

ROSEMOUNT BASEBALL

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Rosemount Traveling Baseball

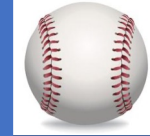
Parent Informational
Meeting

February 29, 2024

AGENDA



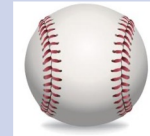
Board Member Introductions



Team Selections



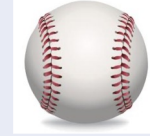
Program Details



Uniforms and Equipment



Commitments & Fees



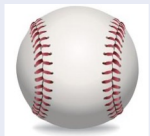
Tournaments & Volunteering



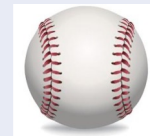
Tryouts



Key Dates & Resources



Coaches



Q & A

BOARD MEMBERS

PROGRAM DIRECTOR Justin Kelly	ASS'T PROGRAM DIRECTOR Courtney Karban	TREASURER Andrea Anderson	COACHES & FALL BALL Justin Dibble
PLAYER EQUIPMENT Jeff Michel	PLAYER DEVELOPMENT Mark Harrington	FIELDS SCHEDULING Matt Sousa	FIELDS MAINTENANCE Ryan Thomas
WEBSITE & SOCIAL MEDIA Jen Boike	TOURNAMENTS CJ Van Proosdy Kelly Robertson	VOLUNTEERS Brittany Charley	UNIFORMS Courtney Karban
Concessions Katie Berkeland Cassie Korthauer	Outgoing Board members currently transitioning: Marci Plomski (Assistant Program Director)		

PROGRAM: OVERVIEW

The mission of **Rosemount Traveling Baseball** is to help young athletes develop advanced baseball skills while providing them the opportunity to compete with players of similar ability.

Develop
respect for
others &
pride in team
and the
community.

TEAM

Incorporate
the spirit of
good
sportsmanship
in victory or
defeat.

SPORTSMANSHIP



Teach the
fundamentals
of baseball &
have fun!

SKILLS & FUN

Build
confidence for
on and off the
field.

SELF-CONFIDENCE

PROGRAM: POLICIES

POLICIES & CODE OF CONDUCT

- We expect all participants to act with respect and follow RAAA Code of Conduct.
- For concerns, please adhere follow 24-hour rule prior to reaching out to head coach.
- For more information regarding policies, responsibilities, and rights refer to the Rosemount Traveling Baseball bylaws found on the Rosemount Traveling Baseball website.
- For more information about RAAA policies refer to: <https://rosemount-aaa.org/about>.

RESIDENCY REMINDERS

- Players are eligible to participate within the organization for which high school they are currently zoned to attend based on the ISD-196 attendance areas.
- Any requested exceptions are considered on a case-by-case basis and must be first approved by Rosemount Traveling baseball followed by RAAA Board.

PROGRAM: LEVELS & AGE GROUPS

LEVELS OF PLAY

- AAA: The highest competitive level
- AA: Intermediate level
- A: The intermediate level designed to be a developmental yet competitive league until players are ready to advance to a higher competitive level
- No interlevel play between “AAA”, “AA”, and “A” leagues

AGE GROUPS

- Grades 3rd to 9th play with their school grade unless they reach the next age group before May 1, 2024. 2nd Graders will play at the 9U level (3rd Grade) and can only play at the 9AA level
- Age group move-ups are not permitted.
- Birth certificates required for all players and tournaments.

COMMITMENT & FEES

PLAYER & FAMILY COMMITMENT

- Traveling baseball requires significant time from both players and parents.
- Every player's presence is important; each player is expected to attend all practices, league games and tournament games.
- Unexcused absences could result in a possible reduction of playing time; out-of-season sports are not an excused absences.

FEES

- After teams are formed, season registration and tournament fees are applied to the player's SportsEngine account.

Tryouts	\$80
Season Registration	\$225
Tournaments (per tournament)	\$100-\$150
Jersey (new process this year)	\$50

VOLUNTEER DEPOSIT

- \$400 check payable to Rosemount Traveling Baseball is due at the start of the season.
- Check will only be cashed if required volunteer shifts are not completed.

