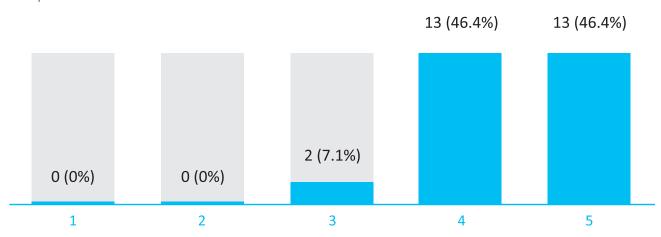


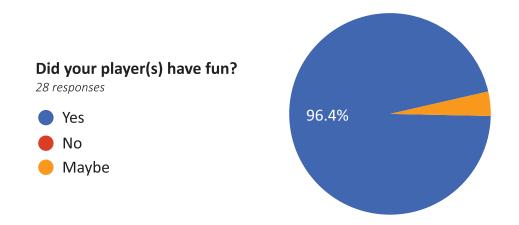
# 2022 Survey Results



# Parent Survey Results

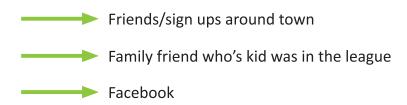
#### How would you rate the 2022 season?





#### If you were new this year, how did you hear about our league?

3 responses



#### What did you like about the seaon?

- The tournament
- Concessions, lots more activities for kids this year
- The coaches were awesome and the people on the board are so super friendly and helpful.
- Great coaching
- Seeing my son have fun
- No Sunday and Wednesday games. I like the days we currently have.
- Player friendships
- The kids had a blast. I loved the rookie league rules, giving kids the chance to pitch, but also bringing the coaches in to keep the game moving.
- Traveling for babe ruth
- Closing ceremony
- Great coach
- Parade, closing ceremony, treat tix,
- It was fun and coaches were great
- I loved being a coach this year! I absolutely loved our team, and my daughter loves baseball season. It was very cool to get to have that experience with her and I'd love to do it again!
- The games were close enough together to keep the season not too long but with plenty of games.
- Coaches and managers did a great job!
- Learned a lot and meet more parents
- How much the team grew together

#### What did you dislike about the season?

19 responses

- Coaches more worried about "winning" than teaching the kids the skills needed to get better. Also- why are we playing against all travel teams at our All-Star level? No wonder no one thinks All Stars is an awesome opportunity.
- The drawing for seeding the tournament
- Need more time to prepare kids for all stars
- Too short. Wish we had Fall Ball
- Not playing under the lights in rookie league
- Lack of practice/organization amongst coaches
- Not enough practices for the team
- Lack of resources, field conditions, late Allstar recruitment
- Our kids loved playing under the lights last year. I'd love to see that brought back for one game.

1. Unfortunately, All Stars isn't what it used to be. It used to be the best of the town leagues but travel teams have taken over and it's beyond our control. While the integrity of the original All Stars tournaments will always be important, we're implementing a travel program to try and be more aggressive. However, it is important to know that all of our players- not just those in travel- will always be eligible for All Stars. All stars is more than just talent and players are chosen based on performance, attitude, and many other factors throughout the season.

2. Amount of teams determines if we can have other divisions on the Major and Babe Ruth fields. We schedule them if and when we can.

3. We only have so many fields so coaches need to coordinate with each other for practice time and utilize other locations throughout town if need be.

#### What did you dislike about the season? (cont.)

19 responses

- Not enough kids
- Rookie division pitching



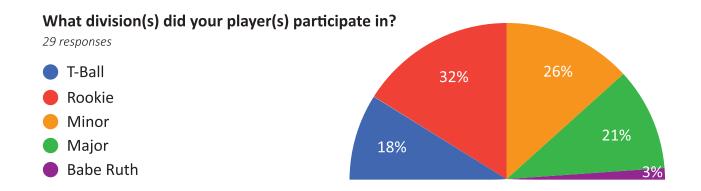




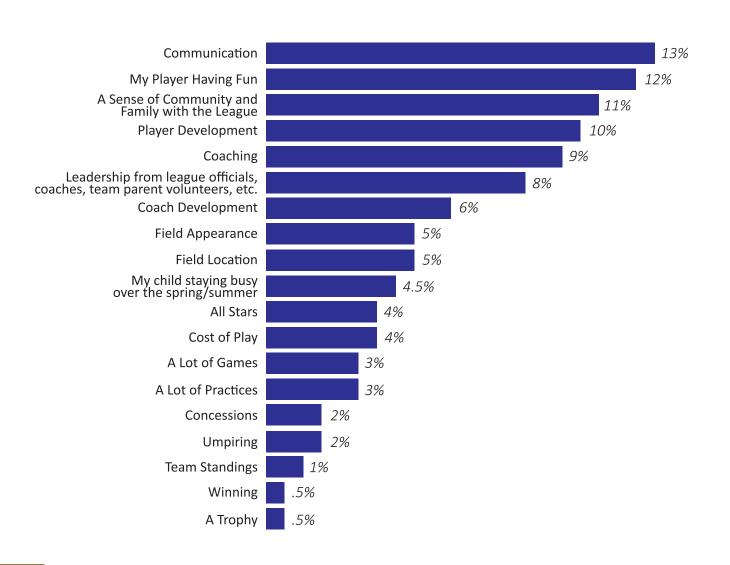
- Rookies pitching. They're too young. Batters got hit. Slowed games. Unnecessary pressure
- I have no complaints!
- The bases started out ok and started to lose posts etc through the season
- Rained out games :(
- Division manager was slow to get info and respond
- All stars

4. Field condition is mainly based on volunteers doing field work. If we want better fields, we need people to help make that happen. We've continuously had only one person working on entire fields by themselves throughout the entire season. We need more help. We rent the fields from St. Mary's and also from the town so we are slightly limited with what we can do. People helping will do wonders at all the fields though.

