



Travel Baseball Parent Information Session

9U-11U 6:30-7:15

12U-14U 7:30-8:15



EVTB Mission & Vision

• MISSION & PROGRAM OBJECTIVES

Our mission is to assist athletes in developing advanced baseball skills and provide the opportunity to compete with other players of similar abilities.

Our objectives are to provide a community-based baseball program for our youth in support of the Eastview High School program that will:

- Promote physical fitness, stamina, and agility.
- Develop self-confidence.
- Develop respect for others, teamwork, pride in team and community.
- Teach the fundamentals of baseball.
- Incorporate the spirit of good sportsmanship in victory and defeat.
- Allow every player to have an opportunity to participate and develop.
- Play in a safe and healthy environment.
- Build character and set priorities in our lives.
- Allow everyone to have fun and enjoy the game.

Guiding Principles

- *Players Play*
- *Parents Cheer*
- *Coaches Coach*
- *Umpires Umpire*



Program changes for 2026



- Addition of 9A level by MBL
- Change with 14A level by MBL
- New uniform design



Commitment

- Traveling baseball requires a significant time commitment from players, coaches, and parents, from April through July
- Every player's presence is important, and he/she is expected to attend all practices, league games, and tournament games with limited exceptions.
- **We expect baseball to be the sport of the season.** Absences due to participation in other sports are considered unexcused and may result in reduction of playing time.
 - Exceptions are preplanned family events, religious purposes, school events, or illness
- Commitment from our parents is as important as that from the players. We need help running the tournaments that benefit our program.



Playing Time

- Round –robin batting
- Expect coaches to provide opportunities to play different positions
- Put kids in the position to be successful for themselves and the team
- League games
 - Average 2 innings in the infield, 2 innings in the outfield
 - Catching counts as an outfield spot
- Tournaments
 - More competitive, play to win



Coaching

- The coach is a teacher of baseball skills, a manager of the functions necessary to run a team, and is responsible for the social, psychological, and physical development of all players in their care. They are accountable to the players, the parents, the Traveling Baseball Board, and the EVAA Board of Directors.
- All coaches are parent coaches are dedicating their personal time and effort to the development of the players and the season. As a program, we interview and vet all coaches and provide training for those who have not coached travel ball before.
- We are always looking for coaches, assistant coaches and team managers, please volunteer to help your team.

Conflict Resolution/24-Hour Rule

- Wait 24 hours after an event before contacting someone
 - Exception: incidents involving player safety
- Contact coach
- Age group coordinator
 - 9-11U: Chad Passe – chooch9292@yahoo.com
 - 12-15U: Jenna Gorman - mrsjennagorman@gmail.com
- No resolution?
 - Director: Jeremy Frost – jfrost@evaasports.org
 - Assistant Director: Peter Lindberg - plindberg@evaasports.org

Traveling baseball timeline

- Tryouts
 - Monday, February 16th @ Savage Dome: All ages—see email for specific times. (Fielding/Running)
 - Tuesday, February 17th @ The Cages (hitting) 5pm-8pm
 - Friday, February 20th @ The Cages (hitting) 5pm-8pm
- Teams will be announced within a week
- Order uniforms online after teams announced. We'll have samples at the Cages for sizing
- Practice begins soon after tryouts
 - EVAA reserved time at Cages
 - Extra indoor practices are at each coach's discretion and are an additional cost.
- MBL league begins 1st week of May and runs through end of June
 - 14-game season followed by single elimination league playoff
 - 9U: 3 tournaments, 10-14U: 4 tournaments
- Approximately 20+ practices
- MBT: July 10-12 or 17-19
- August Classic: July 31 – August 2



Tournaments



- [EVTB tournament schedules](#) Additional cost for additional tournaments.
- MBL league playoffs – single elimination tournament in early July
- MBT State and/or Gopher State tournaments
 - Must qualify, cost is extra
- [MBL State tournaments dates](#)
 - July 10th-12th or July 17th-19th
- [Gopher State Tournament Dates](#)
 - July 10 – 12, July 17 – 19 or July 24 – 26
- August Classic: July 31 – August 2





