

## **LEVELS OF PLAY AT 3&2**

### **METRO LEAGUE**

At the 1<sup>st</sup>-8<sup>th</sup> grade levels, 3&2 will have its METRO League for highly-competitive AA, AAA and Major classified teams. Teams can be formed without regard to high school attendance area. If enough highly-competitive teams for this league cannot be put together, the league will not be formed at that given age level. In that case, teams will be given the option to play in the METRO League at the next older age group.

The season starts the first Tuesday in April and will be played primarily on Tuesdays and Wednesdays. Some games are played on Mondays and Thursdays as needed. In order to get all the games in, an early game and a late game will be played on weekday nights while school is still in session. 7<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup> grade teams typically play double headers.

3&2 league teams which are comprised of players from a single high school attendance area or who are considering merging with team(s) or player(s) from other areas should consult with Neil Rutkowski or Jeff Chalk before attempting to get into this league. On a year-by-year basis, teams that played in this league may or may not be invited to return to the league based on quality of play.

### **1<sup>st</sup> LEAGUE**

At the 2<sup>nd</sup>-8<sup>th</sup> grade levels, 3&2 also has a league for competitive AA-level teams who maintain the high school boundary area restriction. Other than this restriction, all other information about the METRO League (above) also pertains to the 1<sup>st</sup> league, including when games are played.

### **2nd-6th LEVEL LEAGUE TEAMS**

At the 3<sup>rd</sup>-8<sup>th</sup> grade levels, teams (formed by high school boundary areas) are placed into leagues based on the record the team had the previous year and whether or not a team has added or lost players that make the team more or less competitive. Teams at the 2<sup>nd</sup> level of play are generally more skilled than teams in the 3<sup>rd</sup> level of play, and so on.

Feedback from the manager is essential in making sure the team is placed in the correct league. Starting in October, the 3&2 web site will show in what level of play each team has initially been projected for the following spring season.

The season starts the third Monday in April and runs through July, culminating with the playoffs for teams that qualify. Games will be played on Mondays, Thursdays, Fridays, Saturdays and Sundays.

The number of games and cost per player is determined by grade level and is set by the Board of Directors in November.

### **1st & 2nd GRADE LEAGUES**

In the 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> grades, teams are randomly placed in leagues with the exception of the METRO and 1<sup>st</sup> leagues of the 2<sup>nd</sup> grade division. Teams in those leagues have requested to be there for higher levels of competition. All teams at these levels (except the METRO League) must adhere to the high school boundary team formation rules.