

2010 Burlington Titans Tournament Teams Parent Handout

Titan Teams are weekend tournament teams that will provide an opportunity for players to play more games at a higher and more competitive level. It is to be governed by a subcommittee of the Burlington Little League Board. It will be cosponsored by Burlington Little League but the expenses will be funded by separate player costs, sponsorships, and fundraisers.

WHO: There will be one team per age group, open to players age 8-14. There will be 12-13 players per team. U8-9, U10, U11, U12, U13, U14. Kids will be allowed to tryout for teams based on age and grade. Playing age is as of May 1. Minimum roster of 12 players.

WHEN: Tryouts will be scheduled for Sunday, Feb. 14. at Burlington High School. Please check in at least 15 minutes prior to scheduled time. Each player will get sized for uniform prior to tryout. Wear tennis shoes, wind pants, or shorts. Bring a glove and bat if you have one.

U8-9 3:00-4:10

U10 3:00-4:10

U11 4:10-5:20

U12 4:10-5:20

Check with team coaches or website, to see what other optional batting cage tryouts are set for each age group.

WHAT: These are not the District 6 All Star teams.

They are competitive teams, and we'll be playing in some better tournaments this year against traveling teams from Illinois and Wisconsin.

Players must be available weekends. Tournament dates will be/are posted on website and check-in table. Tournaments are subject to change. Each team will be scheduled to play a minimum of four tournaments. Tournaments will run from Mid May thru the beginning of July. (before district all stars start). Players must be available for 3 out of the 4 tournaments to be selected. U9 and U10 will play four tournaments and U11 thru U14 will be scheduled for four tournaments with an option to play five. **U9, U10, and U12 teams will also be playing in a Wiffle Ball Tourney on Feb 20-21 in Union Grove.**

HOW: Players will be selected by a panel of coaches and board members
NOT EVERY PLAYER IS GUARANTEED TO MAKE IT.

**ALL ROSTERS WILL BE POSTED ON WEBSITE BY 8:00 PM ON
SUNDAY NIGHT! PLEASE CHECK WEBSITE, PHONE CALLS WILL
NOT BE MADE!!!**

The rosters will be listed under the tournament team page for that age group. Go to www.blbaseball.com / titans / team page of team trying out for.

Kids are eligible for a team based on age and grade they are in. See below:

U14-14 as of May 1, or 8th grade

U13-13 as of May 1, or 7th grade

U12-12 as of May 1, or 6th grade

U11-11 as of May 1, or 5th grade

U10-10 as of May 1, or 4th grade

U9, must be 8 or 9 by May 1

If a player is eligible and desires to try-out to play up with their grade level, they should notify the coach for that level. The notified coach should assess that player during batting cage time and provide a try out level recommendation to the parent(s) before the try-outs.

COST: There is an additional cost to play on these teams of \$60 per player, **Payable if you make the team. Payment is to be made prior to receiving the uniforms. All money and signed parent volunteer form must be to your coach by May 1. Your child will not get their uniform until money is paid.**

UNIFORMS: Each player will receive a hat, jersey, pants, socks, belt and a undershirt. Players get to keep everything but the pants and belts. The pants will be returned and used again next year.

If teams decide to play additional tournaments, they will have to pay own entry fees. It will be up to the individual coaches to plan with approval from Scott Behnke.

No tournament teams can be playing while any of its players are playing in the Little League sanctioned All Star Tournaments.

GOALS AND EXPECTATIONS: We will play in tournaments to not only win, but to give our Players a chance to play more competitive baseball. Playing time and rules will vary per tournament. **There is no equal playing time**, however, we do expect our coaches to play each player in each and every game. Each coach will handle their teams differently, but we have given them some basic guidelines. We will also limit the pitching of our players so it does not interfere with their in house teams. Pitching issues should be handled between the parents and LL coaches. **All Titan kids will be limited to 8**

innings a weekend, no matter what the tournament rules state. Example: (If the tournament allows for kids to pitch (2) innings a game, and he plays (5) games, he can only pitch 8 innings.) Any violation of this will result in the dismissal of the coach.

If you have any problems, with the coaches or the program in general, please contact Scott Behnke. 767-8891.

FUND RAISERS: June 11-13 - U10,U12,U14 Battle of the Titans I

July 9-11 – U9, U11, U13 Battle of the Titans II

Funds raised will go towards offsetting the costs and all parents and players will be responsible for working concessions, grounds, scorekeeping, umping, etc. The tournaments are sponsored and paid for by Burlington Little League and Burlington Titan Baseball.

All parents and coaches will be scheduled to work in one of the tournaments. We would like volunteers to work both. Regular traveling teams will charge anywhere from \$150-\$400 to play. **All families** are required to work at least (4) hours at one of our tournaments. Coaches will get back to you with schedules and have you sign up for volunteering in concessions, field work, scoreboard, etc. We must do a better job than

last year on getting help for these tourneys. You will have the dates well ahead of time, if you can't make your scheduled tourney, you must work at the other one instead.

In addition to our hosting of tournaments, the Titan program and its players will be selling extra grocery raffle tickets. We will set up a schedule and each team will be responsible for a 2 ½ hour shift at Gooseberries and Sentry to sell the grocery raffle tickets. Each coach will be responsible for filling the schedule. We will need one adult to supervise. We will sell on Weekends in April and May.

Spirit Wear: Will be available for purchase up to February 28. Please grab a spirit wear sheet and check out the samples. After April 19th, you will not be able to order. Follow the instructions on the bottom of the sheet for ordering. Please contact Jodene Strommen with any questions.

2010 Titan Team Committee Members:

Scott Behnke-Chairman
Brad Brenner
Dale Damon
Scott Safar
Jodene Strommen
Mark Campbell

2010 Coaches

U14 ??
U13 Chad Kirkeeng
U12 Jeff Klug, Dave Heiligenthal, Scott Behnke
U11 Scott Safar, Mark Campbell, Rod Lindemann
U10 Jeff Horn, Aaron Pum, Pat Tully
U8-9 Tim Strommen, Dale Damon,