



Crusher Select Baseball Guidelines

1 Purpose

To offer a quality, competitive, select baseball program sanctioned by Corinth Area Baseball (CAB) and available to CAB baseball participants.

2 CAB Select Program & Team Organization

The CAB Board of Directors is the final authority regarding sanctioned select baseball matters.

The CAB Select Baseball Committee (CAB-SBC) is responsible for overseeing the select baseball program. Every Head Coach of a Crusher team is responsible for serving on the Crusher Select Committee during their tenure as a Head Coach of a Crusher's Team. Contact information is available on the CAB website www.corinthareabaseball.com. The Select Committee Director will be selected and nominated by the outgoing Select Director and must be approved by the CAB Board of Directors.

CAB authorizes official sanctioned select baseball teams for any of the following designated age classifications to include The Crushers given sufficient interest and talent levels in each classification: 8U, 9U, 10U, 11U, 12U, 13U, 14U, 15U, and 16U. CAB-SBC may grant approval to sanction select teams in other age groups

Each team roster shall have a minimum of 9 and a maximum as designated by USSSA. CAB-SBC retains the right to approve all select rosters if necessary.

Each Head Coach is required to have every player and parent sign a Code of Conduct form (Addendum 1) and retain a copy at all times before starting their first team practice of the season. This is to protect the Player, Coaches and team. Each player must sign a new one at the beginning of every season.

3 Coaching Applications, Responsibilities and Conduct

Head coaches, assistant coaches, and all game-day coaches of sanctioned select teams are volunteer positions. Head coaches may choose their own assistant coaches. There can be only one designated head coach of each team.

Any person considered for a head coaching position shall apply through the process on the CAB website. Coaches will be selected in July and December for the following season or if necessary, at any time as deemed necessary for the Crusher program. After reviewing applications, the Select Baseball Committee shall review, interview and nominate a head coach for each sanctioned select team, subject to approval by the CAB Board of Directors. A person can only be the head coach of one Crusher's team. They may act as assistant coach of another Crushers team.

All coaches; head, assistant, or any other person who will be helping with the team must complete a background check through the Corinth Area Baseball. The fee(s) to complete the online background check are non-refundable.

When selecting team head coaches, the Select Baseball Committee and Board of Directors shall consider the following criteria:

- Knowledge of the game
- Ability to effectively teach baseball to age-specific players
- Coaching experience and coaching success
- Ability to communicate effectively with parents
- Amount and quality of past support provided to CAB
- Ability to complete NYSCA Certification and pass background check
- Any previous written complaints or commendations from other coaches, parents, umpires, or other league members
- Any other pertinent information regarding the individual's qualifications to serve in this capacity

In addition to coaching their respective sanctioned select teams, head coaches are required to assist the CAB Recreational Baseball Leagues during league registration, league coaches meetings, draft evaluations, camps, clinics, tournaments, etc. All select baseball coaches MUST help, or send team representatives to help, with the various coaches clinics, pitching clinics, and the spring/fall recreational league skills evaluation and must sit on as a member of the Select Committee Board. Head Coaches are also REQUIRED to attend occasional CAB-SBC called meetings and beginning of season meetings.

At any time, a head coach may be brought to the CAB-SBC for conduct or practices detrimental to the organization in any manner. This is up to, but not excluding removal from the program. If a Coach or spouse has been removed from the Rec program at any time, this could be cause for immediate disapproval of their Crusher Coach Application. The CAB Board also holds the right to deny involvement in the Rec program if the Coach has been removed from the Crusher Select program.

4 Players, Residency Rules, Player Removal

Any player, league age 8 or above, may try out for any CAB sanctioned select baseball team. Interested players should be reminded of the commitment required to participate at this level.

Selected players will make seasonal commitments (Jan-Aug or Aug-Nov). Coaches should refrain from choosing players who, regardless of reason, are unable to commit to participation requirements, as well as a majority of the scheduled events. While a member of a sanctioned team, players shall not participate on any other baseball team without written authorization from the sanctioned team's head coach. Players who are on any age group league-sanctioned select team roster may play in a recreational division, as long as the player is classified AA, and within USSSA sanctioned rules.

4.1 Player Removal

The Head Coach may remove a player from a team with or without approval of the Select Baseball Committee.

