

September 25, 2024 ASD Rm 1503 7:15 pm



### Welcome & Agenda

- Qatar Little League's Mission and Value statements
- Qatar Little League Board
- Age Verifications
- Coaching Volunteers
- QLL Divisions
- Season Schedule and Key Dates
- Expert Coaching for Player/Coach/Umpire Development
- Communication
- Division Equipment and Safety expectations
- League expectations and Codes of Conduct
- Volunteer Opportunities and Fundraising
- Stick around for a Travel Ball discussion



### **Qatar Little League Mission & Vision**

#### Mission

• Providing the youth of Qatar with the opportunity to grow and develop through baseball and softball by espousing the virtues of character, courage, and loyalty

#### Vision Short Term

- Teach life lessons through baseball and softball
- Develop a culture of positive characterbuilding competition
- Teach individual skills and teamwork skills
- Expand membership by reaching further into Qatar's National and International community
- Increase participation of adult and student volunteers

#### Vision Long Term

- Continued partnership with ASD to maintain and improve Farmer Field
- Annual International Tournaments in Qatar with regular participation expanding outside of the region
- Consistent competitive growth in the Little League world stage



#### **Qatar Little League Board Members**

Position	<u>Name</u>	Board email
President	Jane Gustavson	president.qll@gmail.com
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Marketing	Megan Yarmuth	marketing.qllboard@gmail.com
Fundraising Travel Ball	Belen Barquet	<u>qllfundraising@gmail.com</u>
Volunteer Coordinator	Meg McLawhon	volunteers.qll@gmail.com

#### **Board Meetings**

The last Tuesday of each Month at 7:00 p.m.

If you have anything the Board should discuss, please email the league:

<u>qatarlittleleague@gmail.com</u>



\*\*consider shadowing a board member\*\*

#### **Qatar Little League - Division Ages**

2025 Little League® Age Chart



Match month (top line) and box with year of birth. League age indicated at right.

JAN	FEB	MAR	APR	MAY	JUN	JUL	AUG	SEP	ост	NOV	DEC	AGE
2021	2021	2021	2021	2021	2021	2021	2021	2020	2020	2020	2020	4
2020	2020	2020	2020	2020	2020	2020	2020	2019	2019	2019	2019	5
2019	2019	2019	2019	2019	2019	2019	2019	2018	2018	2018	2018	6
2018	2018	2018	2018	2018	2018	2018	2018	2017	2017	2017	2017	7
2017	2017	2017	2017	2017	2017	2017	2017	2016	2016	2016	2016	8
2016	2016	2016	2016	2016	2016	2016	2016	2015	2015	2015	2015	9
2015	2015	2015	2015	2015	2015	2015	2015	2014	2014	2014	2014	10
2014	2014	2014	2014	2014	2014	2014	2014	2013	2013	2013	2013	11
2013	2013	2013	2013	2013	2013	2013	2013	2012	2012	2012	2012	12
2012	2012	2012	2012	2012	2012	2012	2012	2011	2011	2011	2011	13
2011	2011	2011	2011	2011	2011	2011	2011	2010	2010	2010	2010	14
2010	2010	2010	2010	2010	2010	2010	2010	2009	2009	2009	2009	15
2009	2009	2009	2009	2009	2009	2009	2009	2008	2008	2008	2008	16

NOTE: This age chart is for BASEBALL DIVISONS ONLY, and only for 2025.

- Division Ages are mandated by Little League Baseball (age as of August 31, 2025
- Players must register for and be assessed in their age eligible division
- Modification potential based on safety concerns or skill level after assessment
- Players interested in trying to playup/dual roster should let coach know at check in before assessments begin.

League Age Determination



#### **Coaches and Division Coordinators**

Division	<b>Division Coordinator</b>	<u>Coaches</u>
Tee Ball	Joseph Norton	Christopher Bellman, Angel Villarroel
8U Baseball	Chuck Manula	Steve Brierty
10U Baseball	Belen Barquet	Mark Bissonnette, Henning Horn, John Drury, Chuck Manula, Steve Urbanski
12U Baseball	Cody Sessions & PJ Moore	Christopher Bellman, Ryan McLawhon, Tom Winans
14U Baseball	Dwayne Smith (acting)	Liz Caulfield, Tom Peters, Josh Baker, Megan Yarmuth, Floyd Yarmuth, Henning Horn, Alvaro Amador, Daniel Anziani
18U Baseball	Bill Fordyce	Ryan McLawhon, Dwight Brown, Josh Baker, Charles Schnurman, Dwayne Smith
13U Softball	Belen Barquet	Darcy Stingerie, Jason Stingerie
18U Softball	Buffi Berger	Ryan McLawhon Q
Challengers	Sheryl Stotland	Virgie Oviera, Jim Williams