5. The Minor division is player pitch only. Having the Rookie division start pitching halfway through the season allows them to be prepared for that. This also lets them focus on learning more of the game itself in the Minor division. If may be long games, but we'll always do what's best for the kids to be prepared. We're happy to report that the majority of the kids loved it.



#### Please rate how important each of the following are to you and your family.



#### Where did you get most of your league information?

29 responses

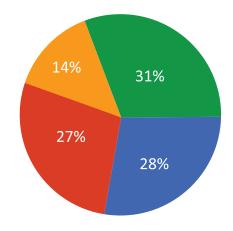


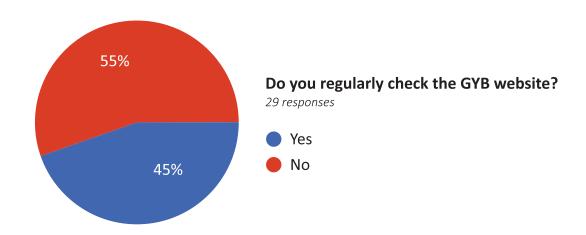
Team Parent

Board Member

Facebook

Website





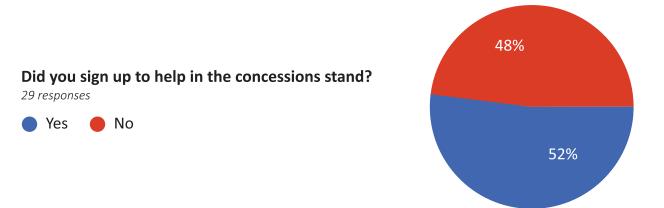
#### What website resources do you use?



#### How satisfied were you with the amount of games for each division you were part of?



# Concessions



#### If you didn't sign up, why not?

- Grandparent not my job
- Health reasons
- Its seemed expected which feels unappreciated, I'm a team player but there is a way to ask for help and get buy in vs almost demanding the help saying everyone has to
- Didn't know who to speak to to sign up
- No sitter for other children
- Not interested
- I coached and had 3 players
- Coaching
- I have 5 children under 9 years old that need to be watched.
- My work schedule
- I was coaching or working
- I coached and it was hard to fit just coaching to my work schedule. I simply didn't have time.

#### What is your favorite concessions stand menu item?

19 responses



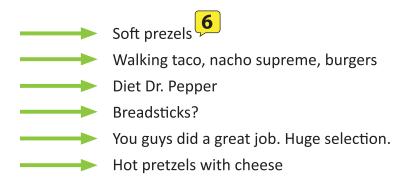
# Walking Tacos

BBQ Pork
Cold Water and Icee Pops
Ice cream
Ice cream sandwiches
Loaded Nachos
Pizza Puff
Polish
Lemon Italian Ice
Pretzels

1 VOTE

#### Any suggestions for food that you would like to see?

6 responses



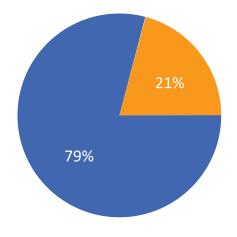
6. We did have quite a few of the items listed here, however, supply issues kept us from keeping them in the concessions stand. We all visited multiple stores multiple times weekly to try and find them. Hopefully we'll be able to find them all for next season!

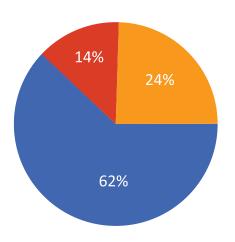
# **Growing Our League**



Would you be interested in playing other local leagues during our season to help grow our league, grow our players, and see what other town talent is like?

29 responses

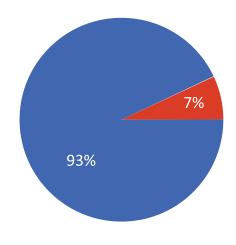




Would you be interested in a travel program associated with our league?

29 responses

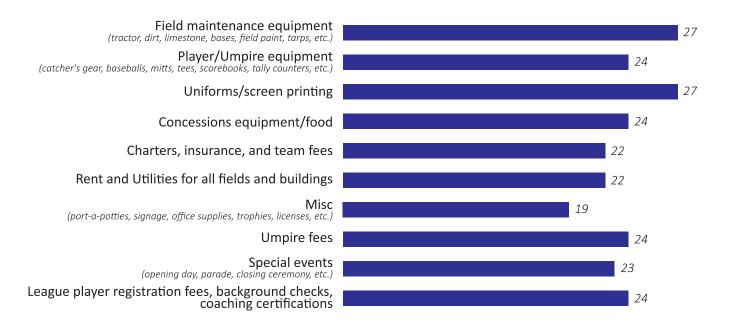
If we offer fall for the 2023 season - and we are able to get enough volunteers to help with things such as coaching, concessions, and field maintenance - would you be interested in playing?



