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The American Amateur Baseball Congress (AABC), a non-profit organization, is the finest amateur baseball organization in the United States. Players the caliber of Ken Griffey Jr., John Smoltz, Cal Ripken, Jr., Edgar Martinez, Ivan Rodriguez, Barry Larkin, Ozzie Smith and Derek Jeter are alumni of the AABC. An AABC alumni listing is attached. We are extremely proud of our Alum and will match their accomplishments against any other Youth Baseball Sanctioning Body.

Founded in 1935, the AABC is composed of seven even age divisions in the United States, Puerto Rico and Canada: Stan Musial (unlimited age), Connie Mack (18u), Mickey Mantle (16u), Sandy Koufax (14u), Pee Wee Reese (12u), Willie Mays (10u), Roberto Clemente (8u), and five odd age divisions (Jackie Robinson - 9u, Gil Hodges - 11u, 13u, 15u and Don Mattingly - 17u). Eligibility for the divisions is determined by a player's age on May 1st of the current year.

The most distinct factors of the AABC are the high quality of competition (again, see Alumni List), the requirement of advancement in tournament play (i.e., no "buy-in" to World Series play) and the finest experience available at our World Series sites. We operate under a league concept as opposed to an all-star team concept. A league is composed of at least four (4) teams playing a minimum of six (6) league games. Each league advances a team to State or Regional tournament play. The winners of the Regional tournaments advance on to the World Series, which are held in Huntsville, Texas (Stan Musial); Farmington, New Mexico (Connie Mack); McKinney, Texas (Mickey Mantle); Douglasville, Georgia (Sandy Koufax); Toa Baja, Puerto Rico (Pee Wee Reese); Catano, Puerto Rico (Willie Mays); McDonough, Georgia (Roberto Clemente); and Tulsa, Oklahoma, Brooklyn, New York, Battle Creek, Michigan and Owasso, Oklahoma for the odd age divisions. Tournament allowances at the even age World Series level vary depending upon the age division and include paid travel or travel allowances, housing or lodging, and meal allowances. Materials regarding the 2006 World Series' allowances are attached.

The state and national dues are determined annually and are assessed on a per team basis. The national dues are currently \$25.00 per team and the Ohio State dues are currently \$15.00 per team. Unlike other amateur baseball programs, there is no added fee or charge to participate in most AABC State, Regional or World Series tournaments. Attached is the Tentative 2007 Ohio State, East Central Regional and World Series Schedule. We are in the process of finalizing these dates.

The AABC strives to enlarge and advance the scope of amateur baseball by stimulating interest and competition and to provide a sound, experienced organization to assist and educate local groups in obtaining the maximum health and citizenship values. For further information about the AABC and its mission, please visit our websites at www.ohioaabc.org (Ohio Association) and www.aabc.us (National Office) or contact Paul Brizzolara at 513-947-5290 or at pbrizzolara@aabc.us