

2010 Bantam Girls Program

Hi all, I need help!!! My name is Don McLean. I am the coach of the Saskatchewan bantam girls select team.

This year we had 1 team of girls that we put together with girls from all over SK. We had a 12yr. old girl, and many 14, 15, and 16 yr old girls. This team of 12 went to Toronto for the Nationals and came home with a bronze medal. Three girls won MVP of the game; two girls were within the top 4 in batting average of all girls competing. We had a great time.

Next season we need to recruit more girls to tryout and participate in the Nationals. We will be losing all our 16yr olds; so next season is a building season. Do you know of, or had any girls on your team or in your town that may be interested in trying out? Please forward my email address to them or have them contact me to discuss our plan and goals for next year.

Yes this is a bantam team, however we had a 12 yr. old girl that fit in. She was the #4 in batting average, and played all but 1 game. The upper age limit is 16yrs. Old, so they can be in midget ball and play in the nationals for girls.

Our plan is to hold a few winter clinics to evaluate the girls and give them some work to do at home. As mentioned the girls come from as far as Nipawin to Yorkton, so we met in Saskatoon, Regina, we are thinking of coming out to communities to talk to them as well. This is a great time to have them come to Regina to play Fall Baseball were we can see and talk to them. Leo MacDonald is the organizer for this. The season starts Sept. 5 with 2 games every Saturday for 5 weeks. This will include instructions as well. They can choose to play peewee or bantam, depending on age.

The beginning of this season we had identified about 16 or so players, and through clinics and tournaments we made a final 12-girl roster. We would have kept more, but it becomes expensive to sit on the bench after paying a thousand dollars to get there.

Having said that we started late on sponsorship, so again if each player found sponsorship, the cost would be small. Our plan is to contact business to sponsor transportation, accommodations, uniforms, equipment etc. Quebec and BC receive about 20 to 30,000 dollars to come to these events. So they bring 14 to 18 players. Pitch count will be in effect for nationals next year, making it even more critical to identify pitchers.

Thank you for your time and effort in this to make our SK Girls team the best.

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