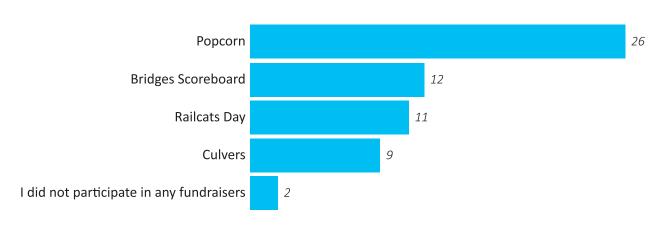
# Fundraisers & League Costs

#### What league costs were you aware of?

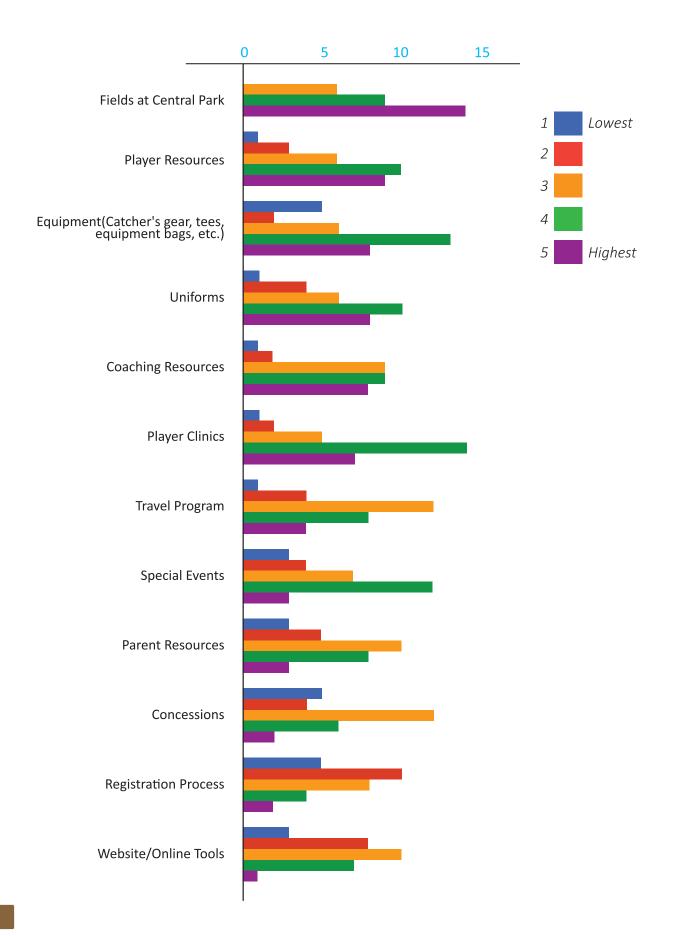
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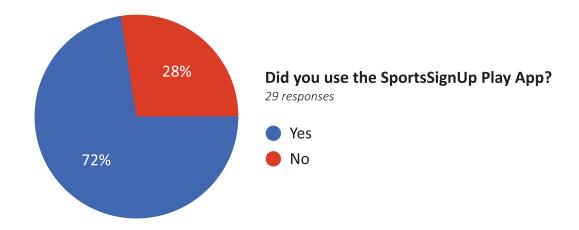


#### What fundraisers did you participate in to help with league costs?



#### Please indicate the importance of where you would like the league to invest money to improve our program.





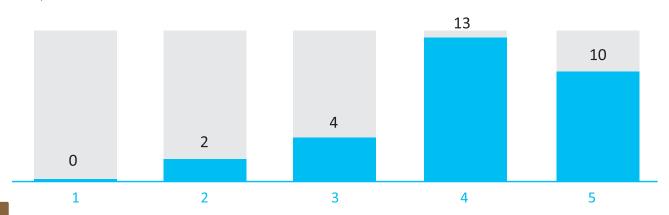
#### If you used the app, please list the features you used and if you liked or disliked them:

12 responses

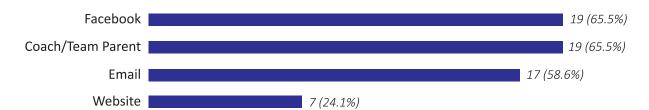
- Schedule to put practice times in and any other events
- Schedule, roster
- I like the app over all
- Schedule. It was good
- Game reminders was helpful
- Used in past. Can't get out of our team from 2 years ago
- If we won or lost
- Schedule
- I love that the players get baseball cards of their name and team! Super cool! I also liked how easy it is to find the schedule for games.
- I signed up but didn't find it useful.
- Schedule, calendar, photos: found photos hard to upload. Need more instructions for use (maybe top 5 things we should use/know)
- Schedules