Team and division details

- Levels of play
 - 9AAA, 9AA, 9A
 - 10AAA, 10AA, 10A
 - 11AAA, 11AA*, 11A*
 - 12AA, 12A
 - 13AAA, 13A*
 - 14AAA, 14A
- Registrants
 - 9U: 37
 - 10U: 36
 - 11U: 33
 - 12U: 28
 - 13U: 28
 - 14U: 30
- Typically aim for 12 kids per team
- *Subject to tryout score results*



Tryouts

- Rate players on hitting ability, fielding ground/fly balls, arm strength and accuracy
 - Savage dome for fielding/fly balls
 - The cages for hitting
- Consistent with other local organizations
- Pat Strey will lead our evaluator team
- We believe we place kids at an appropriate level for their skills
- We hope the kids enjoy the season no matter where they end up

Uniforms & Equipment

Uniforms

EVAA Traveling Baseball Program will supply uniforms for purchase through an online store.

All items below can be purchased online following the tryouts and team placement through our online store.

- Jerseys (home/away)
- Fitted Baseball Hat
- Baseball Pants
- Royal Blue Belt
- Baseball Socks
- Optional sweatshirt with jersey number

Equipment

Players will be responsible for provide their own batting helmet, glove and bat.

Bat rules are found on Metro Baseball League's website. USSSA/USA bats are legal. Suggest using a USSSA stamped bat.

Metal cleats can be used for 13-14U.



2026 Season costs

- Tryout, registration, tournament – paid at registration
- Uniforms:
 - Order online after teams posted – due ~March 3rd or so
- Volunteer fee/dibs:
 - \$300/player, \$450/families
 - Waived if volunteer hours are completed
- Other extra activities: cage time, team party, extra tournament...etc
-> responsibility of individual team



Volunteering & DIBS

- Each player's family is required to work **six hours/player or nine hours/family** at our EVAA-hosted tournaments. All volunteers must be at least 14 years old.
 - State MBL and August Classic
 - Concessions, Field prep, concessions, misc tasks, concessions...etc
- Volunteer fee put on hold by credit card at registration (\$300/1 player, \$450/family)
- Any cancelled credit card will require resolution before playing next year
- Can track volunteer hours on SportsEngine site
- When DIBS registration opens, it is the family's responsibility to go online and register for an open volunteer job to complete their requirements.
- If someone is unable to work their scheduled shift, it is their responsibility to find a replacement.

Team Pictures

Team pictures will be before one of your team's home games

Vendor: Valley Images Photography
(Online ordering)



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Lightning Sportsmanship Award

We would like to recognize the youth leaders within each of our traveling teams

Players demonstrating the following Lightning characteristics of great attitude, effort, respect and being team player.



Community Event and Volunteering

4/11 Feed My Starving Children

5/11 EVAA Spirit Day – High School Varsity Game

7/25 – Baseball Night with the Saints!



A successful year....

- Players make new friends and enjoy their summer playing a game
- They develop their skills and learn more about how to play the game
- They learn about sportsmanship, how to deal with failure, and how to be resilient
- Deepen their love of the game
- ***Want to play again next year***



MBL Parent Code of Conduct



1. Parents will encourage good sportsmanship by showing positive support for all players, coaches, administrator, and officials.
2. Parents will remember that physical and emotional health of the players is more important than winning a game
3. Parents will not or tolerate the use of drugs, tobacco, or alcohol
4. MBL events will be for the kids to play a game, not for adult interference.
5. Parents will make events a positive and fun experience for the players
6. Parents will treat all players, coaches, volunteers, fans, and officials with respect.
7. Parents with not undermine or question the coach's instructions, directions, or decisions.
8. Parents will not use or tolerate the use of profanity.
9. **Parents will show the utmost respect for all umpires and their decisions.**

Online Resources

- [Online-Traveling Handbook](#)
- [EVTB tournament schedules](#)
- [EVTB Coaches Corner](#)
- [MBL League Website](#)
- [League Rules](#)



Questions?

