



## New Minors Level for 1<sup>st</sup> & 2<sup>nd</sup> Grade Players

As a response to feedback from parents and coaches, SJBO has eliminated the Rookie and Midget International levels and combined them into one new level. Minors is a developmental league designed to allow players to maximize their exposure to all the variables of baseball and to further enhance individual skills. Players will play multiple positions on defense. Offensively players will hit off a pitching machine the first half of the season. During the second half of the season, players are introduced to player pitching. There will be no longer be any coach pitching. Scores are kept by coaches and coordinators only for purpose of seeding the end of the season tournament. The main goal is to introduce players to as much "real" baseball as possible and most importantly to have fun playing the game.

There are no tryouts or evaluations at the Minors level. Teams are formed by the program coordinators by random selection. All teams will have an equal number of 1st and 2nd graders. Season starts in mid-April and ends on June 6<sup>th</sup> or 7<sup>th</sup>. There are generally 2-3 practices/games per week held in the evenings. There are no Saturday/Sunday games except for the end of season tournament. Games are played at local school fields in Sherwood. Players will be provided with a jersey and cap for uniforms. They will need to provide their own gray baseball pants and glove.

Please note: If your 2nd grader is interested in trying out for the competitive Midget Level, please sign up at the Minors level and contact either Rich Hannan at [midgets@sherwoodjuniorbaseball.com](mailto:midgets@sherwoodjuniorbaseball.com) or Mark Guinn & Noah Harvey at [minors@sherwoodjuniorbaseball.com](mailto:minors@sherwoodjuniorbaseball.com). You will be contacted to further discuss the tryout process and if your player would be ready for competitive baseball.