



## AJB - Renegades Operation & Procedures Policy November 2008

**Mission Statement:** As the travel team branch of American Junior Baseball, the goal of the Renegade program is to facilitate and enhance the expanded knowledge, sportsmanship and physical skills, of the game through a competitive and expanded schedule. The coaching philosophy shall also facilitate preparing the players for the expectations of competitive baseball at the Junior High, High School and levels beyond.

**Team Composition:** The Renegades program shall provide teams for players from ages 9 through 14. The cut-off date for birth dates is April 30<sup>th</sup> of each year. The Renegades Board shall determine the number of teams, and the particular age groupings based on the talent pool for each season.

**Player Selection:** The Renegade coaches shall conduct and coordinate an open tryout prior to the beginning of each season. The tryouts shall be open to all players age eligible and shall be advertised through the AJB website and phone message and a mailing to all registered AJB players. Coaches shall evaluate players and do their best to select and field the best players possible.

**Coach Selection and Evaluation:** Generally coaches are uncompensated volunteers and are likely to have a son as a player on the team. Coaches are asked to be positive role models to the players, to conduct and interact with parents & players in a professional and courteous manner. Disciplinary issues should first be tried to be resolved at the team level. If unsuccessful, issues may be brought to the Renegade board for consideration. At the conclusion of each season, the Renegade board shall consider the general conduct and season experience for each coach as it relates to returning as a Renegade coach.

**Game Schedules:** Each coach is responsible to assemble his team's schedule for the season, this includes conventional games and tournaments. The AJB will secure fields through the Town, City or school districts and advise the Renegades of the facilities available. A master Renegades schedule must be provided to the AJB office as early as possible after scheduling is completed. Below is an anticipated schedule for each age.

Age	Total Games	Tournaments (Included in Total)
9 Years Olds	35-40 games	3
10 Years Olds	35-40 games	3
11 Year Olds	40-45 games	3
12 Year Olds	40-45 games	3
13 Year Olds	45-50 games	4
14 Year Olds	50-55 games	4

**Uniforms and Equipment:** The Renegades utilize a color scheme that shall include a combination of medium blue, black or gray in the uniform. The Renegades logo shall remain consistent in color for all teams. The Renegade logo is as shown in the heading of this document. The local sports equipment suppliers have access to the logo.

**Registration Fees:** Historically the cost to be a Renegade player has been around \$300.00 to \$350.00 for a season. Fees collected are handled by the individual Renegade team to cover operational expenses. The AJB will establish a per player fee to the league at the beginning of each season. The fee has been around \$50.00-\$60.00 dollars and covers insurance costs, field and office support. This is not in addition to the general registration fee. The Renegades do offer scholarship opportunities to those who may need financial assistance. Benefits of the State Farm volunteer grant program may also be used for scholarship or financial aid purposes.

**Team Operations:** Each team is responsible obtain uniforms and equipment, secure umpires, pay tournament entry fees, and to pay for any other costs associated with operating the team beyond insurance and ordinary field and office support. The AJB will provide each copy a copy of the necessary paperwork to utilize the AJB's tax exempt status for purchases or supplies directly related to the Renegade operation.

**Sponsorship & Fundraising:** Teams are encouraged to participate in fundraising or seek sponsorships to offset operating costs. For the purpose of clarification, fundraising involves receiving money for services provided by the Renegade coaches or players. Sponsorship is defined as receiving money in exchange for advertising the sponsor through banners, signs, jerseys, programs, etc. A Renegades sponsor form is posted to the website under the Renegades tab.

**Volunteer Grants:** In kind volunteer programs (State Farm Grants or the like) are also encouraged and are a great benefit to the program. As holder of the 501c3 Not for Profit status, the AJB is required to authorize and process any grants available to the program. This is required to be completed by an officer of the entity holding the Not for Profit status.

Fifty percent (50%) of grants received through a Renegade parent will be returned to the Renegades Committee for redistribution. Grants have historically been earmarked for field improvements or equipment purchases. The Renegade Committee shall use its discretion in distributing funds so as not to create an unfair advantage, or disadvantage, to any one Renegade team. It is understood that grant money should not be utilized for the purchase of uniforms, tournament entry fees, umpire or other similar operating costs.

2009 Renegades Committee

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