag, 1 dozen balls, uniform(cap/jersey/socks), and the entry fee for one tournament. Extra insurance, BCML fees, umpire fees, and entry fees for additional tournaments will be paid for using funds from the per player Rec Plus fee.
16. Each Rec Plus Manager must submit to the Board by the April Board meeting a total amount of money required for tournament entry, umpire, and any other related fees. Upon approval, the Board will then determine the per player fee for the year. Estimated fees:

7/8 75.00 9/10 125.00 11/12 175.00 13/14 225.00

17. Rec Plus teams are not allowed to do any fundraising. All fees collected must be submitted to the Treasurer for deposit. All invoices must be verified and submitted for prompt payment.
18. Rec Plus teams will receive field allocations for one practice per week and at least the amount of half of their games to submit to BCML. Any league game has priority over practice time, so practice allocations might be forfeited if fields are needed for makeup games.