



9U/New Family
Traveling Baseball
Information Session



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.



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 will be considered unexcused and could result in reduction of playing time.
 - Exceptions are preplanned family events, religious purposes or illness
- Commitment from our parents is as important as that from the players. We need help running the tournaments that benefit our program.

9U baseball

- Levels of play
 - AAA
 - AA
 - A
- Average 11-12 kids per team
- Multiple teams at the same level will be balanced

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 20st @ The Cages (hitting) 5pm-9pm
- 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
- August Classic: July 31-August 2



Tournaments

9AAA

5/15/26: Rosemount

6/5/26: Edina

6/12/26: Shakopee

9AA

5/8/26: Edina

6/5/26: Richfield

6/19/26: Belle Plaine

9A

5/15/26: Rosemount

6/12/26: Woodbury

6/19/26: Edina

- July 17-19: 9U State Tournaments
 - Teams must qualify
- July 31 – August 2: August Classic



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 evaluation 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

2026 Season costs

- Tryout, registration, tournament – paid at registration
- Uniforms:
 - Same as last year
 - Order online after teams posted
- 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
- Scholarships are available on the EVAA website.



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.



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 Baseball Board, and the EVAA Board of Directors.
- EVAA coaches are parents who are dedicating their personal time and effort to 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.



Volunteering & DIBS

- Concessions and field setup/takedown for the State Tournament (MBT) and the August Classic
 - Volunteer requirements: one player (6 hours), two+ players (9 hours)
 - Buyout fee: \$300 (one player) \$450 (2+ players)
 - All volunteers must be at least 14 years old.
 - No shows/don't complete dibs – we will charge your credit card in late August.
- If someone is unable to work their shift, it is their responsibility to find a replacement.
- We will notify families before volunteer signup opens. It is each family's responsibility to register for an open task to complete their volunteer requirements. Volunteer hours are on the sportsengine website

Community Event and Volunteering

4/11 Feed My Starving Children

5/11 EVAA Baseball 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***



Questions?

