



Winter 2012

A Message from the President

Reflecting on our 2012 season, I am once again proud to be a part of the Cleveland Baseball Federation. It was a wonderful year. We had over 3,500 kids play in our leagues, we had very few rain outs (as I write this, it has been raining for a week straight, so I guess now we are getting even), we had over 300 patrons, sponsors and friends attend our Benefit in June to watch the Tribe defeat the Reds and we had a hugely successful RBI tournament here in Cleveland in July. I am most proud of our staff, volunteers and Board members.

They all really stepped up and impressed Major League Baseball by hosting a fantastic weekend of tournament baseball. At multiple fields throughout the City, we hosted hundreds of players and their families from around the Great Lakes region. Many games were won and lost that weekend, but CBF came out victorious! As you celebrate with your family this holiday season, please think of us and the youth in Cleveland we support.

Bob Ross, President



2012 Season Recap



This year marked the 102nd season of baseball and softball for the Cleveland Baseball Federation (CBF). We provided for over 200 teams this year, ranging from t-ball through high school baseball and softball. That is over 3,500 City of Cleveland youth that played in our league, free of charge!

Here are the 2012 CBF League champions:

- Little F (9-12 yrs) – E.J. Kovacic Recreation Center
- Big F (13-14 yrs) – Gunning Park Recreation Center
- Mickey Mantle (15-16 yrs) – Gunning Park Recreation Center
- Connie Mack (17-19 yrs) – Clark Recreation Center
- Girls Fast Pitch Softball (15-18) – E.J. Kovacic Recreation Center

CBF had the tremendous opportunity to host the 2012 RBI East Regional Tournament this summer as well. This was the first time in 15 years that Cleveland hosted the RBI Tournament. We had 13 teams from Cleveland, Cincinnati, Detroit and Indianapolis compete in this year's tournament for the right to advance to the RBI World Series in Minneapolis, Minnesota. Championship games were played on Sunday July 22nd, with the girls playing at Case Western Reserve's Mather Park and the boys playing at Progressive Field. The Cleveland RBI Girls Softball team defeated the Cincinnati Reds RBI Softball team in the championship game to advance to the RBI World Series. This marked the 4th consecutive year the team from Cleveland has advanced!

We would like to thank everyone who made this season possible. Without all the volunteers who give their time and donors who give their hard earned money, CBF would not be able to provide the youth of Cleveland with the game they love!

Thank You...

to all of our friends and sponsors who came out in support of our annual fundraiser, "A True Baseball Experience" in June. With your support, we had an incredibly successful event.

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Thank You...

to all of our volunteers, coaches, parents and partners for helping us keep 3,500 kids off the street and in the parks last season. 93.7% of those participants were from the City of Cleveland.

Through your generosity, over 200 teams were able to play baseball/softball free of charge.

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Don't miss your chance to see the 2012 Rookie of the Year Bryce Harper and pitching ace Stephen Strasburg when they face the Indians on Friday, June 14th.



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June 14, 2013

Join us on Friday, June 14 at Progressive Field as the Party Deck will once again be the backdrop for our annual fundraiser. We'll enjoy food, fun, great friends and prizes!



On behalf of the Cleveland Baseball Federation, we would like to recognize and thank the CPAs, business and financial Advisors at Skoda Minotti for their efforts in designing and programming our new CBF web site. Skoda Minotti's Strategic Marketing Service group, led by Jonathan Ebenstein, was instrumental in the creation of our new site. Their efforts on our behalf will go a long way towards helping our organization fulfill our mission and vision for all Cleveland area kids.



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