

Rochester Recruits Baseball Organization, Inc

Background

The Rochester Recruits were formed in the fall of 2008 as a single team competing in the Jason Thompson fall season and the 2009 U10 summer league in North Oakland Baseball Federation (NOBF). In the fall of 2009 the Rochester Recruits Baseball Organization, Inc. (Rochester Recruits) was formed as a not-for-profit organization incorporated in the State of Michigan. Its purpose is to provide young men the opportunity to play the game of baseball to their greatest ability while balancing scholastic and civic responsibilities. Two additional teams have been added to the Rochester Recruit family, the second in the fall of 2009 and the third team in the fall of 2010.

In addition to representing the city of Rochester and Rochester Hills throughout southeast Michigan and the state in league and tournament play, the Recruit players annually sponsor families at Christmas providing gifts and sustenance. The players participate in selecting the family, buying and wrapping the gifts and meeting these personally to share the gifts.

Amateur Sports Programs (100%)

The Rochester Recruits Baseball Organization coordinates the scheduling, training, and manages league and tournament baseball games. The young men will be amateur athletes participating in a team sport to facilitate healthy competition among comparable levels of skill. Teams will receive training in the fundamentals of baseball and will work on leadership, sportsmanship and civic responsibly skills as well. Participants pay registration fees to participate in the Rochester Recruits programs. No participant will be turned away for the inability to pay program fees. The Board of Directors will assist those unable to afford program fees on a case-by-case basis.

Current program activities are held in local public venues, such as high school or community recreation facilities as sites can be identified and accessed. Rochester Recruits does not own or operate its own facility. Promotions to encourage participation will be generated primarily through individual direct contact, conducting open tryouts and word of mouth.

Instructors and coaches that work with the teams are volunteers. A volunteer Board of Directors has been formed to oversee the coordination of the sports teams, instructors, field / site selection, and scheduling of games and events.

Revenue and Fundraising

The Rochester Recruits have a participant fee; however, generated revenues from participant fees are not sufficient to meet the financial needs of the organization. Prior fundraising efforts have focused on solicitation from friends, family and corporate sponsors. In addition, the players initiated and operated a returnable can drive this year.