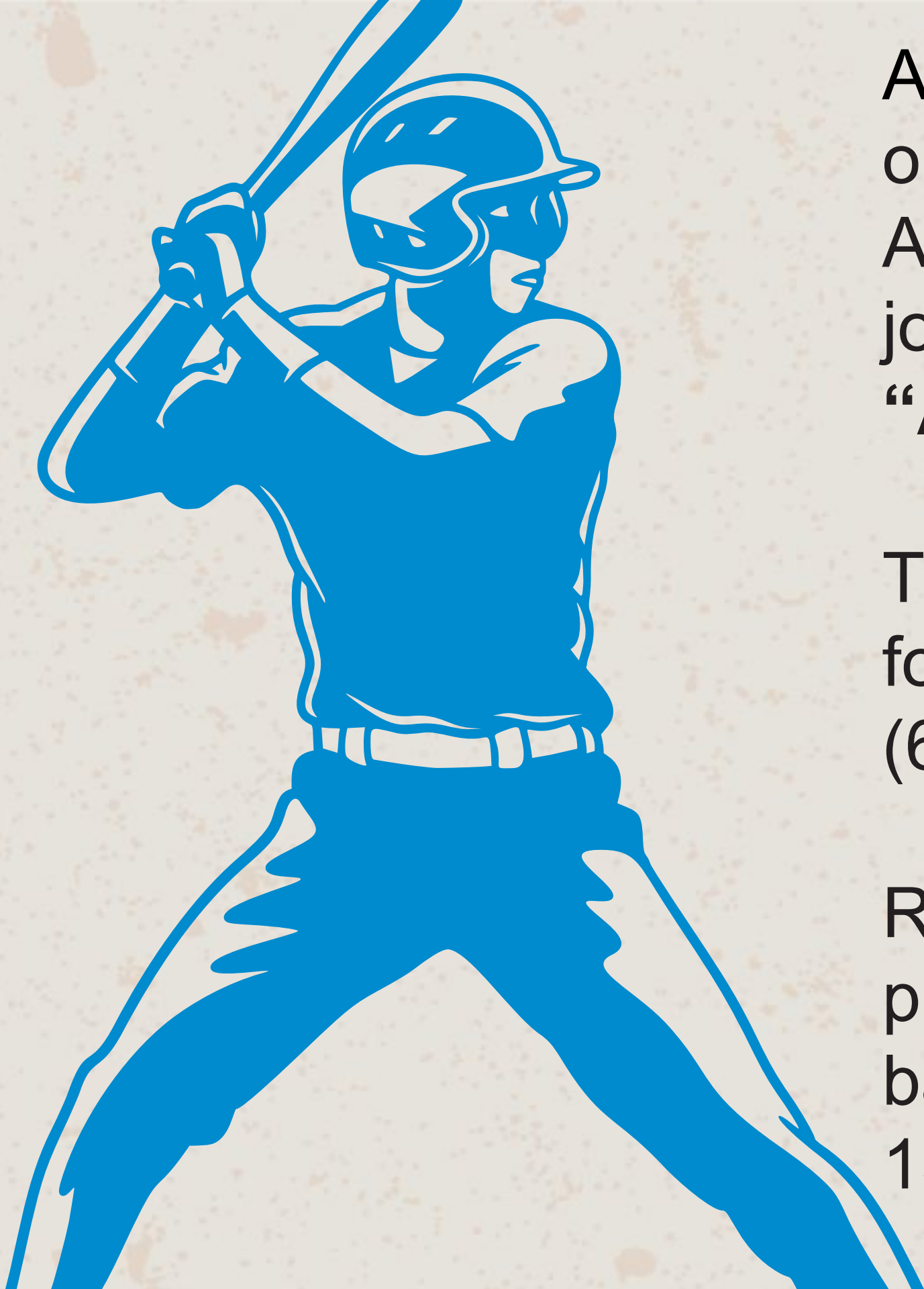




Development ~ Competition ~ Character



Arlington’s two 13-and-older travel baseball organizations – Arlington Senators and Arlington Travel Baseball (ATB) – have joined forces to form one new organization, **“Arlington United Baseball.”**

The program will provide more opportunities for Arlington players to play “big field” (60’/90’) baseball in Arlington.

Ready for the fall 2024-2025 season, the program will provide multiple levels of baseball, starting this year at the 13U, 14U, and 15U levels.