TRYOUTS: SCHEDULE & REMINDERS

FRIDAY, MARCH 15th

Age Group	Check-In/Warm-up	Evaluation
8/9's	6:00 PM	6:30 to 8:30 PM
14/15's	8:00 PM	8:30 to 9:45 PM

SATURDAY, MARCH 16th

Age Group	Check-In/Warm-up	Evaluation
10's	7:30 AM	8:00 to 9:15 AM
11's	8:45 AM	9:15 to 10:45 AM
12's	10:15 AM	10:45 to 12:15 PM
13's	12:15 PM	12:45 to 2:45 PM
8/9's	2:15 PM	2:45 to 4:15 PM
10's	3:45 PM	4:15 to 5:30 PM
11's	5:30 PM	6:00 to 7:15 PM
12's	6:45 PM	7:15 to 8:45 PM

REMINDERS

- Every player will get an assigned pinnie to wear throughout their tryout; ensure the number is facing forward.
- Every player must bring their own: glove, helmet, bat, and batting gloves (optional).
- NO metal cleats are permitted in the dome.
- Please DO NOT arrive earlier than your check-in time
- Players can wear Irish branded clothing and hats but clothing and hats that contains player's name and/or club team are NOT permitted

TRYOUTS: OVERALL PROCESS

CLOSED TRYOUT

- To eliminate distractions and allow players to focus, other than the evaluators, the only people permitted during evaluation are:
 - Board Members help facilitate tryouts and drills; they do not participate in drills for their child's age level
 - Previous Board Members & RHS players as needed to assist with drills
 - Provisional Head Coaches assess players during their designated age group for the purpose of their team selection/coach picks; they have no impact on the tryout scores

OUTSIDE EVALUATORS

- **Hired Evaluators:** Eagan Bandits baseball players with no affiliations to our program or players provide unbiased scores for every player; this will be their 4th year as evaluators for our tryouts
- **Team Genius Data Entry:** New in 2024 we will be utilizing the Team Genius digital platform. Each evaluator will get a unique login and will enter their evaluation scores into the app and all scores will be automatically calculated



TRYOUTS: DRILLS OVERVIEW



FRONT TOSS

- 8 balls per player tossed into strike zone underhand from behind an L-screen (approximately 10-15 feet away)
- Score on total swing mechanics, starting batting stance thru the finished swing – balance



HITTING MACHINE

- 8 balls per player pitched from a pitching machine
- Machine Speeds:
 - 9&10U: 42 & 45 mph
 - 11U: 45 & 48 mph
 - 12U: 51 & 54 mph
 - 13U: 57 & 60 mph
 - 14&15U: 61 & 65 mph
- Scores on total swing mechanics, starting stance thru the finished swing – balance and total contact



INFIELD

- 2 – 3 ground balls hit from bat to 3rd base and short stop positions with one simulated bunt
- Players throw ball to first base
- Scores on fielding techniques (mechanics and footwork) and arm strength and accuracy



OUTFIELD

- 2 – 3 fly balls “thrown” from a pitching machine
- Players throw ball from outfield to infield (simulating a throw to a cutoff person)
- Scores on fielding techniques (mechanics & footwork) & arm strength and accuracy

TRYOUTS: SCORING

- Each age group is divided in small groups and rotate to drills stations together
- Each drill has a **practice** station and a **graded** station
- Each **graded** station has **2 evaluators and 2 scores**
- Scoring is from 1 to 10 evaluating the mechanics and results of drill
- For additional details about tryouts, drills, evaluations, and team selection go to:
<https://www.rosemountbaseball.com/traveling-tryouts>

9-12's	DRILL	SESSION 1	SESSION 2	TOTAL(avg)
	Front Toss	10%	10%	10%
	Machine	30%	30%	30%
	Infield	30%	30%	30%
	Outfield	30%	30%	30%

13-15's	DRILL	SESSION 1	TOTAL
	Front Toss	10%	10%
	Machine	30%	30%
	Infield	30%	30%
	Outfield	30%	30%