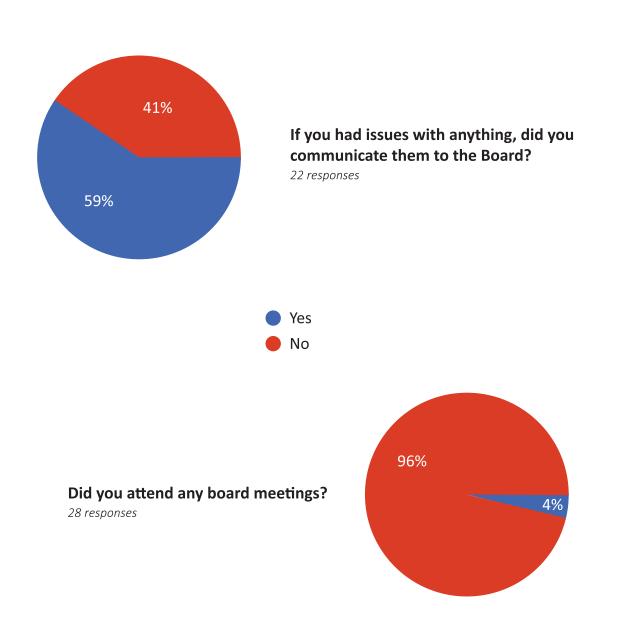
### The Board

#### How was the level of communication from the Board?



#### How do you prefer to receive Board communications?





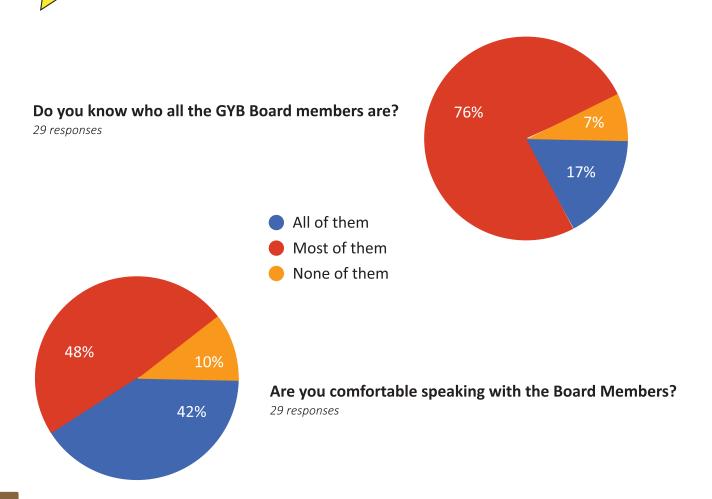
#### If you did not attend board meetings, why not?

14 responses

- 1. I never knew when they were. 2. The ones I was aware of I had to work.
- Sometimes Sunday is hard for me due to family dinners
- Work
- No sitter for children
- Didn't know you could just come
- Lazy
- Busy schedule
- Don't see the benefit
- Did not know I could
- I think I was working during the meetings
- You have them during work hours.
- Schedule/ Surgery
- Schedule
- Didn't know it was open to those not on the board until recently. I had no idea about any thing the board did in years past or who they even were. This year at least I knew who most were: Kyle, Erin, Stevie, Phil...

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7. All of our board meetings are open to the public and posted on our website calendar and facebook. We encourage all to come!



# Coaching



### If not, what has prevented you from managing/coaching? 11 responses

Don't know much

Lack of experience

Have other small children

No sitter for other children

Don't know baseball

My husband coached

I have 5 young kids.

Team mom

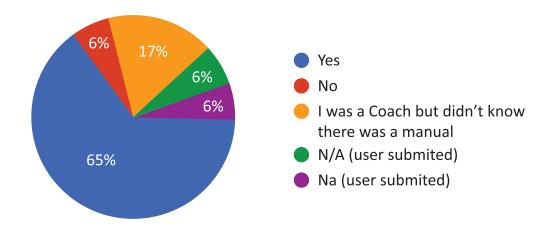
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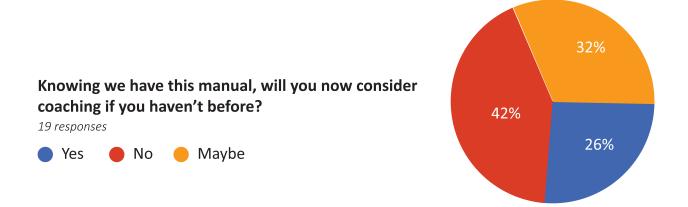
No baseball experience

Did it from Tball-minors

8. We have resources to help out if you haven't coached before or if you just need some encouragement and a little nudge. We're always happy to help! Just let us know what you need!

The league implemented a manual for Managers and Coaches this season with tips, drills, and other guides to help with GYB coaching. If you had these positions, did you utilize the manual and find it useful?





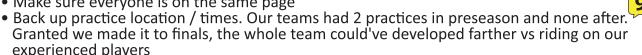
#### What else can we do to help our Managers and Coaces throughout the season?

10 responses

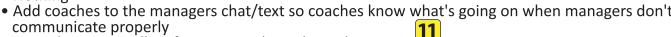
• All coaches need to be on the same page

• More availability for practices during the season, couldn't get the rookie field during games had to go to another location

• Make sure everyone is on the same page



Nothing



Spread games to allow for practice throughout the season

• I think the communication was great, and have no complaints about how I was treated as a coach!

You did a great job



• Have a periodic check in for info, tips, and connecting to other coaches

9. Games get priority during the season but other locations around town can always be used for practices. If you need to know some good spots, just let us know and we'll be happy to chat. We have limited fields for the amount of players and teams we have so we work with what we have.

10. This is great feedback!

11. Unfortunately if we spread games out to allow for practices on our designated fields, teams would get far too few games. We encourage finding other locations to practice or coordinating with other division managers to find open field times.

12. Always feel free to connect with other managers and coaches throughout the season and contact us whenever needed as well. We love this though!

#### As a Manager/Coach, please provide some feedback from your experience this season:

8 responses

- 13
- Season was good, wished parents were more involved with bringing their kids to practice and games. Most players never showed up for practices so it was challenging to teach them fundamentals
- Players and parents were mostly good
- I enjoyed it
- Enjoyed the entire season. The ability to get info quickly for parents was great.
- Overall GYB did a great job

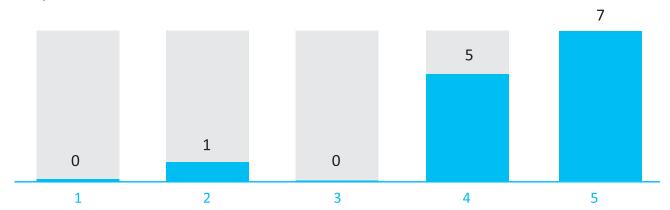
- My only suggestion would be if a Team Parent is not able to attend all of the games to allow for coaches to pass out things like treat tickets and picture day pictures. We did run into that this year.
- Our managers were great and made it an awesome experience for the players and the parents
- Division management needs consistent communication. Reminders of field etiquette. Field practice use schedule needed.