## **Challengers Division**

- Parent Coordinators:
  - Sheryl Stotland
  - Jim Williams

- Student Leaders (ASD Volunteers):
  - Victoria Gamez
  - Chloe Harb
  - Jude Williams
- A unique and inclusive program designed to give children with physical and intellectual challenges the opportunity to enjoy the benefits of playing baseball in a supportive and encouraging environment
- A beacon of hope and empowerment, providing young athletes the chance to experience the joy of teamwork, the thrill of competition, and the satisfaction of personal achievement
- "Buddies" guide our players through every aspect of the game, from swinging a bat to running the bases, all while building confidence and fostering friendships that last a lifetime

Division*	<u>Days</u>	Season Dates
Challengers: Open to boys and girls of all ages with physical or intellectual challenges	Fridays: 9:30-11:30am	Oct. 18 – Feb. 8 (Break: Dec.15 - Jan. 10)



### **T-Ball Division**

#### Tee Ball: Fridays 8:30 to 10:00 A.M. Enter through Gate 8. (Practice and Game on the same day.

Initial MEET AND GREET This Friday, **September 27th**, from **8:30-9:30 AM**, for your child to meet their coach/teammates and hand out jerseys and hats. In addition, we will have some fun stations set up where the kids can practice hitting, throwing, and running the bases.

We are tentatively planning to start the season on **October 4th**, but we know this falls at the beginning of the October break for ASD. To ensure we have enough players around, we kindly ask that you complete this <u>Google</u> form to let me know if your child will be able to attend practices on **October 4th** and/or **October 11th**. Once I receive this information I will send an email to confirm practice on those dates.

Each practice will have three stations: one for hitting, another for running the bases/fielding, and a third for a fun game. After rotating each team rotates through the stations, the teams will play a short game, with each team playing each other for an inning. **Parents!!! Please consider helping with your child during the actual practice.** 

For your reference you can view the Little League T-Ball curriculum





#### Baseball Divisions: 8U - 18U

Division*	<u>Days</u>	Season Dates
8U Baseball: 7-8 years Machine/Coach Pitch	Practice: Mon. 5:30-7:00pm Game: Sat. 9:00am-11:00am	Sept. 29 – March 15 (Break: Dec.15 - Jan. 5)
10U Baseball: 9-10 years	Practice: Wed. 5:30-7:00pm Game: Sat. 11:00am-1:00pm	Sept. 29 – March 15 (Break: Dec.15 - Jan. 5)
12U Baseball: 11-12 years	Practice: Sun. 5:30-7:00pm Game: Fri. 1:00-3:00pm	Sept. 29 – March 15 (Break: Dec.15 - Jan. 5)
14U Baseball: 13-14 years	Practice: Sun. 7:00-9:00pm Game: Fri. 3:30-5:30pm	Sept. 29 – March 15 (Break: Dec.15 - Jan. 5)
18U Baseball: 15-18 years	Practice: Mon. 7:00-9:00pm Game: Fri. 6:00-8:00pm	Sept. 29 – Feb. 8 (Break: Dec.15 - Jan. 5)



### **Softball Divisions**

#### 13 U Softball

Practices: Tuesday 5:30-7pm Games: Saturday 1pm - 3pm

#### Assessments: Oct. 5th & 15th

• Games start in November, Saturdays will be used as batting and pitching practice during the month of October.

#### Coach Anne Clinics - October (Tuesdays).

#### 18 U Softball

Practices: Thursday 5:30pm - 7pm Games: Tuesday 7pm - 9pm

#### Assessments: First 2 practices in Oct.

. Games start in November, Game days will be used as practice during the month of October.

#### Coach Anne Clinics - October (Tuesdays).

Division*	<u>Days</u>	<u>Season Dates</u>
13U Softball: 9-13 years	Practice: Tue. 5:30-7:00pm	Sept. 29 – March 15
Fastpitch: Girls Only	Game: Sat. 1:00-3:00pm	(Break: Dec.15 - Jan. 5)
18U Softball: 14-18 years	Practice: Thur. 5:30-7:00pm	Sept. 29 – Feb. 8
Fastpitch: Girls Only	Game: Tue. 7:00-9:00pm	(Break: Dec.15 - Jan. 5)



### **Umpire Volunteering and Training**

QLL is always looking for adult umpires to serve our League behind the plate and in the field for both softball and baseball.

