

Players, families, fellow coaches, and friends
BOYS OF BASEBALL – NATIONAL TRAVEL TEAM

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This e-mail is like none other I have crafted or shared since I created BOB-NTT, July 1, 1995. But, it is one that I am putting forth at this time...it is shared with you directly and personally because I care about you, and want you to hear this from me.

Effective September 1, 2008, the BOYS OF BASEBALL – NATIONAL TRAVEL TEAM no longer functionally exists... pursuant to current legal steps, the not-for profit, 501©(3) IRS tax-exempt status and publically-supported organization is being dissolved.

Here's how come:

- *Expenses associated with today's travel baseball have exceeded BOB-NTT capability.
- *Today's travel baseball is going in directions that BOB-NTT cannot enjoy or support.
- *Way too much emphasis on winning at all costs...not anywhere close to BOB-NTT.
- *Too much time, energy, and personal/domestic expense required from me.
- *Need and want to devote more time, energy, and resources to my wife and family.

This decision is one that I have considered thoroughly...and, one that I feel good about without any remorse, hesitation, and question. So, the decision to end the BOB-NTT is one that I come to with a clear mind, a clean heart, and prayerful confidence that this is the appropriate direction that I choose for BOB-NTT...just like when I decided to start it.

Literally, 1000's of kids, families, fellow coaches, friends, admirers, communities, and organizations have directly participated with the BOYS OF BASEBALL – NATIONAL TRAVEL TEAM since its inception 13 years and two months ago....players/families from 45 states and three provinces of Canada...296 age-group tournaments...1868-184 overall W-L record...58 tournament championships...49 trips to Cooperstown Dreams Park (five championship games)...2005 NATC Champions...2006 NATC Semi-finals...2007 NATC Semi-finals...2008 NATC Runner-up...the only program to be in the NATC final four this many times...30 players selected to USA BASEBALL national teams...tournaments in 14 states, including Hawaii, Cuba, and The Dominican Republic.

The BOB-NTT impact upon kids/families is well-recognized as positive and meaningful...the fond memories and wholesome friendships spawned by the BOB-NTT will endure over their lifetimes, surely. **And, that is the legacy that is most cherished.** Hopefully, the BOYS OF BASEBALL – NATIONAL TRAVEL TEAM has made a difference...A POSITIVE DIFFERENCE...in the lives it has been so blessed to touch.

I will continue to offer STEVE COSGROVE BASEBALL SCHOOLS wherever they are supported...I thank you all from the bottom of my heart for your joining me on this exciting BOB-NTT journey...**may The Good Lord keep you all happy, healthy, and forever committed to leaving each person, each dugout, each ball park, each situation, each neighborhood, and the world in better shape than we found them.**

There are no regrets with this decision...I have poured my heart into BOB-NTT.

STAY BALANCED in all things!

-Steve Cosgrove, Founder BOB-NTT