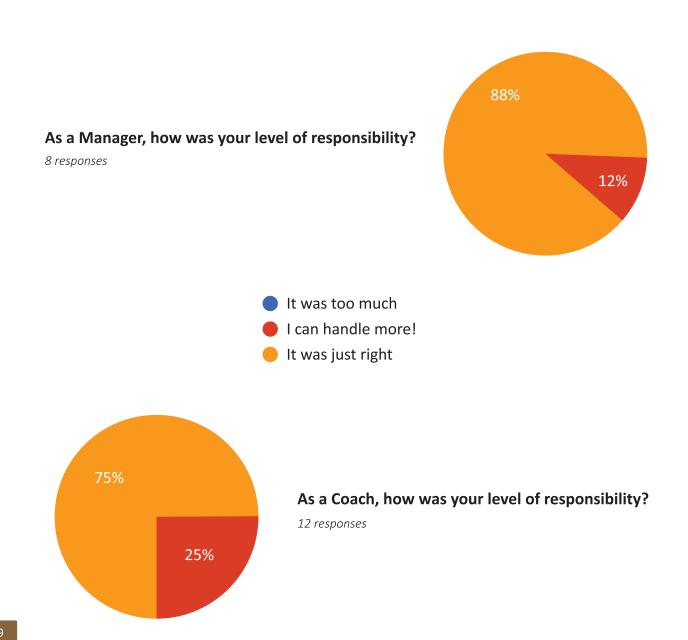
13. We wish this, too!

14. Coaches can absolutely do this! You would just need to contact the team parent and coordinate with that person.

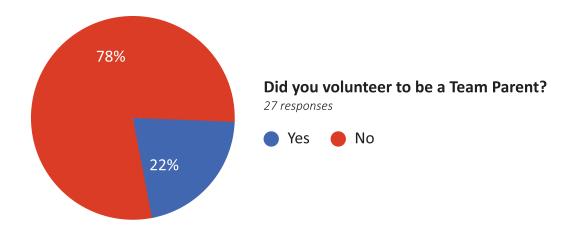
15. Great feedback!

#### As a Manager/Coach, how was the level of communication from the Board?





# **Team Parenting**



#### If not, what has prevented you from being a Team Parent?

- Too much going on
- Have other small children
- Team parent already picked
- Not interested
- Another mom took it
- Coaching
- I managed a team and coached another.
- I was a coach
- Work
- I was coach
- I coached.
- Coached
- Someone else did.
- Did it from Tball-minors

The league provided a folder with resources to help organize your players and information. As a team parent, did you utilize these sheets and find them useful?

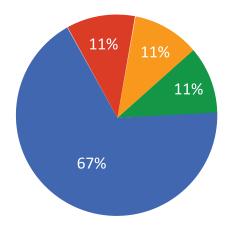




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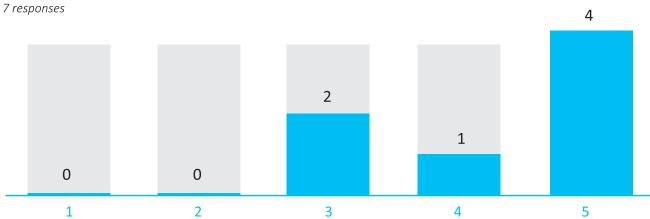
Not a team parent (user submitted)

Team parent didn't get folder (user submitted)









#### As a Team Parent, please provide some feedback from your experience this season:

6 responses



Our team parent had a hard time keeping up due to family issues

• I think it would be beneficial for team parents to have an in person meeting at some point

to help organize and communicate things. The Facebook page was difficult to use especially when it didn't alert me of the new information being posted. Also- there were times that two people posted the same exact things moments apart from one another. The information didn't always match.

• Season was great but some parents were not receptive.



- I put 3 for communication because while the communication was there and usually clear, sometimes it was pretty last minute
- It's not a hard job.
- The folder provided was well organized and made volunteering easy. Great communication, made it easy to pass info on to parents

16. Team parents should never feel like they need to go it alone. Always please ask for help!

17. We used to have an in person meeting but people complained and no one showed up. We would love to bring this back and with a new generation of parents, hopefully we can implement this again.

Erinn was the only one that maintained the Facebook page so anything other than her or any additional posts would only have been from other team parents. If anything is ever confusing, please let us know as we want things to be easy to understand. We are open to suggestions for other avenues of communications so please let us know if you have any.

18. We appreciate this feedback. All info is always put out as soon as it's known. So if it's late, then it wasn't known until then. If it's something known in advance, it's always posted multiple times.

# Wrap Up

Were there any standouts that were good? Such as events, people (managers/coaches/team parents/board/other volunteers), or situations?



Opening day was great, meaningful for kids

Coaches were very dedicated to the players and it's an enjoyment to see that.

The parade / opening day and closing ceremonies were great
Erin is awesome
I just want to say that even though we had communication issues with the parents this by far was the best year for us in the league. Erinn and Kyle were amazing and they put alot of sweat blood and tears for this organization!
Coach Cody-rookie
Over all atmosphere, environment, community amongst the whole league and board, it was over all very enjoyable.
The Railcats day was AWESOME! Such a cool experience for the kids and an awesome fundraiser!
The board member Kyle really was awesome handling issues that popped up on the field when there was a drunk man that showed up at my sons game. He came and defused the situation really fast and waited until the police came. Erin was always super friendly and helpful when I had a few issues.
Appreciate the hard work and dedication from the board. It was a great season. Really appreciate all the scrimmage games all star majors team played in addition to the tournament. It felt like we had a second season of baseball which was great.

