2026 ERAA Baseball Tryout Info Session

ERAA Baseball Mission Statement

Our mission is to support athletes who live within the East Ridge High School boundary in developing advanced baseball and teamwork skills and provide the opportunity to compete with other players of similar abilities at their highest competitive level. We strive to create an environment for East Ridge players to learn, grow and develop together so that they have the best opportunity to progress and play baseball for East Ridge High School

What you need to know

Tryout Dates: Sept 6th & 7th

No Tryout refunds will be issued. If a player decides other options after ERAA Baseball Tryouts, they will still owe the initial $420.

Pre-Check-in and T-Shirt Pick-Up (OPTIONAL but RECOMMENDED) at Jerry's on Friday, Sept 5th, from 4-6:30 PM.

If you pre-check in, please be at your assigned field 10 minutes before your scheduled start time. Groups will warm up together. Also, don't forget to wear your tryout shirt.

- **Baseball Hat - NO CLUB HATS. ERAA and WAA Hats are allowed.**
- **Try Out Shirt**
- **Baseball Pants**
- **Cleats**
- **Bats (14U: Do NOT need drop 5. However, we encourage NO drop 10s)**

What you need to know

Saturday Check-In & Pick-up

- Players that did not check in Friday evening, should check in at the White Wheel. Tryout shirts will be handed out.

- A tryout t-shirt must be worn as the outer layer both days and is yours to keep.

- After check-in, players can report to their field assignments and begin warming up. Map on next slide.

- Tryouts are closed to the public. Please do not stay in the parking lots or nearby roads to watch. You may be asked to leave by ERAA staff.

What you need to know

Drop Off / Pick-Up Locations

(A) for players on the Black Fields 31,32,33,34
(B) for players on the White Fields 8,9,10,11,12,13
(C) for players on White Field 14 and Green Fields 15,16

What to expect in Tryouts

Weather updates

If the weather turns, we will send updates via email. Please keep an eye on your inbox on Saturday morning.

Sunday Check-in

We will communicate the Sunday pool times on Saturday evening. Please be patient, as this all takes time to ensure a robust and fair process. The Sunday tryouts will take approximately 2 hours and will be held between 8am-3pm

What to expect in Tryouts

Tryout Process

Age specific Drills will consist of a variety of:

-Hitting off a tee
-Pop Fly's
-Throwing Strength Accuracy
-Athleticism
-Soft toss
-Ground Balls
-Throwing
-Live Play/Scrimmage

Evaluation Categories

-Hitting Form
-Hitting Contact Strength/Accuracy
-Infield Form
-Infield Strength/Accuracy
-Athleticism
-Outfield Form
-Outfield Strength
-Arm

** Evaluators will be INDEPENDENT and no ERAA previous seasons coaches will be involved with their age level **

Tryout Scoring – Sunday Player Pools

After Saturday tryouts are complete the tryout committee will meet to begin to form the Sunday player pools

- Expect to know time slot by 9pm. If it is later, it will be communicated via email.

A player tryout score will consist of:

Coach Evaluations + Tryout Evaluation Score = Total Player Score

- Players who do not have a coach eval score and have previously played Travel will be assigned an appropriate score.
- A majority of 9u do not have player scores and this is accounted for

Sunday Player Pools will vary in size and scope depending on total players registered in each level and Total Player Scores awarded to each player

Coach Selection Process

- Coach Committee will convene and conduct a process to select coaches.
- Head Coach Interviews will take place to better understand coaching philosophy and qualifications
- Existing Coaches will be reviewed and their baseball coaching history and parent feedback will be taken into consideration.
- Potential Head and Assistant Coaches may be asked to assist in Sunday Player Pools. This **does not** guarantee a Head or Assistant Coaching position.

2026 Projected Teams

9U – 11U Balanced Teams if more than One Team in a level

12U – 15U High/Low Teams if more than One Team in a level

2026	AAA	AA	A	Total
9U	1	2 – Balanced		3
10U	1	1	2 - Balanced	4
11U	1	1	2 - Balanced	4
12U	1	2 – High/Low	2 – High/Low	5
13U	1	1 – High/Low	1 – High/Low	3
14U	1	2 - High/Low	1 – High/Low	4
15U		1		1

Projection Only. May change due to player registrations along with ERAA baseball field availability.

Questions

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