This is a sample document and is for guideline purposes only. Individual coaches will need to customize for their individual teams, age levels etc.

2018 Midget A Rep Team Meeting

October 3, 2018

Parents and Players,

On behalf of the coaches, I would like to welcome you to the 2016 Kickoff Meeting.

Firstly, I am delighted to introduce our coaching staff:

- 1st Assistant Coach Name
- 2nd Assistant Coach Name
- Manager Name
- Head Coach Name

We thought it would be beneficial to review the team selection process and high-level expectations of our group:

- We are the Midget A team and will be a class “A” or Tier 3 team
- 13 players were selected based on a variety of criteria
- High level commitment to attend practices, games and tournaments
- Vacations submitted as early as possible so we can arrange calls ups if required
- Ballpark budget has been issued and we will solicit feedback later in the meeting

The coaches have developed the following philosophy/plan for the team.

- Best intentions. We have the best interests of the team at heart.
- Effort. Working hard does not require talent.
- FUNdamental focus. We will work together to develop a high level of play in the core areas of base running, defense, hitting, pitching and positional/situational play. Practices will be focussed in these areas while having fun.
- Open communication at all times between coaches, parents and players
- Respect for each other, opponents and umpires, win with pride, lose with grace
- Selection of playing time. All players will play in each game. Depending on the situation, certain players may play more than others. Increased playing time will be earned through effort and results.

Philosophy/Plan (continued)

- Selection of positions. Based on the tryout forms submitted (1st, 2nd positions) and evaluations during the tryouts, we have a ballpark idea on positions for each player. The roster was chosen based on having at least 2 players per position. We realize that players may grow, further develop etc. prior to the season so this may change. As the year progresses, players will focus on 1 – 2 positions in order to best develop their skills at these positions. The goal is to develop "positional expertise" resulting in a stronger team.

The tentative 2018 schedule is outlined below:

- Winter weekly workouts at The Warehouse. Dates and times TBD
- May to August will be 18-24 league games in an interlocking schedule with the Toronto Baseball Association. Total activities will be 2-3 per week
    - Home games are TBD. In 2017, Wednesday 730 PM at Lennox Park
    - Away games will be at a location within the GTA on various nights
    - Practices will be TBD in spring 2018
- There will be 4 – 6 tournaments throughout the season. Our goal is to enter "A" events to ensure an appropriate level of competition. Tentative timelines are:
    - May 2018 prior to the Long Weekend to kickoff the season
    - June 2018 after school exams are completed
    - July 2018 will be 2 tournaments
    - YSBA Championship is in August, "A" event. If we win then, OBA "A" Championship is the weekend before Labour Day

By working together, communicating effectively, giving 100% effort and taking ownership for our actions both on and off the field, we will be successful, not only in wins and losses, but in representing Barrie to the best of our abilities.

Thank you all in advance for your assistance, cooperation and patience. We look forward to a successful 2018 season.

The Coaches