

Tryout and Program Frequently Asked Questions

Q: Do players need to attend all the try-outs?

A: Completely up to them. They can attend 1 or 2 try-outs. We try to provide multiple options for players due to summer schedules.

Q: How many teams at each age?

A: 13U – 1-3 teams, 14U – 1 or 2 teams, 15U, 16U, & 18U – 1 Team at each

Q: Do you have parent coaches?

A: Rarely and only in the right situation. Our coaches are almost always non-parent paid coaches.

Q: How many coaches per team?

A: 2 or 3 per team. Plus 1 or 2 roving coaches

Q: How many players on the roster?

A: 13U and 14U: 13 or 14 players. 15U and 16U: 15-17 players. 18U: 18-22 players

Q: What league do you play in? How many games?

A; Seattle Elite League. 18-24 league games.

Q: How many tournaments? How much travel?

A: 5 to 7 tournaments typically. Usually 2 or 3 in Eastern Washington/Oregon. We have flown to several tourneys in the past and this will be communicated at try-outs if it is part of our plans.

Q: What is off season schedule like?

A: Sept-Nov: 13U and 14U Sunday outdoor practices; 15U and 16U Saturday or Sunday practices; 18U Saturday and Sunday practices. Mid Nov-Feb: Athletic Training at Decater Performance (2 per week); Indoor practice (1-2 per week) at FOC. March: High School Ball starts for older ages. 13/14's start outdoor practices.

Q: When does the season end?

A: 18U: 1st week of August. 16U: Late July/early August. 13U-15U: Mid/Late July

Q: Any issue with other sports?

A: No! We encourage players to play multiple sports. Our belief is the in-season sport comes first. Example: Players should not miss basketball in Dec/Jan/Feb for baseball practice. Players should not miss baseball March-July for other sports. Exceptions can be made, especially for high school players.

Q: Do players get to use the indoor facility on their own?

A: YES!! This is a big perk and part of the program. Players can use our facility on their own at no additional charge.

Q: What are the playing time rules?

A: There are no playing time rules. Our belief is players earn 50% of all available innings by being selected on a roster. The rest is earned by effort, attitude, performance

Q: What is the player fee? What does it include? Is there a payment plan?

A: The fee is \$4000. The fee covers league fees, umpire fees, field costs, tourney costs, team equipment, coaching salaries, coach travel, Decater athletic training program, use of FOC facility, etc. Fee does not cover uniforms (estimated at \$350-500) player travel, individual equipment (gloves/bats/shoes). There is a payment plan typically followed breaking payments up over 6 months.

Q: What are the expectations on player commitment? What about family vacations?

A: From March through July, we expect players to be available for baseball practices/games. There may be some school conflicts and the occasional family event (wedding for example) that players have to miss baseball for. However, families should not be taking vacations during baseball season. This can be new to many families, and is an expectation in most competitive baseball programs. Note: we avoid baseball tournaments/games during spring break in April