SBC does NOT consider the following as causes for removing a player during a spring/summer or fall season:

- Player performance on the field
- Retooling for tournament season
- Retooling for a National Championship

The coach and/or SBC COULD consider the following as causes for removing a player during a spring/summer or fall season without any money refunded:

- Player's family unable to fulfill team time and monetary commitments in timely manner
- Chronic behavior and/or attitude problems by the player or the player's parents
- Violation of Code of Conduct (see Addendum 1)
- Other disruptive and insubordinate actions by player or parents

5 Try-Outs and Recruitment

Sanctioned teams' official try-outs will be coordinated and operated, in most cases, by the respective head coach. CAB will provide each team with equitable field time to conduct tryouts within the City of Corinth's outlined CAB Agreement. Coaches may rent facilities or fields on their own for team tryouts if needed beyond league-issued fields, or in case of bad weather. Coaches will hold try-outs in an attempt to give all participants a fair and equal opportunity to make the team. Returning teams may conduct open tryouts depending on needs. Players from the previous season are not guaranteed positions and may be asked to try out like any other player.

RECRUITMENT PROTOCOL *between CAB sanctioned teams* is as follows:

- AAA/Major coach may initiate contact with AA or Rec Players/Parents
- AA coaches may initiate contact with Rec Players/Parents
- No horizontal recruiting, i.e., AAA recruiting from other CAB AAA teams
- If multiple teams in an age division, the coach with seniority has the right to choose players first

During the baseball season, head coaches are allowed to add players as needed to the team. If the player being added to a team is on the roster of another CAB select or recreation baseball team, CAB-SBC , VP of Recreation Baseball (if player is currently on a rec team) and both head coaches must be in agreement to add the player prior to the player practicing or playing with the new team.

6 Newly Formed Teams

The Director of the Select Committee will be responsible for advertising the need for a new select team.

Newly formed sanctioned teams are required to hold open tryouts. Head coaches must coordinate with CAB Select Committee in selecting a tryout date to reserve a field. There will be no more than two AA teams and one AAA and one Majors/Elite/Showcase team per age group at the beginning of the season, based on availability and/or at the discretion of the SBC.

A final roster will need to be submitted to CAB before the beginning of the season.

6.1 Elite Classification

The Crushers Select Program has a distinguished Elite designation that is bestowed and awarded to our highest ranking AAA or Majors select teams. These teams have demonstrated the following:

- Consistent success in coaching and player enrichment
- Competed in at least two out of state tournaments
- Completed at least two consecutive seasons with the Corinth Crushers (with at least 50% retention of original players)
- Competed in at least one State Tournament or World Series USSSA sanctioned tournament.

Finally, the team will need to be approved by the current Select Board Director to receive the Elite designation. The CAB Board will be notified of the team's change in designation. If a team wishes to apply for this designation then they must be first and foremost a AAA or Majors team and must submit a written request to the Select Director asking for special consideration with a detailed written explanation, this however does not guarantee a granted approval.

7 Guest Players

The spirit of the Guest Player rule is intended to allow short-handed teams the temporary use of other players, normally for league play. It is not intended to exclude regular team members in favor of more highly skilled players. Guest players may only be used when a team is missing players from its beginning of spring or fall season rosters. When the missing player returns, the guest player must relinquish his spot on the team with exception: a guest player may be used for state and national tournaments, even if the missing player returns, if the guest player played in the qualifying tournament. **Be careful in tournaments:** Incorrect roster moves could jeopardize the guest player's or your teams' eligibility for future tournaments.

8 Fees

A registration fee will be assessed to all select players before each spring and fall season by the City of Corinth. The registration fee will include expenses such as field usage fees, insurance, background checks, administration cost and web support. The registration fees will be determined by Corinth Area Baseball before each season

Players/parents also are responsible for cost of uniforms, league fees, tournament fees, gate fees, registration fees, team level equipment, and field usage fees above and beyond what CAB furnishes for practice and games. Once a player has played their first game with their team, all collected monies for uniforms, sponsorships, tournaments, registration fee(s), batting cages, etc., are NON-REFUNDABLE if the Player/Player's Parents choose to leave the team. If the player is removed from the team by the Head Coach then all expenses paid by the player up until the date of removal from team are non-refundable. Any expenses collected (or monies intended for play, i.e. future tournament fees already collected) after the tenure of the player's removal from the team may be refunded back at the Head Coach's sole discretion. **Registration fees, uniform expenses, sponsorships collected in the name of player or team, tournament fees and TEBA/Ump fees for the entire season are always non-refundable and supersede any other guideline above despite if they were paid in full.**

9 Rules and Regulations

Spring season will run mid-February, to July 31.

