



Loveland Basesball Association Frequently Asked Questions

1. When does the season start?

Tryouts are in early April, and practices will start shortly after that. Tryouts are just for evaluation to try and even out teams. Everyone who registers makes a team. Picture day and scrimmage day are scheduled for Saturday May 9th. Uniforms are also handed out on this day. The regular season will start on Monday May 11th and run through the end of July. The end of season Danny Juarez Memorial Tournament will be July 20th, and end on Championship Saturday July 25th. The final event of the season will be the All Star Tournament on Saturday, August 1st.

2. What is the game schedule?

We do not have a set schedule until after we know how many teams we will have. Once we have assigned teams, the schedule is put together. What we can tell you is all 8U, 10U and 12U rec league games are played on Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays at 5pm or 7:30pm, and Saturdays at 10am, 12:30pm, 3pm and sometimes 5:30pm. The only exception to this is the week before the end of season tournament, which is reserved for any necessary make-up games, which can sometimes happen on Tuesdays and Thursdays. The 8U league will have a total of 12 regular season games, while 10U and 12U leagues will have 14 regular season games. The 14U league and 17U league play in conjunction with Fort Collins Baseball Club (FCBC), and FCBC will set a 12-game schedule. Although the 14U and 17U leagues play 2 less games, they do get to play in the FCBC end of year tournament, and the 14U teams get to play in LBA's end of year tournament. The 14U and 17U programs can play any day of the week except Sundays.

3. Where are games played?

For 8U, 10U and 12U, all games are at the Centennial Ballfield Complex located at 1st and Taft in Loveland. 8U will play all their games on field 1, 10U will play on field 3, 12U will play on field 2. 10U has occasionally played on field 2 as well, if we have an abundance of 10U teams like we have had in the past. The 14U program will play Loveland home games at field 4 and play away games in Fort Collins. The 17U program will play Loveland home games at field 5, with away games played throughout Northern Colorado.

4. What is the practice schedule and where do they practice?

Since LBA only has access to the Centennial complex, and we share that complex with the Power Alley Competitive and Apex Intermediate programs, our rec programs will practice at local elementary schools. All or most 8U practices are at Truscott Elementary School. Practice times and locations are set by the head coaches once the teams are set. The coaches will try everything in their power to accommodate everyone's schedules. There are usually 2 practices per week before the season starts. Once games start, coaches schedule practices around games.

5. Can we change teams once we are assigned?

LBA understands that kids want to play with friends and that families want to arrange participation around other sports/events as well as carpool. However, LBA does not allow players to move teams after they are assigned/drafted. We do not allow this because people in the past have used it as an excuse to "trade" players and stack teams. It also undermines our attempts to make teams as even as possible. You can make suggestions on players that your kids would like to play with, or certain coaches that they would like to play with, which we bring up at the draft. It is, however, up to the coaches at the draft to try and accommodate these requests. LBA cannot guarantee that they will happen. The easiest way to guarantee people on the same team is to have parents coach together, as coaches and their kids are always on the same team.

6. What do we have to buy for the season?

LBA takes care of team jerseys and hats for uniforms. Everything else is up to the player. Coaches decide on the color of pants, usually between white or gray. Belts and socks should match the color of the hat or jersey, but LBA usually does not enforce this rule. LBA no longer provides batting helmets, as most kids have them. However if you need to borrow one for the year, please let us know and we can provide one.

Any questions you may have that we have not answered here, please contact the league directly via our contacts page, or email us at directors@lovelandbaseball.org.