# Arlington United Program Directors



**Mike Murray**



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# Vision

To create an inclusive, community-based program that provides **competitive travel baseball opportunities** for teens to open pathways to high school baseball and beyond.

The multi-level program will develop and reinforce a positive sports culture that will promote the mental and emotional well-being of players as well as their physical development as ballplayers.

In addition to providing appropriate competitive baseball activities, United will work closely with the ASBR program to support recreational 60/90 baseball in Arlington.

# Objectives

To build a strong program that teaches **character and respect** in its ballplayers at all levels of play.

To enable players to develop the **baseball skills and mental approach** needed to make significant contributions on their high school baseball teams.

To open the door, for those interested, to baseball opportunities in **college and beyond.**

# “Arlington United” Travel Teams



**Regional**

Teams will practice and play on **Arlington fields**, play a competitive tournament and NVTBL schedule, and will be managed by coaches with experience at the pro, collegiate, and/or high school levels.

Players will be drawn primarily from Arlington. Those on the top two teams are not required to play recreational baseball, though are encouraged to do so.



**DMV**

Local team(s) will also play a competitive travel schedule, and players on these teams will participate in the ASBR spring league to maximize opportunities to develop and grow as ballplayers.



**Local**

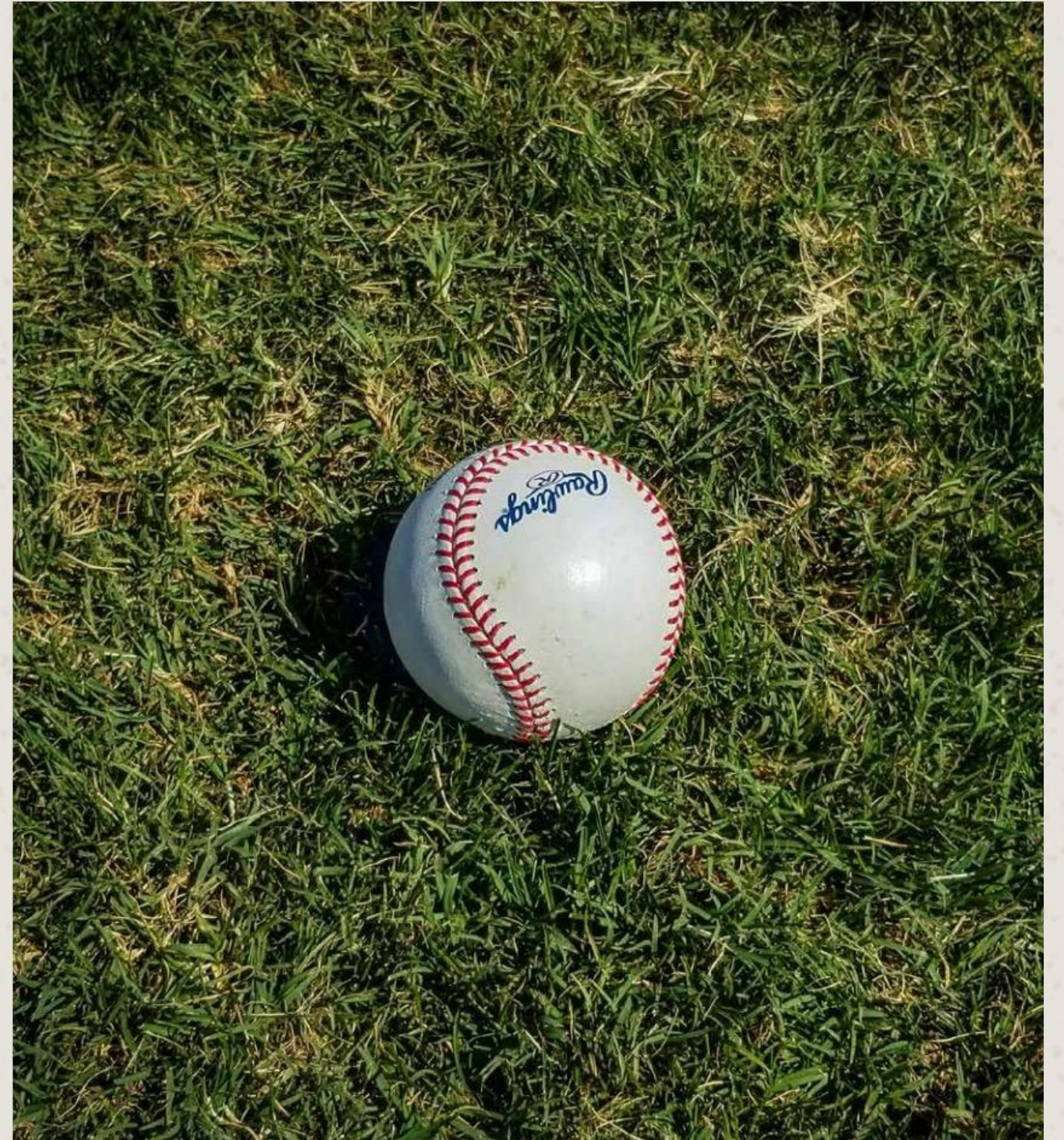
# ASBR All Stars

Arlington United is partnered with Arlington Senior Babe Ruth.

Over the past decade, ASBR has had enormous success in putting together summer all-star teams that have competed and won at the national Senior Babe Ruth Tournament.

All travel players will be encouraged to play rec baseball, making them eligible for the ASBR All Star Teams.

The program will put together joint information sessions prior to the rec seasons so that parents and players who have been through the tournament can share their experiences with interested players and families.



# Arlington Senior Babe Ruth

Recreational baseball is the foundation of baseball in Arlington. ASBR will continue to provide opportunities for all eligible players to play, develop, and deepen their understanding of baseball.

Arlington United will work with the two youth leagues – Arlington Little League and Arlington Babe Ruth – to develop pathways to ensure that more players continue their baseball journey through the transition to the big field.





# Deeper Dive on Travel Teams

2024-2025 – Inaugural Year

