



Brookings Friends of Baseball

Team Philosophies

Spring Season:

Bobcat Varsity:

Goal: Games are compete-to-win within parameters of the values of FOB and respect for the game.

- **Team composition:** The top 10 to 18 players in grades 9 through 12 as evaluated and selected by the Bobcat Baseball coaching staff.
- **Playing time and game play:** Coaches determine positions, lineups, and game strategy. There are no playing time guarantees for players. However, coaches are strongly encouraged to get every player playing time in at least one game of a double header.
- **Cuts:** Cuts are discouraged and will only be used if there are not enough players for a minimum of 10 players on the Varsity, Junior Varsity and Freshman/Sophomore teams or more players than necessary for three teams of 18 players. Any player cut will receive a full refund of their spring registration fee. Players may be placed on Bobcats Junior Varsity or Bobcats Freshman/Sophomore team. Players may be placed on the Bobcats Junior Varsity or Bobcats Freshman/Sophomore teams.
- **Pitcher Only:** Pitcher Only players are allowed but must be designated and agreed to by the coach and player. If both parties do not agree, the player will continue to be available as a fielder and batter, but with no playing time guarantee.
- **Registration:** Registration for spring baseball will open Oct. 1 and close Nov. 15. Late registrations are allowed through Jan. 15. If cuts are to occur, players who register late will be the first to be cut. The only exception to this rule is if an individual moves to and enrolls in the Brookings School District. Any player cut for reasons other than a Code of Conduct violation will be given a full refund.
- **Player evaluation:** Player evaluation will begin with the first official day of practice as determined by the coaches and no earlier than March 8 for the 2022 season. Players will have the opportunity for voluntary off-season workouts. Voluntary workouts are encouraged but not part of the evaluation process.

Bobcat Junior Varsity:

Goal: To be competitive in games within parameters of the values of FOB and respect for the game, but with a primary emphasis on skill development. Tournaments are play-to-win.

- **Team composition:** The top 10 to 18 players in grades 9 through 12 who are not on the Bobcat Varsity team as evaluated and selected by the Bobcat Baseball coaching staff.
- **Playing time and game play:** Coaches determine positions, lineups, and game strategy. During the regular season, significant effort will be made to get every player playing time (minimum 1 at bat and 2 innings in the field in one game of a double header), but playing time is NOT required to be equal. In tournaments, playing time is not guaranteed unless in a consolation bracket. At that point, the playing time guidelines will be the same as for regular season games.
- **Cuts:** Cuts are discouraged and will only be used if there are not enough players for a minimum of 10 players on both the Junior Varsity and Freshman/Sophomore teams or more players than necessary for two teams of 18 players. Any player cut for reasons other than a Code of Conduct violation will receive a full refund of their spring registration fee. Players may be placed on Bobcats Freshman/Sophomore team.
- **Pitcher Only:** Pitcher Only players are allowed but must be designated and agreed to by the coach and player. If both parties do not agree, the player will continue to be available as a fielder and batter, but with no playing time guarantee. Pitcher only players at the junior varsity level will not be encouraged, but possible in certain circumstances.
- **Registration:** Registration for spring baseball will open Oct. 1 and close Nov. 15. Late registrations are allowed through Jan. 15. If cuts are to occur, players who register late will be the first to be cut. The only exception to this rule is if an individual moves to and enrolls in the Brookings School District. Any player cut will be given a full refund.
- **Player evaluation:** Player evaluation will begin with the first official day of practice as determined by the coaches and no earlier than March 8 for the 2022 season. Players will have the opportunity for voluntary off-season workouts. Voluntary workouts are encouraged but not part of the evaluation process.

Bobcat Freshman/Sophomore:

Goal: To be competitive in league games within parameters of the values of FOB and respect for the game, but with a primary emphasis on skill development. Tournaments are play-to-win.

- **Team composition:** The top 10 to 18 players in grades 9 and 10 who are not on the Bobcat Varsity or Junior Varsity teams as evaluated and selected by the Bobcat Baseball coaching staff.
- **Playing time and game play:** Coaches determine positions, lineups, and game strategy. During the regular season, significant effort will be made to get every player playing time (minimum 1 at bat and 2 innings in the field in one game of a double header), but playing time is NOT required to be equal. In tournaments, playing time is not guaranteed unless in a consolation bracket. At that point, the playing time guidelines will be the same as for regular season games.