### Were there any standouts that were bad? Such as events, people (managers/coaches/team parents/board/other volunteers), or situations?

12 responses

I did not like how all stars was handled. Seemed like it was very hush hush. Same as last year, majors. Team was already picked before many even knew it was a thing. Seems to be most of coaches kids who make it. Unfortunately, we didn't know about all stars when we were coaches or it didn't exist.

19

Honestly it seems like it's all about who you know. Did it go by the stats and behavior? If those who had an opportunity last year, maybe could have been skipped this year to give others a shot since only what 3 from each team were chosen?

Maybe a tryout would be beneficial to allow all those that would like to do all stars has a chance to try out.

An all star to me isn't a kid who talks back to the coach/empire or cries because they don't get their way but a kid who always thanks their coaches for their time, helps pick up garbage at the end of a game, volunteers to help when needed and plays the game hard.

Unfortunately, I don't believe there is an all stars for Babe Ruth ..or is there? My kid has been playing with Griffith every season since tball, 2 years each.

I did speak to Kyle about my concerns and disappointment.

19. All Stars is a season long tryout and teams are chosen by all of the Managers in each specific division. They get together and choose the players based on performance, talent, attitude, and other factors. Coaches kids make it only if deserved, however, we would never expect someone to coach if their child didn't play. (We did have an amazing coach that did that this year though.) We would never skip a child playing if they were deserving. There is no specific number from each team, it's just the kids that the Managers choose collectively from all the players available for that age group. There is an All Star team for all of our age groups but only if we have Managers and Coaches to take a team. If no one steps up to do it, then we don't have a team. We're glad you spoke to Kyle and hope all of your concerns have been addressed.

Struggled with being 1st year manager. Hard to get info at times because tribal knowledge makes everyone think others already know.

20. We never want anyone to struggle! Please come to your Division Manager or any other Board Member to discuss any concerns or if you need some direction, advice, or tips. If you'd rather not in person, you can always send an email to griffithyouthbaseball@gmail.com.

Won't say names but a "minimally involved" team mom and coach is frustrating for parents. Little information and misinformation.

Team manager was an awful communicator. Entire team missed a game, and wouldn't let us know about rescheduled until last minute. Stopped scheduling practice.

I don't think children have fair try outs if the coaches from previous years pick their entire team based off of kids they had before. I think coaches should have the right to take maybe some of course but an entire team! I don't think that gives other children a fair try out. And if the coaches are already knowing who they are going to pick then I don't think try outs are necessary. It's a waste of time not only for players but also for the parents. Also I think coaches should have shown more sportsmanship throughout the season although we knew they were winning mostly every game. More like setting an example for other children, because at the end of the day who doesn't want to win! But a hey good job pitching or hey nice hit wouldn't have hurt anyone.

21. All teams in Minors, Major, and Babe Ruth are made by draft. Managers and Coaches pick by a fair draft system so if a player isn't chosen by one, then they will be by another. There are no tryout, there are evaluations so new Managers and Coaches can see all of the returning players as well as new players. We definitely agree that sportsmanship should be first and foremost. We have addressed this in the past and will continue to do so.

Not enough people to help with concessions

22. We agree!

The parents who get drunk at All Star games is embarrassing.

23. We don't know anything about this and have never heard anything, but it's quite concerning. We, unfortunately, can't control the actions of those outside of our fields but hope that there were no incidents.

Need better fields

24. We definitely agree and need more support to make our fields better.

Lack of practices. Lack of organization in practices. We had 2 or 3 practices and my son never got to practice batting, he was skipped 1st practice and they didn't bat again in practice. One practice was in a feild because scheduling conflict with softball. In the 2 practices there was a lot of time spent with kids standing around waiting vs keeping the kids more engaged

25. Please consider volunteering to help with coaching or just practices. It's hard to keep the littles entertained sometimes and the more help there is, the better it is for our kids!

I think that although players are called out to try out for teams! I don't think all players have fair try outs because coaches who have been there before will create their team with players they had previous years therefore not giving other players a fair try out! I think coaches should have the option of choosing 2-3 players if they would like but also be considerate of other players and give them a chance to also be in a semi decent team. Orrrr there should just not by any try outs because they end up choosing who they want anyways.

26. Please see the comment above.

Nope!

People helping that doesn't have a background check.

27. We are unaware of people helping that did not provide background checks. All helpers are required to submit a background check before stepping foot on the field. We are also unsure how it's known if someone did or didn't. We would like to know more about this situation so if anyone has details, please contact Kyle.

Is there anything else you would like us to know?

10 responses

It would be nice if all the kids could do the July 4 parade not just all stars

It saddened me to see how often Kyle, Erin and Stevie where in the concession stand: (could we potentially hire it out like softball does or is our concession stand too much of a money maker? It dawned on me that when I sign up-I should pick times when my kid is playing so I don't miss his games-maybe others don't have that same thought. I wish I could volunteer more but between softball, baseball, sylvan, work in IL-seems like a time crunch all the time!

I think we can come up with bigger and better fundraisers. Maybe a raffle. How about a walk-a-thon or a play-a-thon? How about baseball square for the major league-sure it would be different from a football square but guessing it can be done like choose 4 innings for the final scores? Group garage sale or car wash (at the field we rent anyway) where all proceeds go to league? 50/50's at the games?

What about creating a wish list on Amazon and sharing with the parents for needed equipment, field maintenance items, office items, etc.

