

REVIVING BASEBALL IN INNER CITIES (RBI)

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JAYS CARE FOUNDATION IS OFFERING THE
OPPORTUNITY TO HOST THE RBI BASEBALL
PROGRAM AT YOUR SCHOOL!



What is RBI?

RBI is a program offered to Toronto schools by Jays Care Foundation in partnership with Major League Baseball. It is designed to teach kids the game of baseball and give them the opportunity to represent their school, build relationships with their peers and develop a love and passion for sport.



Who is the program for?

Schools that host an RBI Program can choose whether they want to offer the program for Grades 5/6 or Grades 7/8 (Note that there are only a limited number of openings for each age group depending on where your school is located).

How often does the program run?

All RBI Programs will be lead after school twice a week for 8 weeks beginning April 15th and will culminate with a one-day championship tournament in mid-June. For Weeks 1 and 2, all program days will be practices. Beginning in Week 3, teams will participate in one practice per week as well as an organized game against a nearby school.

- o **Grades 7/8 RBI: Mondays and Wednesdays**
- o **Grades 5/6 RBI: Tuesdays and Thursdays**

Who runs the program?

RBI is a program jointly run by each individual school and Jays Care Foundation. Each school is responsible for providing at least one teacher liaison to be present at all practices and games. For schools who require additional support, Jays Care provides an RBI head baseball coach who leads the program alongside a teacher or guidance counsellor from the school. Jays Care is also able to provide 1-2 volunteer assistant coaches (all of whom have completed a Vulnerable Sector Check).

Here's what some participants have said about the RBI Program:

"This is an encouraging and inspiring program. Every kid should be able to have an experience like this!"

"Thank you for helping me reach my own best and thank you for giving me more confidence."

"Thank you! When I joined this program, I knew NOTHING about baseball. Thanks to this program, now I know lots!"

"Thank you so much for making me have a fun experience! I hope I get to play more baseball/softball with you guys!"

"Everyone deserves to come to RBI. I loved this program."

"I had lots of fun and it was amazing and really fun to play RBI baseball. Thank you for your time."



Is there any cost to the program?

All costs associated with the RBI Program are covered by Jays Care Foundation.

As a Jays Care RBI partner, your school will receive:

- 1-3 Baseball Coaches
- Uniforms for each player
- Field bookings and permits
- Transportation to and from games
- Championship tournament with awards
- Special all-star opportunities for select players
- Tickets to a Blue Jays game for your team

As a Jays Care RBI partner, your school is responsible for:

- Providing 1-2 teachers who are present at all practices and games
- A practice facility at your school (i.e. soccer field, school yard, gym, etc.)

Check out some schools where the RBI Program is already taking place!

- Amesbury Middle School
- Brookview Middle School
- CR Marchant Middle School
- DA Morrison Middle School
- George Webster Senior Elementary School
- Oakdale Park Middle School
- Our Lady of Lourdes Catholic School
- Our Lady of Victory Catholic School
- Robert Service Senior Public School
- Rose Avenue Junior Public School
- Roselands Junior Public School
- Samuel Hearne Middle School
- St. Bernard Catholic School
- St. Michael Catholic School
- St. Paul Catholic School



Here's what some teachers have said about RBI:

**"Great program.
Great to promote
teamwork and
develop life skills."**

**Love this program!
I am all in. Let's
ensure that this
program is year-
round and accessible
to more students."**

**"RBI brought all of
these inner-city schools
together through the
wonderful sport of
baseball. All of the
coaches, supervisors,
teachers, volunteers
and most importantly
the children all helped
make it a wonderful
program."**

**"A very valuable
program that should
be a staple in every
school."**

**"...The kids began
to realize that even
though you are not
successful every
time, that you can
still contribute."**

DID YOU KNOW?

100%

of coaches and teachers said they noticed an improvement in participants' self-esteem and confidence throughout the RBI Program

96%

of coaches and teachers said they felt like they made a positive difference in the lives of children in the RBI program.

100%

of coaches and teachers would recommend RBI to children from other schools across the country.

To find out more information on registering your school for the RBI Program, please contact Joshua Appel at 416-341-3211 or Joshua.Appel@bluejays.com.