- **Cuts:** Cuts are discouraged and will only be used if there are not enough players for a minimum of 10 players on the Varsity, Junior Varsity and Freshman/Sophomore teams or more players than necessary for three teams of 18 players. Any player cut for reasons other than a Code of Conduct violation will receive a full refund of their spring registration fee. Players may be placed on Bobcats Junior Varsity or Bobcats Freshman/Sophomore team.
- **Pitcher Only:** Pitcher Only players are not allowed.
- **Registration:** Registration for spring baseball will open Oct. 1 and close Nov. 15. Late registrations are allowed through Jan. 15. If cuts are to occur, players who register late will be the first to be cut. The only exception to this rule is if an individual moves to and enrolls in the Brookings School District. Any player cut will be given a full refund.
- **Player evaluation:** Player evaluation will begin with the first official day of practice as determined by the coaches and not earlier than March 8 for the 2022 season. Players will have the opportunity for voluntary off-season workouts. Voluntary workouts are encouraged but not part of the evaluation process.

Summer Season:

American Legion (Bandits):

Goal: Games are play-to-win within the parameters of the values of FOB and respect for the game with the ultimate goal of winning a state championship.

- **Team composition:** The top 12 to 18 players in grades 9 through 12 as evaluated and selected by the American Legion coaching staff. Super seniors will be handled according to American Legion and South Dakota Legion rules and evaluated accordingly.
- **Playing time and game play:** Coaches determine positions, lineups, and game strategy. There are NO playing time guarantees for players.
- **Cuts:** Players may be cut based on roster size restrictions, skill level, or significant or repeated code of conduct violations. Any player cut for reasons other than code of conduct violations will receive a full refund of their summer registration fee.
- **Pitcher Only:** Pitcher Only players are allowed but must be designated and agreed to by the coach and player. If both parties do not agree, the player will continue to be available as a fielder and batter, but with no playing time guarantee.
- **Dual Rostering:** Dual rostering is allowed under extenuating circumstances but is strongly discouraged and must be done with FOB Board approval.
- **Registration:** Registration for summer baseball will open Oct. 1 and close Nov. 15. Late registrations are allowed through Jan. 15. If cuts are to occur, players who register late will be the first to be cut. The only exception to this rule is if an individual moves to and enrolls in the Brookings School District. Any player cut will be given a full refund.

Junior American Legion (Chutes):

Goal: To be competitive in games within the parameters of the values of FOB and respect for the game, but with a strong emphasis on skill development. Tournaments are play-to-win.

- **Team composition:** The top 12 to 18 players in grades 9 through 12 who are not on the American Legion team as evaluated and selected by the American Legion and Junior American Legion coaching staffs.
- **Playing time and game play:** Coaches determine positions, lineups, and game strategy. During the regular season, significant effort will be made to get every player playing time (minimum 1 at bat and 2 innings in the field in one game of a double header), but playing time is NOT required to be equal. In tournaments, playing time is not guaranteed unless in a consolation bracket. At that point, the playing time guidelines will be the same as for regular season games.
- **Cuts:** Cuts are discouraged and will only be used if there are significant or repeated code of conduct violations or not enough players for a minimum of 12 players on both the Junior Legion and 16U teams or more players than necessary for two teams of 18 players. Any player cut for reasons other than a Code of Conduct violation will receive a full refund of their summer registration fee.
- **Pitcher Only:** Pitcher Only players are allowed but must be designated and agreed to by the coach and player. If both parties do not agree, the player will continue to be available as a fielder and batter, but with no playing time guarantee. Pitcher Only players will receive a discounted registration fee. Pitcher only players at the junior legion level will not be encouraged, but possible in certain circumstances.
- **Dual Rostering:** Dual rostering is allowed under extenuating circumstances but is strongly discouraged and must be done with FOB Board approval.
- **Registration:** Registration for summer baseball will open Oct. 1 and close Nov. 15. Late registrations are allowed through Jan. 15. If cuts are to occur, players who register late will be the first to be cut. The only exception to this rule is if an individual moves to, and enrolls in the Brookings School District. Any player cut will be given a full refund.

16U (Bullets):

Goal: To be competitive in league games the parameters of the values of FOB and respect for the game, but with a primary emphasis on skill development. Tournaments are play-to-win.

- **Team composition:** The top 12 to 18 players in grades 9 and 10 who are not on the American Legion or Junior American Legion teams as evaluated and selected by the American Legion, Junior American Legion, and 16U coaching staffs.
- **Playing time and game play:** Coaches determine positions, lineups, and game strategy. Significant effort will be made to get every player playing time (minimum 1 at bat and 2 innings in the field in one game of a double header), but playing time is NOT required to be equal. In tournaments, playing time is not guaranteed unless in a

consolation bracket. At that point, the playing time guidelines will be the same as for regular season games.