Those interested in volunteering to umpire should have a working knowledge of the game and be available to complete the following:

- Description: The Little League Umpire training course. (Email certificate to the umpire in chief)
- Attend an In-person training on October 17th 5:30 to 7:30 p.m. with Coach Sarafin
- □ Attend a second in person training on October 24th from 6:30-8:30 pm with Coach Reid
- Pass a Written Test based off of the <u>Umpire training videos</u> before November 1st. (Tentatively Tuesday, Oct. 29th 7:30pm)

WE have a STUDENT umpire training program where players 12 and up can umpire for service, or pay AFTER passing the training requirements.

Adult or Student, respect the umpire!



#### **QLL Weekly Field Schedule**

	Sun	Mon	Tues	Wed	Thur	Friday		Saturda	Ŋ
5:30 - 7:00	12U	8U	13USB	10U	18USB	8:30 - 10:00	T-Ball	9:00 - 11:00	8U
7:00 – <b>9</b> : <b>0</b> 0	14U	18U	18USB	*TBD	*TBD	8.00 0.20	<sub>field</sub>	11:00 - 1:00	10U
		*TBD = ac	8:00 - 9:30 9:30 - 11:30	Challengers Aux	1:00 - 3:00	13USB game			
	are required in any division &/or time for travel ball					11:30 - 12:30	gym/field *TBD	3:00 - 9:00	travel ball
						1:00 - 3:00	12U	travel coaches together to de	
						3:30 - 5:30	14U	timings	5.
						6:00 - 8:00	18U		
<b>8:00 – 9:00</b> *TBD							Qatar Li	ttle League EST.1997	

#### September 2024

	SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT	
	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	
	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	
		10			10			
	15	16	17	18	19	20	21	
	Coach Mtg	Knock the	e Dust off	Knock the	e Dust off			
	22	23	24	25 Parent	26	27	28	
At CH	eck th	e Dust off	Knock the	Orientation		Tee Ball meet and greet.		
	/erification,	30	1	2	3	4	5	Qatar Littl
		Assessme	nts and Team	Selection		Practices /	Uniforms	
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#### October 2024

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT	
29	30	1	2	3	4	5	
	Assessme	ents and Team	Selection		Practices ,	/ Uniforms	
6	7	8	9	10	11	12	1
			ASD Fall Break		_		
13	14	15	16	17	18	19	
		Regular Sea	ason Practices,	/Scrimmage			Ceremony and celebration for all Divisions
20	21	22	23	24	25	26	Exhibition Games for most Details to come
Regular Season Practice			Guest Coacl	h Owen Reid			
27	28	29	30	31	1	2	Qatar Little League
	Gues	st Coach Owen	Reid		League Games	Opening Ceremony	EST.1997

#### November

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT		
27	28	29	30	31	1	2		
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3	4	5	6	7	8	9	I	
	Regul	ar Season Pra	ctices		League Games			
10	11	12	13	14	15	16	1	
	Regul	ar Season Pra	ctices		League	Games		
17	18	19	20	21	22	23	1	
	Regul	ar Season Pra	ctices		League	Games		
24	25	26	27	28	29	30	1	
	Regular Seas	on Practices		US Thanksgiving	Travel Teams in Dubai			



#### **December 2024**

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT		
1	2	3	4	5	6	7		
Travel Teams in Dubai		Regular Seas	on Practices		League	Games		
8	9	10	11	12	13	14		
	Regul	lar Season Pra	ctices	_	League	Tee Ball Games and Season 1 ends		
15	16	17	18	19	20	21		
				ASD Holi	day Break			
22	23	24	25	26	27	28		
	ASD Holiday Break							
29	30	31	1	2	3	4	Qatar Little League	
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#### January 2025

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT	
29	30	31	1	2	3	4	
		A	SD Holiday Brea	ak			
5	6	7	8	9	10 Tee Ball	11	
	Regul	lar Season Pra	ctices		season 2 start League	Games	
12	13	14	15	16	17	18	
	Regu	lar Season Pra	ctices		League	Games	
19	20	21	22	23	24	25	
	Regu	lar Season Pra	ctices		League	Games	
26	27	28	29	30	31	1	Qatar Little
	Regu	lar Season Pra	ctices		Travel Tear	ns in Dubai	

