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Dear Parents, Players of American Legion Baseball,

The purpose of this letter is to share with you and make sure that you understand all that Legion Baseball does to assist college coaches in evaluating our player Athletes.

In recent years numerous private travel teams, showcases etc. have sprung up .....these programs promise or give the allusion there of, they can obtain a college scholarship if you invest(monies) in their process.

You should know that college baseball is very different from college football and basketball, which typically do award FULL SCHOLARSIPS to their players...by contrast, a baseball scholarship is USUALLY 25-33% OF THE TOTAL COLLEGE EXPENSES...There are 11.8 baseball scholarship per college in D1 programs; 8.8 baseball scholarships in D2; there are zero baseball scholarships in D3 programs...It is also a fact that 85% of all college baseball players attend a school within just 250 miles of their family homes; this ensures that local college coaches are more likely to scout your son at Minnesota American Legion baseball games.

You should be aware that Minnesota American Legion Baseball has a direct pipeline to collage coaches throughout the Upper Midwest and nationwide. They are provided with information on all of our State Playoffs(such as state tournaments division 1 and @; Juniors; Sub state and District) including full rosters, contact information, year in high school and much more pertinent information.

This last summer, we had 94 college coaches attend our State tournaments and many also attended the various sub State and district Playoffs as well. The Upper Midwest College Coaches are unique to other groups throughout the nation in that they have a huge and very active network among themselves for sharing information about players and prospects. For example, lets assume that a Division 1 coach may assess that a player is not yet ready to compete at the D1 level, he will work hard to pass the players information on to the D2 and D3 coaches for their consideration and evaluation till the player gets a crack at a great program that more nearly meets his baseball needs....Likewise D2 and D3 coaches will work hard to contact D1 coaches to alert them to a player that should be considered at that level. I ABSOLUTELY, POSITIVIELY GUARANTEE THAT IF A MINNESOTA LEGION BASEBALL PLAYER IS GOOD ENOUGH PLAYER TO PLAY COLLEGE BASEBALL AT THE D1, D2, D3 LEVEL HE WILL BE DISCOVERED in the course of playing in our program... We promise to continue doing at that we are doing to make certain that college coaches are completely aware of all the talented Minnesota American Legion baseball players out there.

The cost to participate in any sport are always rising...The cost of attending college or university are rising exponentially as we all know....I encourage families, parents, players to be cautious and prudent in decisions to pursue possible baseball scholarships for your son.

I would be happy to answer any of your questions. Thank you.

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