TRYOUTS: ABSENCES & EXCEPTIONS

A player **must** participate in all scheduled tryout sessions unless they have a **pre-approved excused** absence granted by the RAAA Traveling Baseball Director prior to tryouts

MEDICAL	STATE TOURNAMENT	UNEXCUSED
<ul style="list-style-type: none">A medically excused absence including injuries; must provide doctor's note with reason player cannot participate in tryouts	<ul style="list-style-type: none">Participation in a state competition for community/school-based organization and if all reasonable efforts to attend try-outs are not possible	<ul style="list-style-type: none">Vacations or other non state sporting and personal activities are an unexcused absence
<ul style="list-style-type: none">If player can participate in one of the two sessions the scores from the one session is doubledIf a player can't participate in any session, his score from the prior season's tryouts will be used	<ul style="list-style-type: none">If player can participate in one of the two sessions the scores from the one session is doubledIf a player can't participate in any session, his score from the prior season's tryouts will be used	<ul style="list-style-type: none">Player will receive a score of 0 for each missed session.Can potentially be placed on single A level team if there are open spots and no cuts

COACH SELECTIONS

PARENT COACHES

- New prospective head coaches are required to complete application and interview with coach selection committee (**Closed for this season**)
- Coaches are evaluated on:
 - Past coaching experience and feedback
 - Playing experience
 - Organizational skills
 - Moral and ethical characteristics
- Provisional coaches are identified and invited to tryouts for their age group
- Player tryout rankings determine coach assignments



TEAMS

DETERMINING TEAMS

- The number of teams formed is based on a combination of participants trying out, tryout score breaks and field availability
- In the event 2 teams at the same level will be formed:
 - For 2 teams at the AA level the teams will be leveled and will not be equal
 - For 2 teams at the A level, selection procedures will be used to assure the teams are as balanced as possible. It is possible that certain players may be brought back for a separate session where the coaches will work with the board to create equal teams.

PLAYER SELECTION

- Based on the evaluator's total tryout score, the highest ranking eight (8) players:
 - Are AAA “locked players” that have earned a position on the team based solely on their tryout scores & cannot be removed by the Head Coach
 - Head Coach has discretion to fill out the roster from remaining players ranked 9-18
- The next eight (8) highest ranking players from the remaining field of players:
 - Are AA “locked players” and cannot be removed
 - Head Coach has discretion to fill out the roster from the remaining players ranked 21-30
- Process continues for as many teams as are created

TEAMS: PROJECTIONS

AGE GROUP	PLAYERS REGISTERED	PROJECTED NUMBER OF TEAMS				PROJECTED CUTS*
		TOTAL TEAMS BY AGE GROUP	AAA	AA	A	
9's	58	4	1	3		10
10's	35	3	1	1	1	
11's	45	4	1	1 or 2	1 or 2	
12's	53	4	1	1 or 2	1 or 2	5
13's	52	4	1	1 or 2	1 or 2	4
14's	21	1				9
15's	12	1				
Total	276	21	6	7 to 10	4 to 7	28

Board will work with neighboring associations to try to place players on a team **when possible. Otherwise, players are eligible for and encouraged to participate in in-house baseball program.*

EQUIPMENT

PLAYER EQUIPMENT

- Batting helmet, glove, bat, and cleats (Metal spikes for 13-15 only), batting gloves (optional)
- Game/practice balls and catcher's gear are supplied by the program
 - All 14/15's catchers are required to wear NOCSAE approved chest protector
- For sizing charts, buying guides and links go to: <https://www.rosemountbaseball.com/traveling-equipment>

BAT GUIDELINES

AGE	MAX BARREL DIAMETER (Inches)	WEIGHT DIFFERENTIAL (Length minus weight)	CERTIFICATION
9-11	2 ¼, 2 ½, 2 5/8, 2 ¾	UNLIMITED	USSSA or USA mark and meet Bat Performance Standards
12-13	2 ¼ or LESS	UNLIMITED	
	2 ½, 2 5/8, or 2 ¾	-10 or LESS	
14*	2 ¾ or LESS	-5 or LESS	
15	2 5/8 or LESS	-3	BBCOR approved
ALL	Wood bats allowed at all ages		

