

GNBC PARENT INFO



2020/2021

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All information from the club's policies, philosophy, player and parent expectations are within this packet.

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CLUB PHILOSOPHY

Grayslake North Baseball Club is organized to provide the communities that are within the school district of Grayslake North High School with a structured, competitive pre-high school travel baseball program. The program promotes teamwork, sportsmanship, and the development of skills with the goal of preparing athletes for competition at the high school level.

Club Mission Statement

Grayslake North Baseball Club is a feeder program for Grayslake North High School Baseball. We will always compete to win; however, our goal is the **DEVELOPMENT** of the whole player. Through the guidance of the GNHS Baseball coaching staff, each player will progressively learn the game as they move through each level within the program. Our mission is to teach young athletes the strategies of baseball and fundamental skills to prepare them for Grayslake North High School Baseball. We will promote strong teamwork, sportsmanship and playing the game the "right way" to make a positive impact on them as young men. Your child will learn discipline and to be respectful towards themselves, coaches, players, opposing teams, umpires and parents.

"Baseball gives ... a growing boy self-poise and self-reliance. Baseball is a man maker."

- Al Spalding

The GNBC Program

Each player within our program will have the opportunity to growth their baseball skills through scheduled practices in the fall, winter and spring. Players will also be able to display what they have learned from our staff through competitively structured league games and tournaments throughout the spring season.

- **Training:** all training sessions are designed to specifically develop player's baseball skills at each age level. Training sessions will begin in September. Each team will have their own schedule so please contact your team's coaches if you have any questions about practice dates and times.
 - Starting in December our teams will be having a weekly practice held at Grayslake North High School and organized by the GNHS Varsity Baseball staff. Practices will be held on Sunday mornings.
 - Each team will also have a weekly practice held at Grayslake StrikeZone X starting in January. These practices are run and held by your team's coaches.
- **League Play:** all teams will be participating in the Mid Suburban Baseball League in 2020/2021. Each team will participate in approximately 20-25 league games. Each team will also compete in an end of the season league tournament.
- **Tournaments:** all teams will participate in 4 or more tournaments throughout the season. These tournaments are in addition to the league tournament at the end of the season.
- **SportsEngine:** all teams will utilize our website (gnbaseballclub.com) to communicate with families, display practice and game schedules, as well as display important club information. Our SportsEngine website is accompanied by a SE App for Android and IOS phones that provides families an easy way of communicating with teammates/coaches, viewing team schedules, and looking up all important team information.



Age Group Specific Goals:**11U: Welcome to GNBC**

- Focus on offensive and defensive skill fundamentals.
- Skill focus on hitting, pitching, base running and defensive play
- Start to identify Key Positions:
 - C/MI/P/IF/OF
- Introduction of defensive and offensive strategies.

**14U: Baseball is still fun!!!**

- Practice as if they are in High School.
- Expand on mental approaches to the game.
- More in depth offensive/defensive concepts.
- Begin to narrow kids into P/C/IF/OF position.

GNBC Payment Structure:

All players will be responsible for the payment of all Club fees, either by making a one-time payment or participating in the established payment plan.

Total Club fees are **\$975** per player. These fees will cover the cost of multiple items listed to the right.

Club payments are structured as followed:

- Payment Plan:
 - **August 2020** - \$150
 - **October 1** - \$275
 - **December 1** - \$275
 - **February 1** - \$275
- Payment Methods:
 - Club Website – includes processing fee
 - Check made Payable to GNBC

Club Fees Cover:

- Uniforms
- MSBL Fees
- Insurance
- Field Usage
- Field Maintenance
- Coach Salaries
- Tournament Costs
- Umpire fees
- Equipment
- Park District Affiliation
- Advertising
- Administrative Costs
- Winter Practices @ StrikeZone X
- Winter Workouts @ GNHS w/ HS Staff

*******If sending a payment through mail please address it to: GNBC PO BOX 5, GRAYSLAKE, IL 60030.**

*******Checks can also be handed directly to Jon Joy or Emily Foley. Cash is not accepted.**

Parent Code of Conduct:

This code of conduct is to provide you with club expectations for parents. Always know our first and foremost goal will always be to teach your player the game of baseball, work ethic, and respect. Coaches, teammates and parents are all responsible for a positive, learning environment.

1. Umpires

- The head coach is responsible for aligning rule expectations with the opposing coaches ahead of a game and will address all questionable calls or issues with an umpire during or after the game.
- Umpires are not perfect! The sooner we all accept this fact, the better off we will all be. Our players will be taught to **NEVER** question an umpire. In fact, they will be taught not to show **ANY** emotion against an umpire. No head nods, rolling eyes, grunts, pouts, or any verbal exchange for that matter. We expect you, the parent, do **THE SAME** as the best example for your player.

2. Communicating with Your Child During Games/Practices:

- If you ask your young athlete what they would want their parents to do during a game, for the most part, they would say "**NOTHING**". Cheering is strongly encouraged. Instructing is strictly prohibited. Coaches are responsible for instructing your player. Instruction from parents (conflicting or not) undermines the coach's ability to develop your player. Just enjoy watching them play. There is absolutely no place for negative comments or coaching from the side during a game or practice.
- Players are required to show up early or on time and be ready to play every time they come to the field. Their shirts should be tucked in, hats on straight, belts on, shoes should be tied and they should have all of their equipment. They should jog quickly to their position, to the plate, and back to the dugout if they make an out. They are responsible for having their own water. All players are required to stay in the dugout throughout a game/practice, and parents are required to stay out of the dugout as well. If they need something, they should ask their coach and coaches will manage.
- You should consider practice/games similar to school. Teachers (coaches) are responsible for educating and testing. Parents are responsible for preparing kids and discussing development strategies outside of the classroom (off the field).

3. The Batting Order / Playing Time / Positions

- We are going to put the boys in a position that will give them the ability to be successful on the field. We will do the same with the batting order. The boys are always free to ask their coach if there's a position they'd like to learn. If, at any time, you would like to "chat" with a coach about your child's progress, the procedure will be as follows:
 - i. If it is a question about development progress, you can ask the head coach after practice.
 - ii. If it is a question about playing time or position in the batting order, please ask the head coach after a practice or contact them through email or by phone.
 - iii. If you are upset with how a game ended or the playing time your son had during a game, please wait for 24 hrs. before contacting the head coach with your questions or comments.
- You don't have to agree with coaching decisions, however, a parent's disruptions or negative comments can result in a parent from being removed from practices and games.

4. Missing Practice/Games

- Notifying the head coach of absences is the **RESPONSIBILITY** of the parent, not the child. We ask that you inform a coach as early as possible if your child will need to miss practice or a game. Failing to notify a coach of any missed games/practices can result in a loss of playing time. **FAMILY COMES FIRST**. We fully understand that important family events may trump the kids' baseball games/practices.



Grayslake North Baseball Club: Board of Directors

President: Mark O'Brien

VP: Jerry Morgan

Secretary: Open

Treasurer: Jon Joy

Fundraising/ Sponsorships: Emily Foley

Technology: Open

Equipment: Rob Kubik

Public Relations: Mike Foley

Advisor to GNHS: Brett Hill

We are always looking for additional help on the board! If interested, please put your name down on the list at the end of the parent meeting.

Club website:

<https://gnbaseballclub.com>

Club Address:

GNBC

P.O. Box 5

Grayslake, IL 60030

SportsEngine:

SportsEngine – all information on how to use the SE App, website, etc... can be found at:

<https://sportnqin.desk.com>