Can the kids pick their number?

I had no idea you had to rent the fields... what a pile of crap, shame on Griffith! Maybe this is normal and I just don't know, but that seems absurd to me. Who the hell else would rent it? Does Munster little league pay rent to Munster or schererville little league to schererville? Are the fields at St. Mary's belong to St. Mary's or the town? If st Mary's do they charge rent?

It may be beneficial to actually show a breakdown of what is spent to keep the league going each season vs. how much money comes in. Many probably just don't know. I believe if you had to charge each player \$10 more will help too!

Another idea-charge \$50 or whatever more each player and say if you work 5 hours in the concession stand you earn it back.

Players clinic I think would be fantastic. Pitching, catching, fielding, batting!!! That would be cool. Charge for it too-potential fundraisers as well:) you have someone who may charge \$20 per player for a batting clinic: charge \$25 where \$5 back to the league.

Unfortunately we're unable to hire, especially the service that softball uses. Our league costs far outweigh theirs and we need the funds to pay for umpires, concession supplies/food, equipment, and other things throughout the season.

We're always open to new fundraiser ideas!

Picking numbers is reserved for our Babe Ruth players. They deserve a perk after playing for so long.

Regarding field rentals, we do lease from the town for the Central Park fields and we rent the fields from St. Mary's as they own theirs. St. Mary's rental fees are very minimal and they are always very accommodating and great with our needs.

We do go over costs during board meetings and information is posted a couple times a year. We encourage people to come to board meetings to find out more about the inner workings of the league.

We have discussed player clinics- and would love to get those going- but we do need more volunteers



I think an interactive coaches clinic with examples of drills being done, hitting guidance, pitching guidance and situational play guidance for rules would be helpful.

29. We do provide this every year during our coaching clinic. We encourage all parents to attend along with out Managers and Coaches.

**30** 

Less time between the trophy ceremony and movie. Maybe trophies at 7, start the movie at 7:30? Loved the different trophies for first place and 2nd place. The kids were very excited!

30. This year was definitely a learning experience in regards to timing. We've already begun discussions for next end of season.

GYB has gotten better each year we did it keep it up let's keep going! The fields need a lot of work though.

**31** 

It would be good to invest in nicer tball and rookie fields to include nicer dugouts.

31. We don't own the fields, St. Mary's does. We are pretty limited in what we can do there. If we were even able to update anything there, it would be a very large cost.

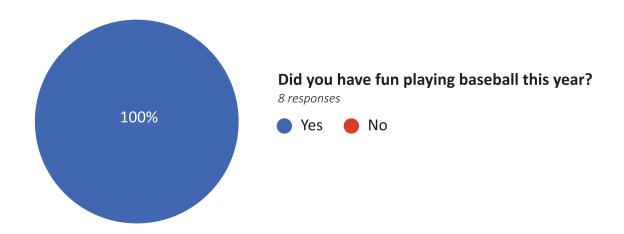
We love GYB

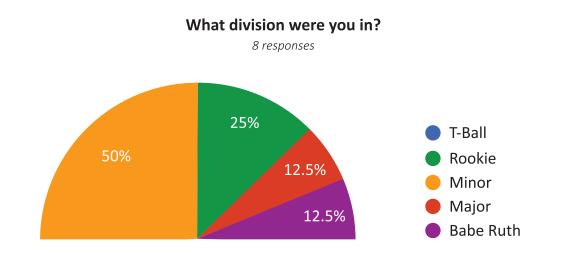
I just wanted to add. Please have a fall baseball season!

Thank you so much to everyone that makes the baseball season happen.

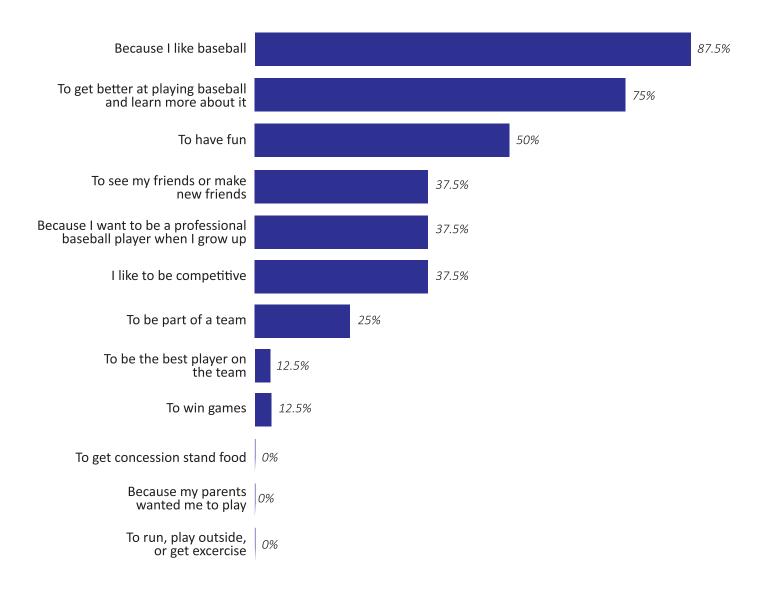
During the off season looking for baseball clinics or camps to keep skills fresh/develop skills. Maybe the board can direct families to that kind of information. Or create a sort of partnership with Griffith high baseball team for camps, clinics.

