

MINOR NATIONAL REC LEAGUE

Attention Minor Parents,

Reedville is exploring the introduction of a **Minor National recreational league**, similar to fall ball, beginning this spring. In partnership with neighboring local associations, this league would be **open to 3rd graders**, with **limited opportunities for some 2nd and 4th graders**.

Why are we considering this?

- **Improve competitiveness** of our JBO American and National teams
- Some associations tied to 4A, 3A, and 2A high schools do not field Federal or American teams, which can make their National teams significantly stronger and outside the true intent of JBO National baseball
- **Reduce travel and overall cost** for families new to JBO baseball
- National divisions within Westside Youth Baseball vary widely—some teams play mostly in the Hillsboro area, while others travel as far as Nestucca or Vernonia on weeknights
- JBO baseball includes tournament play, which increases both cost and travel
- **Assess readiness for competitive baseball**
 - This can be a tough experience for young players and families, especially when facing teams that are not “National” in the true sense
 - Long travel followed by lopsided losses can discourage players from continuing the sport

This proposed league would be a **true recreational league**—focused on development, confidence, and fun. While there will still be some travel, all games would be **within 30 minutes of Ladd Acres**, and all participating associations are aligned on keeping this low-stress and age-appropriate. The goal is for kids to enjoy baseball, improve their skills, and be excited to play again in the fall and next spring.

What the season would look like:

- **8–12 league games**, including both home and away games
- **End-of-season tournament** for all teams
- Season concludes around the time school gets out

For reference regarding the length of the JBO Minor National season:

- Westside Minor National District Tournament: **June 25–29**
- Top 3 teams qualify for the State Tournament: **July 10–12**

Player eligibility & placement:

- **All players must attend evaluations on February 28**

- The **top 36–39 players** will be placed on three JBO teams:
 - Federal
 - American
 - National
- Remaining players will be placed on **two teams competing in the new rec league**

Grade eligibility:

- **3rd graders** (primary focus) new to baseball, low evaluation score, etc.
- **Limited spots** for:
 - 4th graders (extreme cases only—new to baseball, low evaluation score, etc.)
 - 2nd graders seeking a level more competitive than Rookies

More details will be shared as planning continues. Thank you for your feedback and support as we work to create the best possible baseball experience for our players and families.

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