**Includes 14/15A Division*

UNIFORMS

- **NEW!** Players will be required to order two uniform jerseys this year, 1 white and 1 navy; Traveling Baseball will be covering half of the total cost (\$50 is rolled into registration fee)
- Uniform consists of a white jersey, navy jersey, white pants w/navy piping, gray pants w/ navy piping, navy belt, navy socks and a hat. (*Knickers are okay as long as they are the same colors with navy down the side*)
- Numbers generally stay with player but not guaranteed. ***More details on next slide***
- Irish fan gear and additional items are also available for purchase. 1 Hat per player is provided and can be tried on for fit at CAGear

Uniform Try-Ons:

Monday 3/18 & Tuesday 3/19 5-7 pm

CA Gear 15641 Canada Dr Rosemount

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CAGEAR
www.cagear.com



Uniforms orders due
midnight on **MARCH 20th!**

Jersey numbers: At tryouts, players will check in with their current jersey number. Unique for this year: should a player want a new number, they request 1 but it is not guaranteed.

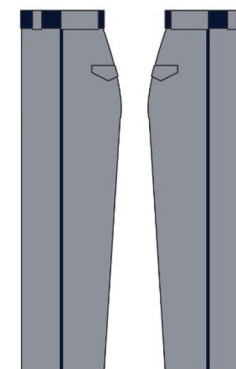
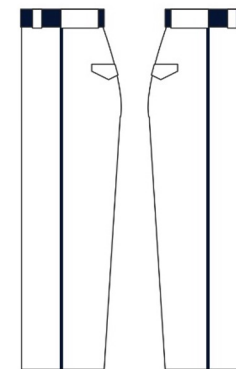
8's, 9's and all **new players**, will be asked to give their top 3 numbers. We will try our best to assign based on preference but requested numbers are not guaranteed.

10's will be asked for their current number and 2 options due to past duplicate numbers.. *****There can not be any duplicate numbers within an age group.***

Uniform Delivery: Uniforms will be completed first before apparel items. Coaches of each team will be notified to pick up their team's uniforms and they will disperse to their teams. All other apparel items will be notified directly to the purchaser when they are completed.

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AGEAR
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ROSEMOUNT HOSTED TOURNAMENTS

IRISH

AT



May 10-12

9AA, 9AAA,
10A, 10AA,
10AAA

June 14-16

11A, 11AA,
11AAA, 12A,
12AA, 12AAA

MBT STATE



July 12-14

10A

July 19-21

9AA, 9AAA

Our hosted tournaments are an important source of revenue for our program. These tournaments help keep registration costs low and pays for improvements to the facilities and equipment. The tournaments cannot be successful without the help from all of **YOU!**

TOURNAMENTS & VOLUNTEERING

VOLUNTEER REQUIREMENTS

- Parents* are required to work 2 volunteer shifts **per player** or else forfeit \$400 deposit

**Adult volunteers highly recommended; at a minimum volunteers must be at least 15 years old.*

- Email will be sent when shifts are available for sign-up on SignUpGenius.
- Head coaches receive volunteer credit and do not need to fulfill volunteer shifts
- For list of volunteer positions and responsibilities go to our website.
- Assistant coaches will receive a separate volunteer link as they will have an opportunity to claim shifts to help prepare the night before the tournaments.
- Only **ONE** of your 2 required shifts (per player) can be hired out! You are responsible for the performance of the individual you hire to fulfill your shift for you. If they no-show or don't perform the duties assigned, your shift will not count toward your volunteer credit.
- In the event of unforeseen circumstances, any shifts cancelled due to tournament changes will no longer count toward your volunteer shift credit. You will be responsible for obtaining a new shift.

KEY DATES

March
15, 16

Tryouts

MARCH
18

Teams Posted

MARCH
18, 19

Uniform Try-Ons

MARCH
20

Uniform Orders Due

MARCH
TBD

Team Meetings*

APRIL
TBD

Coaches Meeting

*Coaches will reach out to their teams to schedule team meetings

KEY RESOURCES



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