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#### February 2025

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
26	27	28	29	30	31	1
	Regul	Travel Teams in Dubai				
2	3	4	5	6	7	8 Last Day for 18U &
Travel Teams in Dubai		Regular Seas		League Ga		
9	10	11	12	13	14	15
Regular Season Practices Le						Games
16	17	18	19	20	21	22
	Regul	League Games				
23	24	25	26	27	28	1
	Regular Season Practices League Games					Games



#### **March 2025**

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT	
23	24	25	26	27	28	1	
Regular Season Practices					League Games		
2	3	4	5	6	7	8	
	Regu	lar Season Pra	League Games				
9	10	11	12	13	14	15	
Regular Season Practices					League Games		
16	17	18	19	20	21	22	
23	24	25	26	27	28	29	
30	31	1	2	3	4	5	Qatar Little L

#### Reid Baseball Player/Coach Development Camp

Who: All QLL baseball players What: Baseball skills development Where: Farmer Field (ASD) When: October 21st to November 2nd Why: Promote Player/Coach development

Details by division and additional opportunities.



#### Sarafin Softball Player/Coach Development

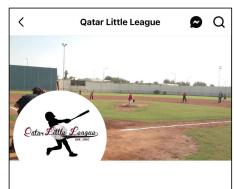
Who: All QLL Softball players What: Softball skills development Where: Farmer Field (ASD) When: Throughout the SEASON Why: Promote Player/Coach development

Individual Skill Trainings available with Coach availability. Details to Come.



### **Communication by QLL**

- Primary Qatar Little League email
  - <u>qatarlittleleague@gmail.com</u>
- Qatar Little League Website
  - <u>qatarlittleleague.com</u>
- Social Media
  - Facebook: <u>Qatar Little League</u>
  - Instagram: @qatarlittleleague
- ASD Sahifa



#### Qatar Little League

2.4K likes • 2.4K followers Youth Baseball and Softball athletic organization located in Doha, Qatar. Affiliate of Little League International.

Providing children ages 4-18 in Qatar with the opportunity to grow and develop through the game baseball and softball.



### **Communication by Division**

- Each Team will have a specific communication system. (Typically Whatsapp, email, etc.)
- As teams are decided, your coaches will be reaching out to you.
- This is a great opportunity to share your talents by being a Team mom/dad. Arranging snacks, scorekeeping, dug out help, or more.

If your player is not going to be at practice, or a game PLEASE, PLEASE, PLEASE inform your coach ahead of time. (Line ups depend on it)

- How parents address concerns
  - Coach first
  - If not resolved discuss with the Division Coordinator
  - If not resolved, involve the Player agent and Coaching Coordinator
  - If not resolved, inform Vice President and President.



## Equipment

#### WHAT EQUIPMENT DOES QLL PROVIDE FOR THE LEAGUE?

- QLL will have league owned C-Flap helmets available for players to use
- · QLL will have bats available for players to use
- QLL will have catcher's gear for the catchers to use
- QLL also provides a uniform jersey and baseball cap
- If you use it, please put it back in the same place
- No one goes home until all gear is returned and locked up

#### WHAT DO THE PLAYERS NEED TO PROVIDE?

- Glove
- Athletic footwear (cleats are suggested, but not required; no metal cleats)
- Athletic attire (We encourage baseball or softball pants and belt, but they are not required)
- An athletic cup for 12U and up (can be purchased at Decathelon (Boxing section))
- You can purchase your own helmets, bats, batting gloves, and more, but they must meet our safety requirement and bat standards per division.
- Baseball/Softball Equipment is not available in Qatar but can be ordered online
  - Or check with us to see what we still have in our used equipment sale



### **Bats & Catcher's Gear**

Bats: For information and a complete list of bats approved, visit usabat.com

- 12U Division and lower: USA Baseball bat
- 14U Division: USA Baseball bat or BBCOR bat
- 18U Division: BBCOR bat





Catchers

- Must wear catchers helmet w/ face mask & throat guard, chest protector & shin guards
- Male catchers must wear a long-model chest protector, protective supporter and cup at all times
- QLL will ensure team equipment has been inspected by a QLL official and that it is functioning properly
- Parents are encouraged to inspect personal equipment prior to each game



