

KNICKERBOCKER – 7/8th BOYS BASEBALL NEWS

2012 REC SEASON

Hillsdale's 7/8th grade rec baseball program is part of the *Pascack Valley Travel Rec League*. In addition to our teams playing against each other, (there have been at least 6 Hillsdale teams in the past 2 seasons), they will also compete against teams from Rivervale, Park Ridge, and Washington Township. Some of your son's games will be played in these towns. Our season will start in early April and end in early June. Practices could start during the last two weeks of March. You will be contacted by your son's head coach around this time.

PLAYER TRAINING

The HBSA will be offering a "1st Year Knickerbocker" training clinic in the early Spring of 2012. This is a free clinic and is open to all 1st year Knickerbocker players. The clinic will be run by professionals from *Catch The Heat Instructional Baseball*. Its purpose is to help the players make the transition to the larger field and accompanying rules (such as leading, stealing, pick offs etc.). The players really enjoy these new challenges at this higher level of play. We will notify you of the date and time in the near future.

UNIFORMS

All players must wear baseball uniforms. Shirts and hats will be provided by the HBSA. Players MUST wear baseball pants and a protective cup. Jeans, shorts, and sneakers are not permitted. Both metal and rubber cleats are permitted to be worn at the Knickerbocker level.

BATS

The HBSA will provide bats for the players to use. If your son would prefer his own bat, the following guidelines MUST be followed:

- Wooden and Metal bats are permitted for use, but **MUST** have a **2- 5/8"** diameter barrel. The **2-1/4" barrel bats** (that were used up to 12U) are **not permitted** for use at the Knickerbocker level.
- All **metal** bats **MUST** be **bbcor certified**

If you have any questions, feel free to contact me at gregdilo227@gmail.com

Thank you,
Greg DiLorenzo
HBSA Knickerbocker President