- **Cuts:** Cuts are discouraged and will only be used if there are significant or repeated code of conduct violations or not enough players for a minimum of 12 players on both the Junior Legion and 16U teams or more players than necessary for two teams of 18 players. Any player cut for reasons other than a Code of Conduct violation will receive a full refund of their summer registration fee.
- **Pitcher Only:** Pitcher Only players are not allowed.
- **Dual Rostering:** Dual rostering is allowed under extenuating circumstances but is strongly discouraged and must be done with FOB Board approval.
- **Registration:** Registration for summer baseball will open Oct. 1 and close Nov. 15. Late registrations are allowed through Jan. 15. If cuts are to occur, players who register late will be the first to be cut. The only exception to this rule is if an individual moves to and enrolls in the Brookings School District. Any player cut will be given a full refund.

U14 (Bombers Black):

Goal: To be competitive in league games within parameters of good sportsmanship and respect for the game, but with a primary emphasis on skill development. Tournaments are play-to-win.

- **Team composition:** The top 12 to 18 players in 8th grade as evaluated and selected by the paid summer coaching staff.
- **Playing time and game play:** Coaches determine positions, lineups, and game strategy. Significant effort will be made to get every player playing time (minimum 1 at bat and 2 innings in the field in one game of a double header), but playing time is NOT required to be equal. In tournaments, playing time is not guaranteed unless in a consolation bracket. At that point, the playing time guidelines will be the same as for regular season games.
- **Cuts:** Cuts are discouraged and will only be used for significant or repeated violations of the code of conduct, or if there are not enough players for a minimum of 12 players on the U14 and U13/U14 combined teams or more than 18 players per team for the U14 and U13/U14 combined teams. Any player cut for reasons other than a Code of Conduct violation will receive a full refund of their summer registration fee.
- **Pitcher Only:** Pitcher Only players are not allowed.
- **Dual Rostering:** Dual rostering is not allowed.
- **Registration:** Registration for summer baseball will open Oct. 1 and close Nov. 15. Late registrations are allowed through Jan. 15. If cuts are to occur, players who register late will be the first to be cut. The only exception to this rule is if an individual moves to and enrolls in the Brookings School District. Any player cut will be given a full refund.

U13 (Bombers Maroon):

Goal: To be competitive in league games the parameters of the values of FOB and respect for the game, but with a primary emphasis on skill development. Tournaments are play-to-win.

- **Team composition:** The top 12 to 18 players in 7th grade as evaluated and selected by the paid summer coaching staff.
- **Playing time and game play:** Coaches determine positions, lineups, and game strategy. Significant effort will be made to get every player playing time (minimum 1 at bat and 2 innings in the field in one game of a double header), but playing time is NOT required to be equal. In tournaments, playing time is not guaranteed unless in a consolation bracket. At that point, the playing time guidelines will be the same as for regular season games.
- **Cuts:** Cuts are discouraged and will only be used for significant or repeated violations of the code of conduct, or if there are not enough players for a minimum of 12 players on the U13 and U13/U14 combined teams or more than 18 players per team for the U13 and U13/U14 combined teams. Any player cut for reasons other than a Code of Conduct violation will receive a full refund of their summer registration fee.
- **Pitcher Only:** Pitcher Only players are not allowed.
- **Dual Rostering:** Dual rostering is not allowed.
- **Registration:** Registration for summer baseball will open Oct. 1 and close Nov. 15. Late registrations are allowed through Jan. 15. If cuts are to occur, players who register late will be the first to be cut. The only exception to this rule is if an individual moves to and enrolls in the Brookings School District. Any player cut will be given a full refund.

U13/U14 Combined (Bombers Gray/White):

Goal: To be competitive in league games within the parameters of the values of FOB and respect for the game, but with a primary emphasis on skill development. Tournaments are play-to-win.

- **Team composition:** The team will consist of 12 to 18 players in 7th or 8th grade as evaluated and selected by the paid summer coaching staff and not on either the U14 or U13 rosters.
- **Playing time and game play:** Coaches determine positions, lineups, and game strategy. Significant effort will be made to get every player playing time (minimum 1 at bat and 2 innings in the field in one game of a double header), but playing time is NOT required to be equal. In tournaments, playing time is not guaranteed unless in a consolation bracket. At that point, the playing time guidelines will be the same as for regular season games.
- **Cuts:** Cuts are discouraged and will only be used for significant or repeated violations of the code of conduct, or if there are not enough players for a minimum of 12 players on U13/U14 combined team or more than 18 players for U13/U14 combined team. Any

player cut for reasons other than code of conduct violations will receive a full refund of their summer registration fee.

- **Pitcher Only:** Pitcher Only players are not allowed.
- **Dual Rostering:** Dual rostering is not allowed.
- **Registration:** Registration for summer baseball will open Oct. 1 and close Nov. 15. Late registrations are allowed through Jan. 15. If cuts are to occur, players who register late will be the first to be cut. The only exception to this rule is if an individual moves to, and enrolls in the Brookings School District. Any player cut will be given a full refund.