

SYBL to launch 12U Tournament Team in 2024

Dear SYBL AAA-division families:

We are pleased to announce that starting in 2024, SYBL will launch a new team: the SYBL All-Stars. This team will consist of AAA-registered players ages 12 and under and will compete at three regional tournaments during the summer.



To prepare interested players for this jump in competition, DNA will again offer concentrated fall and winter training opportunities. Stay tuned for detailed information about those sessions. Players from the 15U DNA Raiders travel team will assist with these training sessions. *Keep in mind that this new team is intended to complement, not replace, play in SYBL. All SYBL All-Stars must be registered and participate in SYBL to be eligible to play weekend tournaments.*

Tournament play can be rewarding for those physically ready to supplement their current house league experience with a more competitive environment. Please note, though, that tournament baseball is challenging. Players will be expected to take coaching, accept feedback and failure, be serious about their development, and attend all games and practices.

Players must try out and be selected for SYBL All-Stars. Tryouts will be held on Saturday, March 23 in the Shaker Middle School Gymnasium, time TBA. There will be no cost to try out.

After tryouts are complete, a committee will finalize a roster of 12 to 14 players. Players who make the tournament team will be assessed a fee of \$175. This amount covers registration in three tournaments and a full uniform. Financial assistance will be available through the Shaker Schools Foundation Level The Playing Field Fund.

Team eligibility is determined by age. The SYBL All-Stars will compete in the 12U division. To be eligible, players must be 12 or younger as of May 1, 2024.

If you have questions about this new opportunity, please email DNA directors Andy Pohl (andrewfpohl@gmail.com) or Phil Turner (phil@shakerbaseball.org), or SYBL director Steve Baker (bak78@aol.com).