## Practice and play on all of Arlington's 60/90 Fields & Facilities

13U-15U Initially

- 13U – Age Level
- 14U – 8<sup>th</sup> Graders
- 15U – 9<sup>th</sup> Graders

Numbers of teams at each level dependent on interest, player pool. We may form a JV team to maximize participation.



# DBO and Coaches

Search underway for a **Director of Baseball Operations**, an individual with college coaching or senior high school experience.

- Organize schedules and tournaments
- Work with coaches on culture and curriculum
- Build out plans for winter workouts
- Down the road, help families understand college recruiting process and help players make connections with college coaches

## Coaching Slate

- Building a slate of paid coaches, with significant pro, college and/or high school experience. Significant interest already from top-notch coaches

Continued partnership with Marymount University Baseball

- Player Clinics, Winter Programs, Roving Instructors, College Advisor

# Additional Questions

## **In Depth and Fair Tryout Process**

- Run by DBO and Coaches, plus independent evaluators
- Players showcase skills as Pitchers, Catchers & IF and OF
- Players prohibited from wearing gear from previous teams

## **How many teams per age group?**

- Depends on the number of players and depth of talent, but when fully built out, we hope to have ~3 teams per age group.

## **Year-Long Commitment**

- Regular evaluations by coaches

# Additional Questions

## **Fees... budget in development**

- Fees will be consistent with similar programs in the region
- Tiered approach, pay schedule over the course of the year

## **Uniforms – Design TBD**

- Game Hat, Practice Hat, 2 Jerseys, 2 Practice Tees
- Parents provide white/gray pants with blue piping

## **Fan store ... in development**

# Sample Calendar

## **Fall Season**

Field and Hitting Practices (at least 2x per week)

NVTBL + Tournaments

PBR Day

Encourage weight training

## **Winter Workouts**

Outdoor and indoor skills development; maximize use of BC6 and Gunston

## **Early Spring (program will vary based on level)**

HS Players focus on HS

Practice and NVTBL opportunities for other players

Rec priority for local players



# Sample Calendar

## **Late Spring**

Travel practices, weight training, and skills development begin to get ready for travel season

## **Summer**

Field and Hitting Practices (at least 2x per week)

NVTBL + Tournaments outside of Arlington

ASBR All Star Teams Compete on Senior Babe Ruth Trail



# Next Steps

Finalize Search for Director  
of Baseball Operations and  
Coaching Slate

Hold Tryouts and Manage Team Formation

Planning for 2024-2025 baseball year



# Thank You!

Feel free to reach out with additional questions  
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