



Methuen West Baseball

Dear Parents of the players in the Bambino League:

Three years ago we instituted a change in the program geared to supply better instruction to the children moving into our league. Young players, at this age, really have not had the chance to learn the game – to learn positions – to practice and improve their skills!!

In years past, we threw the kids right into games after one or two practices. This makes it tough for the kids to learn as they really haven't had too much time to really learn the game, improve their skills and to understand what to do in certain situations.

To help improve on this – we have instituted “scheduled scrimmages” as part of the program.

During our coaches meeting and clinics, the coaches learned various techniques to guide their instruction in various game fundamentals. During these scheduled scrimmages, the kids will spend the first part of the practice working together with the coaches in various stations that will be set up. The goal is to establish an environment where the kids get a chance to practice in more of a clinic environment.

During the last half of the scheduled scrimmage – the kids will play a shortened game - but the coaches will be allowed to instruct during the game. In this way, kids can get immediate feedback on what the right thing to do is – while also getting some positive encouragement!

We hope that this will make the game fun for the kids. With more knowledge and time to practice skills – more children will be ready to play various positions and feel confident about it! With confidence comes enjoyment.

We have asked our coaches – and we ask you – for your feedback as we implement this change.

Sincerely,

Methuen West Board Members