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BYA League Affiliations

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Currently there are three athletic departments within the BYA organization: Basketball, Baseball and Softball, and Football and Cheerleading. Each of these in-house programs has a commissioner, and they are: Keith Allison, Muhammad Small, and Larry Clark, respectively. The baseball/softball and football/cheerleading departments are affiliated with outside associations, whereas, basketball is not.

There are several sports we are projecting to add to the organization over the next several years. Within the next year, lacrosse and volleyball, and bowling and wrestling in a few years. Mike Jahkhah and David Otero have been tasked with lacrosse and volleyball respectively. Both gentlemen are actively networking to connect these two activities with their respective local, county, state, or national youth league.

Basketball

The basketball program is not currently affiliated with any local, county, state, national, or international youth organizations. It is administered without any guidelines from a governing youth league, thereby, being absolutely autonomous in its rules and criteria. BYA Basketball could be characterized as an independent league and, as such, is not referred to as Brentwood Basketball like the other sports activities because it does not compete against other towns. The league has four 5-6 (Dribbler), four 7-8 (Instructional), seven 9-10 (Jr. Varsity), four 11-12 (Varsity), four 13-14 (NCAA), and three 15-16 (NBA) teams; and promising 7-10 (WNCAA) and 11-14 (WNBA) girl divisions. The commissioner is Keith Allison.



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Baseball & Softball

The Baseball and Softball program is affiliated with Little League Baseball and Softball, which has two major branches -- a United States Headquarters and an International Headquarters. The leader of the Little League organization is President Stephen Keener. The foreign branch has eight regions (Asia-Pacific, Canada, Caribbean, Europe, Japan, Latin America, Mexico, and MEA an acronym for Middle East, Africa, and the Transatlantic), whereas, the domestic branch has eight sub-regions (New England and Mid-Atlantic of the Eastern; Southeast and Southwest of the Southern; Great Lakes and Midwest of the Central; Northwest and West of the Western). Six continents and 76 countries participate in Little League.

The Eastern Region encompasses 11 states and the District of Columbia. This region is divided into two sub-regions: New England and Mid-Atlantic. The State of New York belongs to the latter and is divided into six sections, with our league coming from Section 4, which is called Long Island. This section contains 8 districts and BYA is from the one labeled District 35, which is called Mid-Suffolk County. There are a total of 38 districts throughout New York State. District 35 is comprised of 13 Little League units. They are Bayport-Blue Point LL, Brentwood LL, Central Islip LL, Hauppauge LL, Islip American LL, Islip National LL, Ronkonkoma-Sachem LL, Sayville LL, Selden-Centereach LL, Sunrise LL, Smithtown-St. James American LL, Smithtown-St. James National LL, and Three Village LL.

Each Little League unit has multiple teams per age group. BYA has eight 5-6 (Tee-ball), nine 7-8 (Rookie), ten 9-10 (Minor), eight 11-12 (Major), and three 13-14 (Junior) teams in baseball, and four 7-8/9-10 and four 11-12/13-14 in softball -- which tallies to 46 teams for the league. District 35 encompasses over 450 teams. Brentwood Baseball's last two titles were by Coach David Sekac in the 11-12 division with the District Championship in 1991; and the Sectional Championship in 1992 which means BYA competed for the State Championship. The LL Williamsport Tournament advancement is town, district, section, state, region, national, and world/international competitions.

Little League refers to the director of the town organization as the league president, but for Brentwood LL we refer to this official as the commissioner. Currently this is Muhammad Small and Shani Iodice is the deputy commissioner. The District Administrator is Thomas Gillette, Section Coordinator is Joan Bosinius, and Regional Director is Don Soucy.



Football & Cheerleading

The Football and Cheerleading program is affiliated with the Nassau-Suffolk Football League (NSFL). The head of the league is President Mickey Kane, and the organization embodies each of Long Island's four counties: Kings, Queens, Nassau, and Suffolk. From these four geographical areas there are 28 towns and 156 participating teams.

Brentwood Football's last championship was Coach Kirk Newsome's undefeated 11-12 team in 2005.

Many towns have one team per age group but some have multiple teams for each division. BYA has two 5-6's (Peanut), two 7-8's (Pee Wee), two 9-10's (Midget), one 11-12 (Pony), and no 13-14 (Senior) teams in football; and one younger and one older squad for cheerleading. The twin teams from a town are separated into different conferences (American and National) to avoid meeting in the regular season. However, there is the possibility of them meeting in the playoffs.

Each hamlet within the league has a *town representative*, but for BYA purposes we refer to this official as the commissioner. Presently this person is Larry Clark, who is assisted by Frank Pecoraro. Brentwood Football's last championship was Coach Kirk Newsome's undefeated 11-12 team in 2005.



Lacrosse

Lacrosse is the nation's fastest growing sport and the easiest one to earn a full scholarship to most colleges and universities. Youth participation in the sport has grown over 500% since 1999 to nearly 250,000 players. There are more than 500 college programs, including nearly 200 women's teams. The sport is a combination of basketball, soccer, and hockey. Anyone can play lacrosse -- a big or small person. The game requires and rewards coordination and agility, not brawn. Quickness and speed are two highly prized qualities in lacrosse. "Lax" workshops are being planned for the coming months.

The leading lacrosse organization is US Lacrosse (USL), serving as the sport's national governing body. It works in collaboration with the National Collegiate Athletic Association (NCAA) and the National Federation of State High School Associations (NFHS) to oversee the game. USL employs the title of program administrator for the head of the local league. However, Brentwood Lacrosse refers to this individual as commissioner, and Mike Jahkhah is that official for BYA with his lieutenant being Chris Mooney. Our program is likely to associate with the Suffolk County Youth Lacrosse League, which has 11 divisions (grades K through 10) ranging from ages 5 through 15. Don Mitchell is the Director of SCYLL; Ray Buckley is the President of Long Island-Metropolitan Lacrosse Foundation; and Steve Stenersen is the President of US Lacrosse.

Volleyball

The volleyball program is an activity at BYA that is scheduled to be in operation in eighteen months or so. Research is being studied to determine our league composition and our league affiliations. This activity, just like basketball, can occur during the warm and cold seasons. Brentwood Volleyball's composition should grow into 9 divisions with the breakdown of 9-10 (Shetland), 11-12 (Mustang), 13-14 (Bronco), 15-16 (Pony), 17-18 (Colt), girls (Fillie), and adult (Palomino) teams. The 9-10 age group may be an instructional division (as is the 5-6 for baseball and football, and 7-8 for basketball) while the older divisions will be more competitive.

USA Volleyball (whom BYA will probably be affiliated with) has international, national, regional, and grassroot levels; and it identifies the head of the local program as the club director, who is David Otero, the commissioner for BYA. Robert Dingee is Commissioner of the Garden-Empire Volleyball Association covering NJ and NY; and Albert Monaco is President of USA Volleyball.

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

FOOTBALL / CHEERLEADING SPIRIT DAY

DATE: SEPTEMBER 6TH
PLACE: BYA COMPLEX

FOOTBALL / CHEERLEADING OPENING DAY

DATE: SEPTEMBER 7TH
PLACE: BYA COMPLEX

MEMBERSHIP MEETING

DATE AND TIME: SEPTEMBER 16TH, 7PM
PLACE: BYA CLUBHOUSE