



Great News!! North Toronto baseball is stepping up!!

In addition to there being a AAA team, the **NT Greensox** will be fielding a Tier 2, AA Minor Pee Wee team for the 2010 baseball season, for players born in 1998.

The **Greensox** started as a Select team in 2008, and made the jump to rep baseball in 2009, qualifying for and competing in the Single A Provincial tournament in Sault Ste Marie.

For 2010, we plan to be a highly competitive AA team, and have developed an ambitious plan to achieve this.

We have made a fundamental overhaul of our organizational structure. We have restructured and added to our front-line coaching roster by bringing in Jeff Wolburgh, a former AAA player, to join Steve Offenheim and Peter Gold in focusing on the key playing areas. Commencing in 2010, we will have a formal player development program, which will be led by Steve Katz in conjunction with the other coaches.

In addition, we will be hiring a dedicated professional coach to work with the team for the entire season. The program will be further supplemented with hands-on training, support and mentoring from a talented group of high school kids who have recently been playing AAA baseball.

The **Greensox** philosophy is one of positive reinforcement. We are committed to player development in a supportive, teaching environment, where encouragement and instruction are the foundation upon which our program is built. Children who participate in a positive team environment gain skills and experience that benefit them well beyond their time on the field.

Hard work brings results!

In order to justify the enormous effort and investment being made, those kids who are selected for the team will be required to apply themselves and to demonstrate the corresponding high level of commitment required from them, and the parents. The kids will be expected to participate in a winter training program, which mostly likely will commence in December or January, and will continue once per week, until April.

In April, we start our outdoor training, and the kids will be expected to attend an intensive program of 3-4 practices per week until the season starts in early May. The expectation is that the kids will be available for every game and practice.

Every effort will be made to work around summer plans such as camp, cottages, and vacations. This year, we were able to reschedule the games for the last week of June and the first three weeks of July. We hope that is possible again next year. All vacation time should be taken during this time. Naturally, the schedules for May/June and August are very intense with the concentrated schedule of games and practices.

We have an exciting program planned for 2010. We plan to have at least one overnight team trip and will participate in a minimum of 3 tournaments, plus the TBA Playoffs tournament and potentially the OBA Playoffs (which occurs on the Labour Day weekend).



Try-outs will be held from 5:30 pm to 7:30 pm on September 30th and October 1st at Davisville Park. Floodlights will be in use when it gets dark. Kids trying out should attend at least one try-out session.

Kindly e-mail us at ntgreensox@hotmail.com no later than September 25th if you would like to attend our try-outs, by typing the e-mail title “Try-out confirmation – *kid’s name*”.

Please use the above e-mail address if you have any further enquiries. We look forward to seeing you all there.

Sincerely,

Steve Offenheim, Head Coach