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Dear Parent of 8<sup>th</sup> Grade Player at 3&2 last summer:

We hope your son's 8<sup>th</sup> grade baseball season at 3&2 was enjoyable.

Now that your team has graduated into high school, your son's participation with the 3&2 program changes significantly. Your son's team as it has been known no longer exists as the players make or don't make the teams at their respective high schools. Either way, there are attractive opportunities for the high school aged player at 3&2.

### **High School Representation**

The five Shawnee Mission schools, the four Olathe schools, the four Blue Valley schools, DeSoto and Mill Valley High Schools, Aquinas, Miego and St. James are all a part of the Senior Division at 3&2. Other schools outside of this area are also occasionally represented on a space available basis.

### **High School Coach Involvement**

Most of the local high school coaches in our area are directly involved with the 3&2 summer teams that are formed from their high schools.

### **League Play**

There are three levels of play in the Senior Division at 3&2. The leagues are not based on age level but most teams will take age into consideration based on what the teams' post-season and tournament goals may be. Because the teams are school based, the summer teams follow the spring high school team formation fairly closely.

- National League (18's)      Varsity
- American League (16's)      Junior Varsity and C-level teams
- Federal League (15-18's)      Players who did not play high school baseball.

### **Tournaments**

High school level tournaments at 3&2 continue to attract a large number of strong teams from across the Midwest. 3&2 usually has a season-opening tournament on Memorial Day weekend for 15-under and 16-under teams. Each weekend in June will feature tournaments for 15-through 18-under teams.

### **The Schedule**

Teams in the 18-year old and the 16-year old leagues play a 21-game schedule against the 3&2 league teams. Games are played on Tuesdays and Wednesdays, three games each week.

The Federal League has a 20-game season.

## **Federal League**

The Federal League was started to allow the players who didn't make the high school team in the spring to continue to hone their skills and be in a better position for trying out at the high school level the next spring. The league is available for all players in high school and teams are formed by high school boundary area. The season starts in the spring and continues through the summer.

## **Selecting Managers/Coaches**

Most of the varsity high school coaches are the head coach for one of the teams, usually the National League team. Some of the high school head coaches have assigned an assistant coach to lead the American League teams. If that is not the case, each area decides who would be the best manager for the given teams. Managers who had teams at the 8<sup>th</sup> grade level may not have a team in the high school division.

Managers of the Federal League teams will probably be those individuals who have been a manager at 3&2 in the past whose son is likely to be on this team.

## **Post-Season Play**

Most of the teams in the National and American Leagues are affiliated with USSSA for the purpose of post-season play. All teams in all three high school leagues have the opportunity to participate in the USSSA program. Federal League teams have participated in a season-ending tournament in past years and plans are to continue with that.

## **What Now**

Most high school coaches will have an off-season meeting with players who are interested in trying out for the high school program. At that time, discussion may also take place about the coach's plans for the summer season. It is important that you let your high school coach know that you are interested in playing during the summer as soon as possible.

If you have any questions, please call the 3&2 office, 888-8055.

Sincerely,



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