



2025-2026 ELK RIVER HIGH SCHOOL BASEBALL DUGOUT CLUB FAQ SHEET

Q: What is the ERHS Dugout Club?

A: The ERHS Dugout Club is the high school baseball's booster club that raises funds and provides volunteers for needs of the high school baseball teams that are not covered by ISD #728.

The district funds cover expenses such as one coach per team, umpires for regular season games, transportation, game balls, and a few miscellaneous items. However, the baseball program depends on the Dugout Club for additional support, which includes funding for assistant coaches, uniforms (jerseys, pants, hats), field improvements and supplies (clay, rakes, drags, etc.), off-season training opportunities, umpires for scrimmages, bus upgrades, equipment (practice balls, batting tees, L screens, etc.), game events (parent day, youth day, senior day), postseason playoffs, year-end banquets and parties, senior awards, scholarships, promotional materials, and more.

All parents/guardians with a player in the program (9th-12th grade) are members of the Dugout Club and are invited to make the ERHS baseball experience the best it can be for our players and coaches.

Q: How does the Dugout Club raise funds to pay for the non-district funded items?

A: The Dugout Club's initiatives are funded by three main efforts:

- Dugout Club membership dues (a separate fee from the ERHS Baseball Registration fee paid to the district)
- Dugout Club sponsorship drive (each player is asked to secure a minimum of 1 season sponsor)
- Dugout Club raffle (each player is asked to pre-purchase and sell a minimum number of raffle tickets)

Q: How can I learn more about the Dugout Club?

A: Come to a monthly meeting! Get involved in a committee! Visit our website:

<https://www.elkriversbaseball.com/> Reach out to a board member at erhsbaseballdugoutclub@gmail.com.

Q: When does the baseball season begin?

A: The Dugout Club funds captains practices leading up to tryout week - dates TBD and communicated out.

ERHS Baseball Arm Care Week leads up to tryouts week. All dates will be communicated to baseball families.

Q: How many teams does the ERHS baseball program have?

A: Typically, ERHS baseball fields five teams (9A, 9B, B-Squad, Junior Varsity, and Varsity), but the number of teams and player rosters may vary based on registration numbers and skill levels.

Q: What equipment does my son need to provide?

A: The program supplies uniforms for all levels. Junior Varsity and Varsity players also receive a few extra pieces of equipment, such as batting helmets and j-bands. Otherwise, players are responsible for providing most of their own equipment, including bats, gloves, catcher's gear, cleats, and more.

Equipment questions (types, colors, requirements) can be directed to Head Coach Josh Juntunen at joshua.juntunen@isd728.org.

Q: Where and what time do teams practice and play games?

A: As baseball is a spring sport, practices and games are significantly influenced by Minnesota weather. Coaches will keep players informed about practice and game times and locations.

Freshman players on the 9A and 9B teams practice after school at Salk Middle School, and they walk to Salk from the high school.

Q: How do players get to out of town games?

A: Teams travel to and from out-of-town games on district-funded school buses.