



## **MATHEWSON McCARTHY BANDITS TOURNAMENT TRYOUT COMMUNICATION**

Thank you for your support of Mathewson McCarthy Baseball. On behalf of the MMB Board of Directors and MMB Tournament Committee, your commitment to the league and this wonderful sport is greatly appreciated. This communication is intended clarify and set expectations regarding the MMB Tournament Team tryout process, which will be consistent at each MMB level:

### **Tryout Format:**

1. The model for tryouts will be a combined group tryout at each age level with the intent of selecting both A/Black and B/Blue teams, provided that there are enough qualified players for two teams at the level. The Managers may schedule additional tryouts, which would be open to all players.
2. When you arrive at the tryout, please sign in with the individual running the tryout. Please be sure to provide legible contact information.
3. Tryouts will be staffed by both 'level Managers' as well as 2-3 other volunteers who can assist with the tryouts. The MMB Tournament committee will support the tryouts by allocating at least one tournament committee member to each session as well.
4. Tryout dates and times will be set and communicated by the Tournament Team Managers at each level. Whenever possible, we will post tryout information on our website, [www.mmbrb.org](http://www.mmbrb.org).
5. Tryouts may include evaluation of players conducting the following baseball related activities: (note that some of these items are 'level' dependent. For example, pitchers are not evaluated at 8U) batting, bunting, throwing, catching fly balls, infielding (ground balls, line drives, throws to the designated base), running bases, pitching.

### **Tryout Evaluation and Communication Process:**

1. The MMB Black and Blue Team Managers will convene after all tryout sessions have been completed and select players for their teams (see item #1 above regarding 'Blue Team') following the tryout. Note that there may be players at the tryout who are also trying out for other, non-MMB teams. To that end, MMB requires its managers to provide timely communication to those who participate in tryouts. We ask that families be mindful of this as well, and be able to let the manager know if they will accept roster spots.
2. As soon as reasonably possible following the tryouts; all players/parents who attended the tryout will be contacted by the Black Team Manager communicating one of the messages, summarized as follows:

- a. Congratulations, you are being offered a roster position on the MMB Black Team. Please understand that the managers need to set their rosters, so we ask that the parent/player be prepared to advise the manager of their decision.
- b. Thank you for your time and efforts, unfortunately, you were not selected for the MMB Black Team.
  - i. If there will be a 'Blue Team' at the level; the Black Team Manager will add to the communication and indicate that the Blue Team Manager will communicate that roster within a reasonable time after the Black Team roster has been set.
  - ii. If there will not be a 'Blue Team' at the level; the Black Team Manager will provide a player tryout assessment / areas for the player to improve. (Note: Blue Team Manager may assist with this effort in the interest of providing timely responses to parents and players).
  - iii. For those players that do not roster on the 'Blue Team', the Blue Team Manager will provide a player tryout assessment / areas for the player to improve. (Note: Black Team Manager may assist with this effort in the interest of providing timely responses to parents and players). Lastly, 'declined offers' for Blue Team roster positions will open an opportunity for players who were evaluated as grading the next highest.

Thank you for your time and attention. Please have your child at the tryouts 20 minutes before the scheduled start time. To reiterate; the intention of this message is to assure you that MMB has a standard tryout process that will be conducted at each level. Furthermore, this message will be provided to each family leading up to/on the day of tryouts in lieu of a having a discussion about these topics with parents and players.

Considering this information, the players will be able to focus on giving their best efforts, the Managers can focus on the evaluation process and the parents can confidently leave the field with established expectations of what will happen in the coming days/weeks after tryouts conclude.

Sincerely,

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The 2017-2018 MMB Bandit Tournament Team Tryout Schedule is listed below. Please read the attached '**2017 - 2018 MMB Bandit Tournament Team Tryout Communication**' which is applicable to parents and players at all levels from 8U to 15U. The document provides an overview of the tryout process.

**8U - Saturday, August 26th, 2017 at 4pm (Wehrle Diamond #5): John Bland is the 8U Black Bandits Team Manager and organizer of this tryout**

**8U - Thursday, August 31st, 2017 at 6pm (Wehrle Diamond #5) : John Bland is the 8U Black Bandits Team Manager and organizer of this tryout**

9U - Wednesday, August 23rd, 2017 at 6pm (Wehrle Diamond #2): John Hoffman is the 9U Black Bandits Team Manager and organizer of this tryout

9U - Wednesday, August 30th, 2017 at 6pm (Wehrle Diamond #2): John Hoffman is the 9U Black Bandits Team Manager and organizer of this tryout

**10U - Tuesday, August 22nd, 2017 at 6pm (Wehrle Diamond #2): John Frank is the 10U Black Bandits Team Manager and organizer of this tryout**

**10U - Tuesday, August 29th, 2017 at 6pm (Wehrle Diamond #2): John Frank is the 10U Black Bandits Team Manager and organizer of this tryout**

11U - Tuesday, August 22nd, 2017 at 6pm (Wehrle Diamond #1): Paul Vallone is the 11U Black Bandits Team Manager and organizer of this tryout

11U - Tuesday, August 29th, 2017 at 6pm (Wehrle Diamond #1): Paul Vallone is the 11U Black Bandits Team Manager and organizer of this tryout

**12U - Wednesday, August 23rd, 2017 at 6pm (Wehrle Diamond #1): Sam Pantano is the 12U Black Bandits Team Manager and organizer of this tryout**

**12U - Sunday, August 27th, 2017 at 3pm (Wehrle Diamond #1): Sam Pantano is the 12U Black Bandits Team Manager and organizer of this tryout**

13U - Sunday, August 13th, 2017 at 3pm (Wehrle Diamond #4): Greg Croll is the 13U Black Bandits Team Manager and organizer of this tryout

13U - Sunday, August 20th, 2017 at 3pm (Wehrle Diamond #4): Greg Croll is the 13U Black Bandits Team Manager and organizer of this tryout

**14U Black - Tuesday, August 8th, 2017 at 630pm (Wehrle Diamond #4): Damon Wojciechowski is the 14U Black Bandits Team Manager and organizer of this tryout**

14U Blue - Friday, August 11th, 2017 at 630pm (Wehrle Diamond #4): Marc Honan is the 14U Blue Bandits Team Manager and organizer of this tryout

**15U - Sunday, August 13th, 2017 at noon (Wehrle Diamond #4): Ron VanSplunder is the 15U Black Bandits Team Manager and organizer of this tryout**

**15U - Sunday, September 10th, 2017 at noon (Wehrle Diamond #4): Ron VanSplunder is the 15U Black Bandits Team Manager and organizer of this tryout**

**Player age cutoff is as of April 30th, 2018. Additional tryouts at the 14U Black and Blue levels will be scheduled and communicated if / as needed.**

**Thank you and good luck!!!**