



Parent Information Meeting for Grades K-5

EBA Program Review and Q&A

October 27, 2021

Agenda



Please remain muted during the presentation and type any questions you have in the Chat box. We will answer questions in between each section.

- Welcome and Introductions - Derek Chyrsler, President EBA
- Overview of Edina Baseball Programs
- Day League Programming- Jon Freeland, VP Day League
- Mid-Summer Evening League – Aaron Wenthold, VP Mid-Summer Evening
- Fall Ball Program – Justin Riss, VP Fall Ball
- SW (Rec) League Program– Jim Vitt, VP Rec League
- Travel League Program – Pete Goepfrich, Travel Commissioner
- Blizzard Ball Program (Winter training) – Kevin Schultz, Player&Coach Development
- Q&A will happen in between each program presentation and at the end



Edina Baseball Programs

- Day League
 - Pre-K thru 5th grade
- Mid-Summer Evening League
 - K thru 5th grade
- Fall Ball League
 - K thru 5th grade
- SW Rec League
 - 4th thru 9th grade
- Travel League
 - 3rd thru 9th grade
- Blizzard Ball Winter Training
 - 2nd thru 8th grade

Day League



■ League Objectives:

- To create a positive environment for our youngest players while developing their skills, passion and love of the game. The program will offer a progression of baseball development as players advance through grade levels.

Day Baseball Offering Highlights

- Open to players inside & outside Edina
- Ages: PreK – 5th Grade
- Consistent day and times for all grades
- 6 week season in June & July
- 1 adult coach on all fields with HS student coaches
- A focus on HS coach training and preparation
- Pitching variations to match age group
- Each age will be grouped by school and/or player requests
- Season finale is a night at Courtney fields
- Details regarding grade level program expectations/registration/etc are on the EBA website
- Registration opens February 1st

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Mid-Summer Evening League



■ League Objectives:

- To provide an opportunity for players to enjoy playing the game of baseball in a positive environment to have fun, develop their skills and passion for the game

Mid-Summer Evening League Highlights

- Open to boy and girl players from inside & outside Edina
- Ages: K – 5th Grade
- 2 evening during the week (Monday-Thursday)
- 6 week season in mid-July & August
- Parent coaches
- Pitching: Tee (K/1st), Pitching Machine (2nd), Kid/Coach (3/4/5th)
- Similar to Fall Baseball League
- Each age will be grouped by school and/or player requests
- Registration opens February 1st

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Fall Ball League



■ League Objectives:

- To provide an opportunity for players to enjoy playing the game of baseball in a positive environment to have fun, develop their skills and passion for the game

Fall Ball Highlights

- Open to players inside & outside Edina
- Ages: K – 5th Grade
- 2 evening during the week (days determined by grade)
- 6 week season; September through early-October
- Parent coaches
- Pitching: Tee (K/1st), Pitching Machine (2nd), Kid/Coach (3/4/5th)
- Working to align with Mid-Summer League for seamless transition between programs
- Each age grouped by school and/or player requests. Two years ago, grades were combined (K/1, 2/3, 4/5), but with increased numbers this past year, we separated all grades into their own divisions
- Registration opens mid-July

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Rec League



■ League overview:

- To provide an opportunity for players to enjoy playing the game of baseball in a positive environment to have fun, develop their skills and passion for the game

■ League Information

- Ages 4th – 9th grade
- Age groupings: 4-5th grade; 6-7th grade; 8-9th grade
- 12-14 players per team
- All who register play - no try-outs
- Equitable/Balanced teams/Friend Requests
- Season calendar
 - Registration opens February 1st
 - Player evaluation in late March/early April
 - Team formation in early April
 - Practice and games late April – early July
- Practice/Games 2-3 times per week
- Teams play other Edina teams & teams from SW neighboring communities
- Parent coaches
- Player requests available
- 2021 prices were \$290 paid to EBA + \$70 paid to Nicklasson Athletics for uniform (jerseys and hat)

■ Program Goals

- Have fun playing at a level that is consistent to current skill, competitiveness and commitment level
- Provide development opportunities for all participants to improve based on their interest & commitment
- Provide environment for competitive fun, achievement and excellence - personal & team

Travel League



■ Edina Baseball's Top Priority

- To create a positive environment for athletes to develop their skills and passion for the game
- Provide those interested in playing competitive baseball the opportunity to play and enjoy the game at a level that is consistent with their current skills, competitiveness and commitment
- Travel Program Structure
 - Grades 3rd – 9th
 - Team structure is AAA/AA/A
 - Tryouts will be February 21-27 for 9u-11u (12u and older tryouts are in the Fall)
- Player Development
 - Focus in on skill development through placement at current appropriate level and equitable play
 - Parent coaches (paid coaches incorporated into 7th – 9th)
- Travel Baseball Season
 - Registration opens Jan. 1st
 - 2021 prices were \$590 paid to EBA + \$70 paid to Nicklasson Athletics for uniform (jerseys and hat)
 - Practices begin in mid-April, season concludes mid/late-July
 - Expectation is for 4-5 activities per week
 - League games begin in late April, tournaments generally in May and June
 - League tournament and state tournaments in July
- Participate in Metro Baseball League (MBL)
 - 16 game regular season schedule (games generally held during the week)
 - Home/away games with southwest metro teams
- Participate in 3 weekend tournaments and season ending state tournament(s)
 - Two weekend tournaments in metro area

Winter Development (Blizzard Ball)



Led by Edina High School Head Coach Tom Nevers and Staff

EBA Players in grades 2nd – 8th have the opportunity to experience Edina's premier off-season baseball training camp. The camp's philosophy is simple: Provide top-notch, intensive coaching during the off-season for kids to improve their skills and have fun!

Blizzard Ball sessions focus on the **Mastery of Baseball Fundamentals**. Structure will focus on age appropriate **skills and drills** to engage players. Blizzard Ball sessions will also include friendly competitions to promote fun and instill a **winner's attitude**.

- Saturday mornings for 8 weeks: December – February
- 90 minute sessions: 9 – 10:30AM
- Grouped by age: 2nd/3rd Graders, 4th/5th Graders & 6/7/8th Graders
- Led by EHS coaching staff with support by EHS Players, Legion Players and Youth Coaches
- Located at the Edina Braemar Dome
- Low Player to Instructor Ratio. Space is limited
- Cost: \$320. Fees are non-refundable.
- Registration opens on October 28 and closes December 10 (or when full)

- **NEW** Blizzard Ball Pitching Mini-Clinic Grades 3-5 will be three Saturdays (2/5, 2/12, 2/19) from 10:30-11:30am for \$75.



Any other questions?