



What can I expect as a Wolverine Baseball Player?

Parent-Player Baseball Meeting

2026 WIAA Spring Baseball Season

- WIAA Pitchers & Catchers Contact: March 15th - 21st (Google Calendar)
- WIAA Spring Baseball Season: March 23rd - June 18th (Google Calendar)
- Practices or Games: Monday - Saturday
- Indoors: All or Split Levels (T.B.D.)
- Outdoors: JV#2 Teams (3:45 - 6:15 p.m.)
- Outdoors: JV#1 Team and Varsity Team (6:15 - 8:45 p.m.)
- Weather and other West Spring Sports will determine our practice schedule



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Rationale for 4 Teams at West

The 2026 high school baseball season...

- Rationale for 4 teams at West / approximate Classic 8 Enrollments / Other Factors
 - Oak Creek: 2151
 - Arrowhead: 1951
 - Muskego: 1632
 - Mukwonago: 1612
 - Oconomowoc: 1585
- Kettle Moraine: 1249
Waukesha West: 1183
Catholic Memorial: 602



Final Roster Spots

- All levels (Varsity, JV#1, JV#2 Royal, & JV#2 Silver)
- How many players on each team?
- Varsity Team: 18+, JV#1 Team: 16-18, both JV#2 Teams: 12-18
- Varsity (Best of the best baseball players)
- JV#1 (Combination of juniors, sophomores, & a few freshmen)
- JV#2 (Combination of sophomores & freshmen)
- JV#2 Royal Team & Silver Team (How will it be divided?)
- No guarantees / Baseball is a “cut” sport



Final Roster Spots: Determined?

- Coaches Meetings: [Tryout Evaluation Rubric](#)
- Assistant Coaches: Input / Coach Montez: Final Decisions
- **Question:** Can a freshman make the Varsity team?
- **Question:** What's the difference between Varsity, JV#1, & JV#2?
- **Philosophy:** Develop as many baseball players that we can while maximizing as many repetitions and opportunities through practices and games.
- **H.S. Baseball:** No free substitution, re-entry rule only once for a starter, no continuous batting order, yes there is a designated hitter, P / DH rule, 26 maximum games in the regular season, & pitch count rule

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What do I wear to Tryouts? Practice?

- Baseball Cap (Facing forward and worn straight at all times)
- Baseball Pants or Athletic Pants: **(Bonus: Shorts)**
- Long Sleeves or Sweatshirt (68 degrees or colder if we're outside)
- Dri-fit Shirt or Athletic Shirt with sleeves
- Athletic socks, black or white
- Baseball Spikes (Black, White, or Royal) & Tennis / Turf Shoes (indoors)
- Fields with Turf (Turf Shoes or a Molded Rubber Cleat)
- Personal Baseball Gear (glove, bat, batting gloves, etc...)
- BSN Sports Practice & Game Gear (Online Team Store)