# Kid's Survey Results

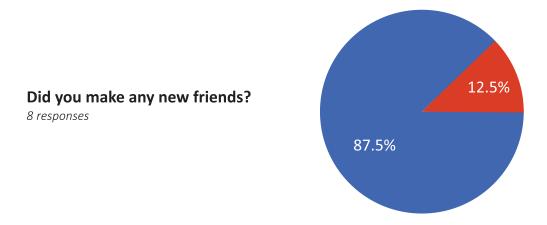


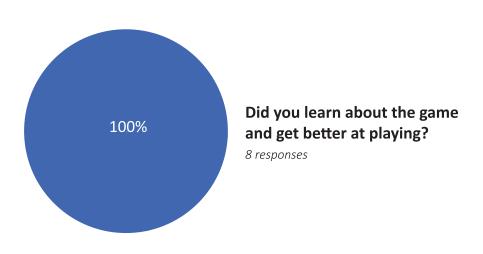


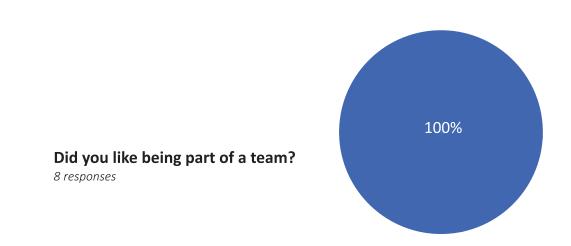
#### Pick your top three reasons for why you played baseball:











### What was your favorite part about playing baseball?

8 responses

- Hitting the ball and scoring runs
- Pitching
- Hitting bombs
- Pitching
- Friends
- The way you have to have everybody work to win
- Hitting
- Hitting dingers

### What was your least favorite part of playing baseball?

8 responses

- Rainouts
- Being hit by a baseball.
- The people who cry after striking out
- Hitting( but it's still fine)
- No shade when it's hot out side
- The fields need to be better
- Running
- Not making all stars

#### What else did you like?

7 responses

- Playing with my friends
- Having a new league to feel bigger.
- The nail bitting games
- Playing the field
- Learning new positions
- Pitching
- Getting better at first base

#### Is there anything else you didn't like?

7 responses

- No
- No
- No
- No
- No
- Not really
- Playing outfield

#### Would you change anything?

8 responses



32. We aren't able to start our practices until April 1st. It's a rule from our parent organization (Babe Ruth League) that we have to follow.

33. You absolutely can practice after games start so it just depends on if your Manager and Coaches can do it.

34. We love this comment. Thank you for bringing this up as it's something we would not have known. We will definitely see what we can do next season with uniforms.

35. Always feel free to let your coaches know all of this!

36. We would love to incorporate music but we don't have speakers at all the fields or someone to run it.

### What would make your practices more fun?



8 responses

- Scrimmages against other teams
- Less time
- Having at least one batting practice a week
- More fielding and pitching practice
- Being able to really work on different positions
- helpful teammates
- More time practicing hitting
- Nothing

### What would make your games more fun?

8 responses



- Have names announced or music playing
- Nothing
- Good sportsmanship
- More position change
- Music and announcing players
- better players
- Winning
- Walk on music and name announcing

#### What did you like about your coaches?

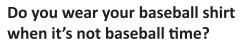
8 responses

- They made it fun
- Being my dad
- They explain things down to the core
- They were nice and serious about the game
- They were fun and nice
- He was my dad
- They taught us
- I've had them for years

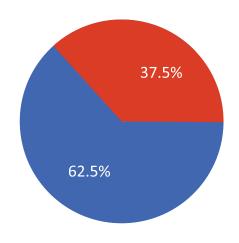
### Is there anything you didn't like about your coaches?

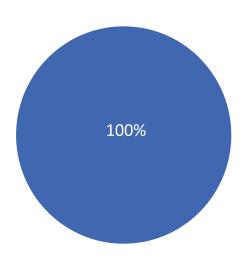
- No
- No
- No
- No
- No
- Not mine in particular but some coaches are very slim in the the huddle/talking
- Nothing





8 responses

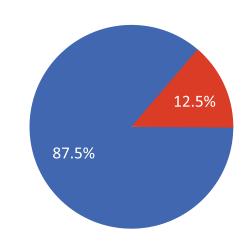




## Do you practice baseball skills when you aren't at the GYB fields?

8 responses

#### Do you watch baseball on TV?



#### Who is your favorite MLB player?

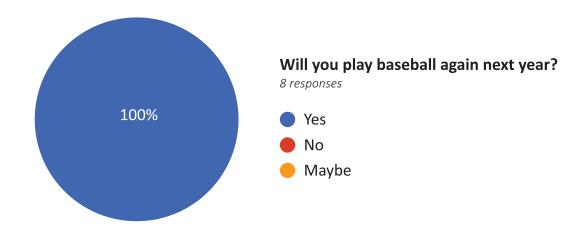
7 responses

- Javy Baez
- Willie Adames
- Rizzo when he was on the cubs even tho he is still good
- Luis Robert, Eloy Jimenez, Tim Anderson, and Kyle Hendricks
- Javi Baez
- Willy Adamés
- Kris Bryant

#### What is your favorite MLB team?

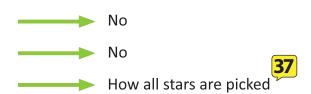
8 responses

- Brewers
- Brewers
- Chicago White Sox
- Cubs
- Cubs
- Cubs
- Cubs
- I have to like the cubs cause family but I like the angels and yankees



#### Is there anything else you want us to know?

3 responses



37. You can always ask your Coaches this or see a Board Member to explain more. All Stars are picked based on performance, talent, attitude, and more throughout the entire season. All of the Coaches in each division get together and pick the players for the team.

Thank you to those that took the time to fill out our end of season survey. You responses are valuable to us and our league.

The GYB Board

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