Force Baseball / Fort Collins Baseball Club

Program Overview

Ages: 9-14 Majors, AAA, and AA

Program Pillars / Requirements

All players must be involved in at least one other activity (school sport or other, such as Band, Swimming, Tennis, Karate, Chess, Odyssey, etc.)

No official baseball activities from November 1 - December 31 (strongly encourage a fall sport)

School Matters / Intellectual Development

Teacher/Mentor Recognition Program ... Gratitude

Community Service activities (organized by TA/Program)

Umpire Relationship-Building / Option for Training

Field Prep/Maintenance training/clinic opportunities

Playing Time ... nobody buried on bench / develop roles ... each player should be at least 2-dimensional

Play the Game the Right Way

Examples...

Run <u>through</u> 1B every at-bat with ball in play (or dropped third)

Run to 1B when walked or HBP (drop bat at home plate and GO)

Jog back to dugout with head up after Strikeout (as batter)

Glove and Hat delivered from dugout to teammate who ends offensive half on the diamond (batter or runner)

Absolutely no whining, crying, or responding to Umpire calls ... focused, classy approach

Slide to bases when a play is being made

Batter: pick-up catcher's mask when applicable

Catcher: hand bat to batter when applicable

Arrival Time and Pre-Game Flow

Dugout Demeanor / Conduct ... *no Chanting!*

Bleacher Demeanor / Conduct … no sound systems, no artificial noise-makers, positive tone

2023-2024
Sample Calendar Flow

FORCE BASEBALL

	September	October	November	December	January	February	March	April	May	June	July	August	2024 Games (approx.)
9u	Fall Ball	Fall Ball	Off	Off	Workouts	Workouts	Workouts	League/Practice	League/Practice	League/Practice			36-40
	Coach's Choice	Coach's Choice	Individual	Individual	+ Individual		*Host: Four in the Fort*	Tournament (1-2)	Tournaments (2)	Tournaments (2)	Tournament (1-2)		
10u	Fall Ball	Fall Ball	Off	Off	Workouts	Workouts	Workouts	League/Practice	League/Practice	League/Practice			36-40
	Coach's Choice	Coach's Choice	Individual	Individual	+ Individual		*Host: Four in the Fort*	Tournament (1-2)	Tournaments (2)	Tournaments (2)	Tournament (1-2)		
11u	Fall Ball	Fall Ball	Off	Off	Workouts	Workouts	Workouts	League/Practice	League/Practice	League/Practice			36-40
	Coach's Choice	Coach's Choice	Individual	Individual	+ Individual		*Host: Four in the Fort*	Tournament (1-2)	Tournaments (2)	Tournaments (2)	Tournament (1-2)		
12u	Fall Ball	Fall Ball	Off	Off	Workouts	Workouts	Workouts	League/Practice	League/Practice	League/Practice			40-44
	Coach's Choice	Coach's Choice	Individual	Individual	+ Individual		*Host: Four in the Fort*	Tournament (1-2)	Tournaments (2)	Tournaments (2)	Tournament (1-2)		
13u	Fall Ball	Fall Ball	Off	Off	Workouts	Workouts	Workouts	League/Practice	League/Practice	League/Practice			40-44
	Coach's Choice	Coach's Choice	Individual	Individual	+ Individual		*Host: Four in the Fort*	Tournament (1-2)	Tournaments (2)	Tournaments (2)	Tournament (1-2)		
14u	Fall Ball	Fall Ball	Off	Off	Workouts	Workouts	Workouts	League/Practice	League/Practice	HS Summer Program (likely)			25-28
	Coach's Choice	Coach's Choice	Individual	Individual	+ Individual		*Host: Four in the Fort*	Tournament (1-2)	Tournaments (2)				

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Fall: Each coach will create the team's plan. Most Force teams will *at least* practice 6-8 times (to build team chemistry and introduce skill development topics). Most Force teams play some Fall games.

Winter Workouts: most teams workout 2x per week in January/February, with individual teams or the Force Baseball program offering additional individual development opportunities.

League Play: new for 2024, each coach will choose if they want to play league games / weeknight games. Most Force coaches see value/benefit in playing weeknight games.

Tournaments: any out-of-state tournament travel will be discussed with the team (by the coach) in the Sept-Oct-Nov timeframe (for the following Spring/Summer season). This would add additional cost (beyond the Budget Rough Draft).

14u: Force 14u plays a short-season. The team schedule will conclude by mid-May (no later than Memorial Weekend) to allow players to join their HS Summer programs (as rising 9th Graders).

2023-2024 Budget ROUGH DRAFT
Force Baseball

Approximate Costs			
Fall Games/Practices (includes Training Center)		$1,400.00	4-8g (Sept/Oct)
Fall Shirts		$400.00	
Tournaments	if 7x	$5,250.00	avg $750
League / Weeknight Play		$2,900.00	
Affiliation		$600.00	
Uniforms		$3,000.00	
Workout Space / Training-Clinic Space		$5,500.00	
Equipment		$500.00	
Baseballs		$250.00	
Team Flag / Banner / Pins		$250.00	
Sanction Fees		$250.00	
Insurance		$150.00	
Umpires (misc.)		$300.00	
Admin		$600.00	
	Total	$21,350.00	
	Per Player (12)	**$1,779.17**	

This sample is likely for 11u/12u teams
Costs very similar for 9u/10u
Costs slightly higher for 13u/14u
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Cost is higher if a team plays more tournaments
Cost is higher if a team rosters 11 players

For all players (new and returning), a $400 non-refundable deposit is due at the time of accepting a roster spot.

Final balance for the season is due by February 1.