

Reporting Scores...

Coaches please remember to report game scores to the AJB office by 9:00 pm on game days. Email results to ajb.baseball@verizon.net or call the office. The Pantagraph needs our scores by 9:30 pm on the day of the game. **Our sponsors appreciate the recognition.**

Umpires Needed!!!

The AJB is always looking for umpires. Applicants must be 14 years old and should complete an application. The applications are available on the website, or obtained from the baseball office. Umpire pay is \$25.00. Patched umpires are paid \$35.00 for L5 games. The AJB provides umpires a shirt and cap. The 2009 umpire meeting will be Sunday, May 17 @ 2 pm at O'Neil field.



Visit Our Website to View the Following

Registration Forms
League Rules
Team Schedules
Team Sponsors
Team Rosters
Field Locations
Sponsorship Forms
Umpire Forms
Game Status (Weather)
Photography Information
Renegade Information

www.ajbbaseball.com
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The AJB board is comprised of 13 members with representation from each of the three branches of the organization, including at-large members, Renegade representatives and BNBA representatives. Board members welcome input from those involved in the organization and can be contacted as listed on the website at www.ajbbaseball.com, or by e-mail at ajb.baseball@verizon.net.

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Spring Newsletter



AJB's Top Ten Things to Think about as we start the 2009 Season...

1. Show respect and set a good example when dealing with our Umpires. This is a recreational league. Please exemplify good sportsmanship.
2. Coaches: Please report your scores. We like to acknowledge our sponsors by getting names and scores in the paper.
3. Consider utilizing the State Farm Grant Program for AJB if you are an eligible State Farm employee.
4. Players: Please wear your full AJB Uniform to each game.
5. Coaches, players and fans: Please clean up your dug-outs and field areas after each game. All trash needs to be placed in receptacles.
6. Check the AJB website for pertinent information @ www.ajbbaseball.com.
7. The Final Day to turn in Tag Day Funds for a chance to earn prizes is: Thursday, May 21.
8. Weather related game cancellations are announced on WJBC radio and the website
9. Teams rosters and schedules will be posted to the website in mid-May.
10. Do your best to make it a great season!

Travel Teams

AJB is the parent organization to two travel team programs those being the Renegades and the Bloomington-Normal Baseball Association or BNBA.

Tryouts for the Renegade teams, ages 9-14, are conducted at the end of the summer baseball season. Watch the website for 2010 season details.



The BNBA teams are set for the 2009 season. Tryouts for BNBA are held each spring at a date set by our 5 high school baseball coaches.

Tag Day Fundraiser

AJB appreciates your participation in the Tag Day Fundraiser. Registration Fees cover @ 65% of the costs involved in operating this program. The Tag Day Fundraiser, Sponsorships and the State Farm Grant Program supplement our fees to keep this program running.

Participation of \$25 or more in the fundraiser earns a player 2 tickets to AJB night at the Peoria Chiefs game on June 20th.

Important Notes !

Please visit the "What's New" page at the AJB website for the latest AJB information.

<http://ajbbaseball.com/WhatsNew.html>

2010 Registration

*Registration forms will be mailed out in November for the 2010 season. AJB will also host walk-in registration at the Coliseum at an announced date in January and February. If your player wants to play with players from a certain school, church, etc., the earlier the forms and fees are returned, the more likely you will be placed on a team of your choice. If forms and fees are returned after **March 15**, team selection is limited. Players are not placed on teams until forms and fees are received. Watch the website for walk-in registration dates and times.*

Rule Changes!

Please take a look at the Rules page of the AJB website. We have modified our rules document to include all leagues in the same document. Major changes include base stealing at League 4/Minor League level and game lengths for League 2.

<http://ajbbaseball.com/Rules.html>

Did You Know...

- **State Farm Grant Program:** AJB greatly benefits from the generosity of State Farm employees who donate 40 hours of service to the organization.
- **Sponsorships are always appreciated!** A significant portion of the program's operating budget comes from sponsorships. A team sponsorship is \$275.00. Forms can be downloaded from the website.
- Please take note of our current sponsors and use every opportunity to frequent their businesses. There is a list of sponsors on the sponsor page of the AJB website.
- All AJB Field Location Information can be found on the AJB website. Click the tab on the left side of the screen to access this information.

