



# Buffalo Baseball Association

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## BUFFALO BASEBALL ASSOCIATION

### TRAVELING BASEBALL FAQ 2019

#### **BBA Mission:**

*Developing baseball fundamentals in a **competitive** environment:* The mission of the Buffalo Baseball Association (BBA) is to provide Buffalo area youth with an opportunity to play competitive baseball, learn fundamental skills, increase knowledge of the game and have fun, while promoting sportsmanship, respect and character on and off the field of play.

#### **What happens at tryouts?**

Tryouts are required for all players to be eligible to play. Players should bring their glove, bat and necessary protective gear. Please wear appropriate gym shoes - NO SPIKES. All tryouts will be held at the Buffalo Activity Center.

- **Boys ages 8/9U – 14U will try out on Monday, February 18<sup>th</sup> from 3-9 PM.**
  - **Once a Player reaches 7<sup>th</sup> Grade they will have to tryout with their grade.**
- **15U and above. Tryouts will be held separately with BHS School Baseball Tryouts.**

Players will be evaluated by the Buffalo High School Baseball Coaching staff.-The Buffalo Baseball Board DOES NOT have any input in player's scores.

Players will be grouped and scored with their age/ grade group. Team selections will be done after tryouts. Notice of team selections typically is posted online after tryouts have been completed. Results will be posted online at [www.bisonbaseball.org](http://www.bisonbaseball.org) after March 11th, 2018 or earlier if possible.

#### **What is the cost to play?**

Boys ages 8/9U season fee is \$200.00 per player plus processing fee and a \$20 tryout fee.

Boys ages 10U-14U season fee is \$300.00 per player plus processing fee plus a \$20 tryout fee.

15U and up season fee is \$300.00 per player plus processing fee. Tryouts will be done during the High School evaluations at no cost for tryouts.

- This fee pays for the season and entry into two regular season tournaments. Players will also receive and keep 2 New Jersey's and hat. You are responsible for purchasing white pants, belt, spikes, bat and a batting helmet. This applies for 9U thru 15U age levels only.
- VFW Teams will receive 1 Jersey's. VFW teams have to have VFW patch on Jersey's.

In addition, the following checks will be required at Tryout check in. **Note: 9<sup>th</sup> Graders and above will be trying out thru the Buffalo High School tryouts.**

- Fund raising deposit: \$75/player - check is shredded when player sells 3 flower baskets or more. This is for 9U thru 15U only. Players at VFW and above do not need to sell flower baskets.
- Volunteer deposit: \$400/per family - check is shredded upon completion of 8 volunteer hours per player/family. This is for 9U thru 15U only. players at the VFW level do not need to volunteer



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## **How are team rosters determined, and what if my child is not selected?**

Players are scored by the Buffalo Varsity Baseball coaching staff during tryouts. **We will try to place every kid on a traveling team.** However, if your child is not selected for a team, we encourage you to participate in the in-house baseball program offered by Buffalo Community Education. Your registration fees will be refunded. In addition, the Buffalo Baseball Association has player training sessions available during the offseason.

## **How do I sign up to coach?**

If you are interested in coaching, you must fill out a coach's application located under the coaches tab on the website. All coaches will be allowed to watch and take notes on players during tryouts, and head coaches will be determined after tryouts, once scores have been tabulated and players ranked.

## **How long the season & how many games are played?**

There are approximately 16 regular season games (starting in late April), plus at least 2 - 3 tournaments, not including the Gopher State Tournament, which occurs in early / mid-July, depending on the age groups.

## **How many practices will there be per week?**

Practices are scheduled at the Bentfield Sports Complex ball fields behind the Civic Center. Due to unpredictable spring weather conditions, practices may not always happen as scheduled or maybe held at other locations in the area, but there will be 2 – 3 practices per week prior to the season. Once games begin, practices may occur 1 – 2 times per week with an hour of warmups prior before games.

## **Is fundraising required?**

Yes, the BBA offers a flower basket and other fundraising thru out the season. Each family is expected to sell (or buy) 3 baskets, valued at \$75 total. The funds from this program allow us to keep our competitive baseball program running.

## **Our family cannot absorb the registration costs for traveling baseball at the time of registration. What are my options?**

Please reach out to the Buffalo Baseball President or Vice President for alternate payment options. Their email addresses are located on the website.

## **If my son decides to play up can he move back down?**

Once a player tries out with a specific age group, that player will be categorized with that age group for that season in its entirety. In most cases and depending on registration numbers there will be more than 1 team for player to be placed on. There is a risk that by electing to play up they may not make the AAA or even AA team. While we cannot guarantee there will be no cuts, it is our intention to keep any player that wants to be in traveling baseball within the BBA. The following year the player can decide again if they want to go back down.

- **Once a player reaches 7<sup>th</sup> grade, they will be required to play with their grade.**



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## **Is volunteering required?**

All families with a player in the BBA are expected to volunteer a minimum of 8 hours per player/ family. Please remember if your volunteer hours are not completed, your deposit check will be cashed. The BBA will work to make sure all families has a chance to fulfill their hours.

- **Field Clean Up Days** - Volunteer to help clean up the ball fields before the season starts, tentatively scheduled for early April.
- **Flower Fundraiser** - Volunteers are needed to compile orders, unload the flowers, organize and distribute to families at the pick-up date, which is in May 2019
- **Spring or Summer hosted tournament**- TBD 2019- Volunteers are needed before, during and after the tournament.
- **Wood Bat Tournament** - August 2019 - Volunteers are needed before, during and after the tournament.
- **Additional Opportunities**- the BBA will send out any additional information as needed.

## **Are you new to BBA or want more information?**

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