

## **Registration Tips**

Please register your child for the grade they are currently in. For example, if your child is currently in 3rd grade then you would register them for Majors.

If you are registering for travel, your child must be the age or under that you are currently registering for before May 1st.

For example, if your player was going to try out for the 9u (nine and under) traveling team the player may not turn 10 years old before May 1, 12:01 am.

If you are going to try up, nine year old trying out for 10u (for example), please try out with your age group (9u in this case) as well.

## **Zimmerman Z-Ball**

Z-ball (t-ball) will teach boys and girls, ages 3-5, the beginning fundamentals of baseball/softball. Kids will be practicing hitting, fielding, and baserunning through practices and games. Safety is our top priority, so a safety ball will be placed on an adjustable tee for every child to get an at bat. Helmets will also be worn for hitting and baserunning. Games/practices will last for one hour and will take place once a week beginning in Mid-June. We will be providing Thunder z-shirts in a variety of team colors.

## **Zimmerman Minors**

For Current Kindergarten and First grades, ages 5 thru 7. Minors is a non-competitive league focusing on baseball fundamentals. This is a coach over hand pitch league. There are no player evaluations and the league commissioner randomly selects teams. At this age carpool sibling requests are considered so comment if needed in registration. Games are 3 innings long and are tentatively set for Monday and Wednesday nights with no more than 2 or 3 events per week. Safety baseballs are used to protect the players and the Coaches. Practice time will be included in the game time. Major League Baseball team hats and jerseys are supplied. The Minors League game season begins around mid to late May and concludes in mid-July.

## **Zimmerman Majors**

This league is formatted for 8 & 9 year olds (Currently in 2<sup>nd</sup> & 3<sup>rd</sup> grade) and introduces competitive play. Players pitch to each other in this league for the entire season. Scores/standings are kept. Teams are drafted after a player evaluation. Games are 6 innings long and are tentatively set for Tuesday and Thursday nights (with potential of Friday night games). The Majors League game season begins on the opening day May and concludes in mid - July. Practices will occur on one night per week or weekends. Major League Baseball team hats and jerseys are supplied. Majors league uses parent volunteers to umpire.

## **Zimmerman House 4<sup>th</sup> Grade**

The 4<sup>th</sup> Grade House League is made up of Elk River, Rogers and Zimmerman communities for players currently in 4<sup>th</sup> grade. This league continues competitive house level play with the addition of more "live ball situations" such as players taking bases on passed balls. Players must go through an evaluation process in early April and then coaches will "draft" players for their teams. This is meant to keep a "competitive balance" throughout the league. Teams will play a regular season schedule with league playoffs in July.

## **Zimmerman House 5<sup>th</sup>/6<sup>th</sup> Grade**

Made up of current 5<sup>th</sup> and 6<sup>th</sup> graders. Teams from Elk River, Rogers and Zimmerman communities will play a regular season schedule with Championship playoff Tournament in a weekend is in July.

### **Zimmerman House 7<sup>th</sup>/8<sup>th</sup>/9<sup>th</sup>Grade**

Current 7<sup>th</sup> graders will be playing in the Gopher State NorthStar House League. The NorthStar league is comprised of House league teams from surrounding communities such as Elk River, Zimmerman, Anoka-Ramsey and others. The 7<sup>th</sup> Grade House League is for 7<sup>th</sup> graders only and players begin playing on nearly regulation field dimensions and incorporate most high school baseball rules.

### **Zimmerman Travel League**

Traveling baseball is a competitive league offered to kids ages 9-15. Teams will be traveling to surrounding towns and cities for games. A player must not turn over the age they are trying out for by May 1, 2016. Example : If your player was going to try out for the 9u (nine and under) traveling team the player may not turn 10 years old before May 1, 12:01 am.

The tryouts will be judged by professional evaluators closed to the public at Zimmerman high school in mid-march. The top 8 players from tryouts will make a team roster, the remaining roster of 10 to 12 players may be filled by the travel coach in selecting from the list of players that paid and registered for tryouts. Players must attend tryouts to compete for those top 8 evaluated spots. **Any absence from tryouts MUST be approved by the Travel Coordinator.**

The regular season is made up of 12- 16 games depending on the age of your player. Also they will be playing in a minimum of two weekend tournaments. One is the local Zimmerman Traveling tournament and the other will be picked by your team's coach that will be paid for by ZYBA. Your team may attend more tournaments at the team's expense.

The typical season runs from May through the end of July. Zimmerman Youth Travel Baseball plays in the Gopher State League (MYAS) for its 9U – 15U age groups. Information on rules, equipment requirements, league schedules, and standings can be found on the [MYAS web site](#). Travel leagues typically consist of 16 regular season games played during the week with playoffs at the end of the year. Travel teams will typically play in 2 to 3 weekend tournaments, with 1-2 practices per week.