#### **A Gentle Reminder**

- Please Remember, We are guests of ASD. The designated areas we are allowed to be in are:
  - The baseball field, bleachers, or other practice area with a coach
  - Sitting inside the building to cool off, or work is fine, but classrooms are off limits
  - Children are not allowed in the Middle School playground area-even with an adult
- QLL Gear Usage and Storage
  - All QLL equipment should be treated with care and respect
  - Everything that is borrowed is returned at the end of each practice/game
  - No one goes home until everything is locked up
- You must have an identification to get onto campus



## **QLL Safety Plan**

- QLL officers, coaches, parents & players will take safety issues seriously
- In 1995, Little League Baseball introduced A Safety Awareness Program (ASAP) with the goal of:
  - Re-emphasizing the position of a Safety Officer to "create awareness, through education and information, of the opportunities to provide a safer environment for kids and all participants of Little League Baseball"
- The <u>QLL Safety Plan is qualified by the ASAP program</u>
- The Qatar Little League program has an active Safety Officer on file with Little League Headquarters
  - Safety Officer is Steven Riddle for the 2024-2025 season



### **Adverse Weather Conditions**

#### • Air Quality Index (AQI)

- US EPA's AQI is a uniform, color-coded index for reporting and forecasting daily air quality
- AQI of 151 to 200 = practice and games will be cancelled
- AQI of 201 to 300 = practice and games will be cancelled or stopped
- QLL reserves the right to cancel any practice or game with lower AQI thresholds in the interest of play, family or spectator safety as the discretion of the QLL Board
- Shamal winds, which are associated with the strengthening of a highpressure area over the peninsula after the passage of a cold front.
  - Winds exceeding 15 mph/24 kpm/13kn = practice and games MAY be cancelled or stopped
  - Winds exceeding 25 mph/40 kpm/22kn = practice and games MUST be cancelled or stopped
- Weather conditions will be monitored using <u>+IQAir</u>
  - Or through Qatar's <u>Civil Aviation Authority's Meteorology site</u>
- QLL Lightning Policy can be found in Appendix D of the Safety Plan atthe Leag

## **Safety First**

- Practices and/or games may be called at the discretion of the QLL board in the event of any adverse weather or air quality condition. Additionally, Coaches and/or Division Coordinators can exercise stop play authority at any time for any adverse weather or air quality concern deemed as a hazard at the time
- The Board does its best to make determinations of when to call a game, or a practice as soon as we possibly can, but we also recognize the changing weather patterns can happen very quickly, so please be patient with us
- Families ALWAYS have the individual choice to decide if they want to keep their player home due to a potential concern about heat, wind, AQI, or more. What we ask is you inform the coaches
- Remember, if there is any doubt, stand-down practices or games.
  - Nothing comes before the safety of our players, families and spectators
  - Coaches and Division Coordinators should always check conditions beforehand



## Safety Training for Volunteers

- All Coaches attend a pre-season orientation meeting and are trained in
  - Concussion Training: CDC.GOV/HEADSUP/
  - Basic First Aid
  - Child safeguarding
- All umpires are expected to participate in a pre-season rules and umpire clinic at the direction of QLL officials.
- First Aid Supply is kept in QLL storage near field
- We are always looking for a medically licensed QLL community member to do deepen our training on first aid
- In case of emergency Dial 999



### Parent Code of Conduct

- As a Qatar Little League player's Parent/Guardian, I hereby pledge that I will:
  - To the best of my ability, ensure my player arrives to practice on time ready to play ball
  - Encourage good sportsmanship and demonstrate positive support at all times
  - Remember that players participate to have fun and the game is for youth
  - Teach my child that doing one's best is more important than winning
  - Refrain from coaching my child during games and practices
  - Respect the officials and their authority during games
  - Not confront coaches at any time during games
  - Not engage in any kind of unsportsmanlike conduct with any official, coach, player, or parent
- Please Note:
  - Coaches are volunteers and parents
  - Umpires are volunteers and most often students
  - Please communicate with your coach if your player will not be present or will be late



### **Player Code of Conduct**

- As a Qatar Little League participant, I hereby pledge that I will:
  - Respect the game of baseball/softball by playing by the rules/policies of the game
  - Respect property and equipment belonging to QLL, ASD, and others
  - Show respect to my fellow team members and coaches by playing hard and giving maximum effort
  - Be a team player, support my teammates, and display good sportsmanship at all times
  - Refrain from using violence, unfriendly language, or insults to others
  - Refrain from challenging or questioning on-field calls by officials or coaches
  - Be generous when I win and gracious when I lose
  - Conduct myself with honor and dignity
  - Not leave the field until all QLL gear is properly put away



