

## Atwater Youth Baseball, Softball and T-ball Try Outs & Drafts

All try-outs will be held at Mitchell Middle School  
Baseball try-outs will begin at 9:00am on Sat Feb 13, 2010  
Softball try-outs will begin at 9:00am on Sat Feb 20, 2010

1. Each player should be at the ballpark 30 minutes early to sign in, and expected to stay for about two hours. Look to the schedule below for you try out times.
2. Any player unable to attend will be placed on a team by the draw from the hat. Everyone will be placed on a team, try outs are only held in an attempt to make every team even.
3. Coaches are required to show up 30 minutes before the scheduled try outs.
4. If you have arranged to pay at try outs you should do so at this time.
5. In case of rain call the AYB hotline at 358-5965 for directions.
6. Bring your glove and a ball to warm up with.
7. There may be up to 40 players trying out in each age group so please be patient.
8. We need volunteers to help, by calling out names, numbers, pitching, keeping lines in order & benches seated, etc.. So please step up to another volunteer and offer your help.
9. Remember that a lot of children have never played or have played very little, so don't push or get too stressed if your child doesn't do as well as you had hoped. They are in the spotlight and may feel pressure from the parents & other children. We will all try our very best to make this a **NO PRESSURE DAY**.
10. Baseball coaches will notify players the week of February 15<sup>th</sup>. Softball coaches will notify players the week of February 22<sup>nd</sup>.
11. Rosters of returning players and draftees will be given to coaches on draft day.
12. Parents and spectators are asked to stay off the tryout field unless you are helping run the tryouts. Don't worry; we will take good care of your player.
13. Players should warm up before their tryout begins to prevent muscle strain. Some of you coaches should warm up too; you're getting brittle in your old age...
14. If you know of any kids who have not yet signed up to play, please give them the league phone number, 358-5965, or bring them to tryouts so we may get them on a team. AYB has more than 700 players each year and late player sign-ups are put on waiting lists instead of teams due to finding more coaches. Don't wait to sign up a player!
15. All of our coaches are just Moms and Dads like you, so if you want to coach please step up and be an important part of these children's team experience. We know that not everyone has jobs or lives that allow the time needed to help a team, but if you do, please step up to the plate.
16. If you have a question please call the AYB hotline, 358-5965, or e-mail your commissioner (e-mail addresses are on the [www.AtwaterYouthBaseball.com](http://www.AtwaterYouthBaseball.com) home page.) We sometimes will have up to 30 calls a day and it helps to speed things along if you are specific with your questions and speak slowly and clearly.
17. All of the board members, coaches and helpers are volunteers. There are no paid professionals running AYB. We do it because we care for our kids, our city and our neighbors. We are just folks like you who felt a need to make sure our children have fun while playing a sport.

### Baseball Try Outs Times

Ponies – ages 13 and 14 year olds,  
Majors – ages 11 and 12 year olds,  
Minors – ages 9 and 10 year olds,  
Jets – ages 7 and 8 year olds,

### Softball Try Outs Times

Fillies – ages 13 and 14 year olds,  
Majors – ages 11 and 12 year olds,  
Minors – ages 9 and 10 year olds,  
Minnies – ages 7 and 8 year olds,

The draft for baseball will be held on Sunday February 14<sup>th</sup>, and the draft for softball will be held on Sunday February 21<sup>st</sup>.