



ALTERNATIVE BASEBALL ORGANIZATION

FACT SHEET

MISSION STATEMENT: To provide an encouraging environment to promote personal growth and development for teens and adults (ages 15 & older) with autism and other special needs through America's pastime.... BASEBALL!

WHO IS ABO? ABO is a 501c3 nonprofit organization and was founded in January, 2016, by Taylor Duncan, who is on the autism spectrum himself. We provide an authentic baseball experience for those players who want a competitive, yet accepting environment. Both men and women are encouraged to participate in Alternative Baseball.

WHAT IS ABO? ABO plays by MLB rules, including: leading off, infield fly, calling balks, and stealing bases. Balls and strikes are counted and scored accordingly: a batter is out after 3 strikes and a batter walks after 4 balls. ABO is designed for players who are fully able to actively participate on a dirt-grass field. Each player plays independently on the field and must be able to control and swing a wood bat. Our games are player pitched and the only adaptation from a traditional program is the ball itself (for safety purposes). Each game is 7 to 9 innings. No previous experience required.

WHERE IS ABO? ABO's National Team is located in Dallas, GA, but Affiliates are expanding across the USA! We currently have Affiliates in Georgia, Alabama, Illinois, Colorado, New Jersey, South Carolina, Virginia, Tennessee, Iowa, Maryland, Arizona, and Florida! We are seeking additional Managers to sign with ABO to provide opportunities for players in their respective communities. .

WHEN? Typically, ABO meets for practices/games once a week for approx. 1 ½ hours. The schedule, dates, time, and location are determined by each Manager.

WHY? ABO accepts each player for who they are! We encourage our players to be the best they can be and strive to instill the confidence in each player to fulfill their dreams on and off the field. The program, along side its players, is in a pursuit to break barriers and power through perceptions.

HOW? A season consists of practices- giving players experience, training, and instruction, as well as, competitive scrimmage games while incorporating appropriate life and social skills.

For more information, contact Taylor Duncan at (770) 313-1762 or alternativebaseball@gmail.com. To sign up to play or to manage a team, go to our website and fill out the form under the Player Pool tab or the Expansion Form tab. Website: www.alternativebaseball.org