### **Coach Code of Conduct**

- As a Qatar Little League Coach, I hereby pledge that I will:
  - Do my best to provide a safe playing environment for all players
  - Lead by example in demonstrating fair play and sportsmanship, and treating all coaches, officials, parents, and players with respect
  - Remember my responsibility to the QLL mission to foster a developmental league and serve as a developmental coach for youth
  - Place the emotional and physical well-being of players ahead of a desire to win
  - Respect the game of baseball/softball by coaching by the rules and adhering to policies
  - Treat each player as an individual and remember the broad range of emotional and physical development across our league divisions
  - Teach the rules of the game to all players, officials, and parents
  - Not abuse other coaches, umpires, parents, or players
  - Not engage in the use of profanity or any other offensive language
  - Not leave the sports area until all players have been picked up
  - Not leave the field until all QLL gear is properly put away



#### We Need You!

Meg McLawhon, Volunteer Coordinator (volunteers.qll@gmail.com)

Meg is new to the board and will be sending a short, follow-up survey this coming week to all parents with updated, anticipated needs for the coming season (thank you for your patience). If you marked originally on your child's registration that you had special skills/abilities you are willing to offer, this is your chance to clarify and find your niche! We are 100% volunteer-run and without *you*, there is no *us*!

**Please Remember:** Equipment set up and take down requires a lot of time. With practices scheduled for 90-minute time slots, we do not want a significant portion spent making this happen. If you are able, your child's coaches will appreciate any help at the start and end of practice!

### **Volunteer Opportunities**

- CONCESSIONS
- OPENING CERMONY
- SETTING UP
- UNIFORMS
- SHADOWING A Board member
- Opening and Closing ceremonies



#### Fundraising





#### **Exciting News!**

Travel ball just got more exciting! We've managed to order some swag for families to purchase and raise funds for travel ball this year. We've got some exciting swag coming our way:

- Stickers
- Tshirts (preorder)

- Earrings
- Hand/Rally Towels (great for throwing and pitching drills)
- QLL Drawstring bags (being donated by one of our families)

Bake sales, Bracelets made by our softball, possibilities of concessions during games are all in the works.

We need your help to make this happen, if you're interested in helping, please let Megan McLawhon Catar Little League know at volunteers.qll@gmail.com.



### Thank You!

We are excited about the upcoming baseball season! Thank you for coming out today and supporting QLL to ensure we have a successful baseball, softball, and Tee Ball season.

## **Q & A (on general information)**

If your child is considering Travel Ball stick around for a few more slides...



# Qatar Heat Travel Ball

Opportunity for Advanced Players to Develop With International Competition

- Have Fun and Represent Qatar Baseball & Softball Abroad
- Goal of Competing in 2-4 International Tournaments in 2024/2025
- Teams of Interested Players Selected During Fall Assessments

#### Save the Date – Potential Tournaments

- Dubai Fall Classic November 29th to December 1st, 2024
- Dubai Winter Classic January 31st to February 2nd 2025
- QLL Super Tournament o/a May 1st to May 3rd, 2025



## **Travel Ball Policy**

- There must be a parent (of a child in the age division) willing to coach a specific team
- Team Selection Process
  - Parent/Player indicates interest
  - Coaches select players to make a team based on
    - Previous or current QLL season performance, attitude, effort, coachability, assessment scores

#### Tournament Roster

- Roster selected per tournament based on player
  - Availability, performance, attendance, attitude, effort
- Communication will be asap and no less than one month in advance where possible
- Each player guaranteed at least one inning per tournament game
- Adding/Removing players to Team
  - Can be added based on coach observed season performance, individual assessments
  - Can be removed based on attitude, performance, behavior, attendance



### **Travel Ball Commitments**

- Travel ball is funded MOSTLY by players/families.
- QLL covers the cost of one tournament registration fee
- Uniform:
  - QLL regular season hat
  - Belt and socks ordered in bulk (for color match)
  - White pants ordered individually
  - Usual baseball gear
- Travel Expenses:
  - Airline tickets
  - Hotel accommodations
  - Team bus shared cost
  - Tournament registration (if not first)
  - Other misc travel expenses

Payers must be accompanied by a parent or guardian on all tournament travel