Fall season will run August 1st to mid-November.

If practices are needed after the fields have been closed coaches must ask the City if they are available and rent the fields at the normal rate.

Each coach is allowed two tryout dates for 2 hours during the off season for the upcoming season. If additional tryouts are needed, fees may apply.

Coaches must turn in a completed roster, all players must pay their registration fee, and the City must have a waiver on every player before coaches may start practicing. Any player that plays more than 8 games, and not already part of the CAB association must pay a registration fee to the CAB.

There shall be a minimum of 9 paid players on a roster.

Any coach wishing to reclassify their team needs approval from the SBC.

Registration fees cover field usage; each team shall have access to the playing fields 2 times a week for 2 hours each (but must also work with Rec Scheduling of fields for availability). If your practice is cancelled due to rain, or league play there will be no refunds given.

10 TEBA: Texas Elite Baseball Association

If your team plans to play in TEBA;

League schedules must be communicated with CAB - TEBA representative (usually the Select Director).

Once schedule has been made, and there needs to be changes made you must first go to your SBC representative, then CAB scheduler to make sure fields are available and umpires can be confirmed.

If scheduling week day games, you must do so during your regularly scheduled practice as to not interfere with others practices.

TEBA fees, are based on a per game fee, that will be determined by Corinth Area Baseball before that start of each season. Fees must be paid in full to the CAB before your first game to avoid forfeit.

Coaches will be responsible for "prepping" their own field on weeknight or Sundays. Additional preparations on Saturdays might be necessary as needed.

11 Fundraising, Refunds, Records Inspection

Teams are permitted to seek new private sponsorships for select baseball teams and solicit existing CAB sponsors. A list of CAB sponsors is available on the CAB website.

A team's accounts, books and records shall be open to inspection by team members/parents. Coaches should volunteer such information by request. A parent may further request by making a written request to CAB. Head coaches are solely responsible for all financial aspects of their sanctioned select baseball team. These fiduciary duties, whether performed by the head coach or a designee. Head coach or family member cannot be the bookkeeper for the team. This should include: accurate bookkeeping, paying of bills, fund raising and reporting as required. Coaches are required to share any bookkeeping with parents that are currently on the team or CAB upon written request and approval by CAB for the current season only

Finance records will need to be given to the SBC upon request and banking must be done at CAB bank of choice.

12 Equipment, Uniforms and Team Names

Select teams fund their own uniforms and ALL equipment.

Uniforms will need to be purchased through the designated Vender of that season. The uniform style will be predetermined by the SBC director. All teams will need to purchase matching helmets and coordinating bat bags in the designated colors of the Crushers, as deemed necessary by the coach.

13 Agreement

Each sanctioned team shall submit a signed USSSA Registration Form and full membership fee payment for the team prior to the authorized utilization of the facilities. The USSSA Team Registration fee will be reimbursed to the coach after he/she has submitted the receipt to the CAB Treasurer.

Any player selected to play for the sanctioned select baseball for a SPRING / SUMMER TEAM shall make a commitment of one full season to the team and coach. Any player selected to play for a FALL team shall make a commitment of one full FALL season to the team and coach. All Parents and Players are required to sign and return the Code of Conduct agreement before practicing and playing with the team. Coaches will make sure to review the Code of Conduct with their team prior to signing. There will be no refunds, if a player does not fill the commitment or was removed per section 4.1 for one full season.

14 Grievances

Handling of all questions, concerns and problems always will be handled first on a team level. The Select Baseball Committee encourages the player to approach the head coach to attempt a resolution. If resolution cannot be agreed upon then the parent and coach should attempt to resolve the issue. The final step would be to file a written grievance with CAB-SBC. The Select Board Committee will try to resolve the issue with all parties' interests in mind. This supersedes CAB and Lake Cities Softballs bylaws, rules and regulations.

It is not the intent of the grievance process to manage or address day-to-day handling of teams, practice routine, lineups, playing positions, etc. These types of issues are a coach's decision and must be handled between the coach, player and/or parent(s). Any grievance that is not outlined through CAB-SBC can then be taken to be CAB board with written request and documentation that all other previous attempts have been made.

15 Amendments

These guidelines may be edited and submitted for approval by the CAB-SBC to be amended by majority vote of the CAB Executive Board of Directors at any general membership meeting provided that meeting notice contains the proposal that the sanctioned Select Baseball Guidelines will be amended. These guidelines are subject to the review and approval of the Corinth Area Baseball Executive Board.