Another Spring Sport / Multi-Sports

Spring Sport: Golf, Track, Tennis, Lacrosse

Multi-Sport Athletes

Communication: Player = Parents = Coaches



Suggestions to Players

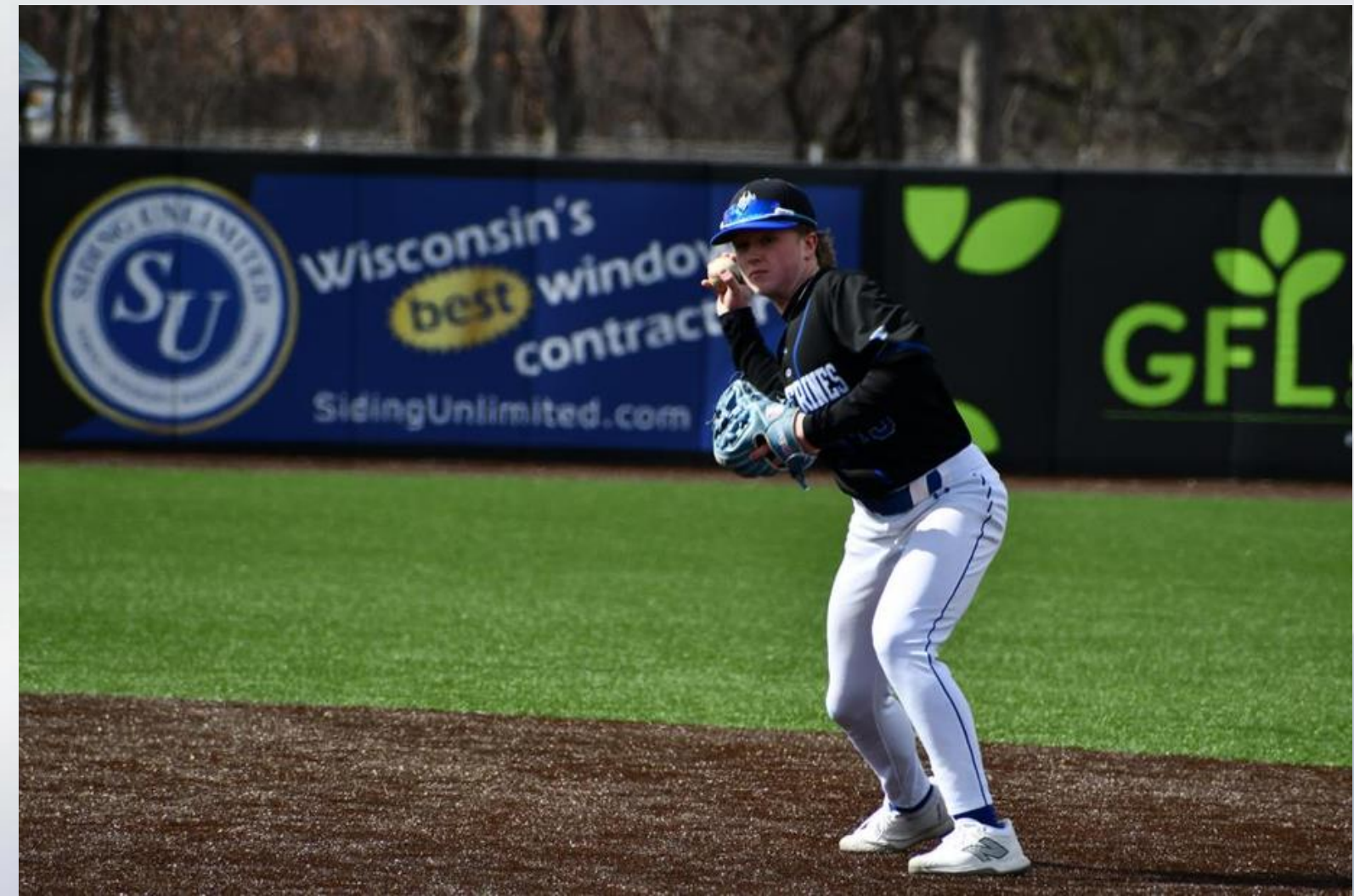
- Be Humble
- Be Coachable (Can you take it?)
- Farmer-like Work Ethic
- Grinders
- Genuine
- Invested / “Buy In”



Suggestions to Parents

Parents...

- Encourage them to advocate for themselves
- Allow them to FAIL (Fail Forward)
- Encourage them to speak face-to-face
- Encourage them to serve others
- Encourage them to make their team and teammates better every day!



Recommendations: Baseball Games

Players = Play

Umpires = Officiate

Coaches = Coach

Spectators = Spectate

Parents = Resist coaching your child from the stands



Player's Role or Playing Time Concerns

- March 27th: Individual Meetings during the last day of Tryouts
- Individual Meeting: Current Status / On a Team or Released (Cut)
- Individual Role: Different from Varsity Team to JV#1 to JV#2 Teams
- Individual Role: This is fluid; it can change throughout the course of the baseball season.
- As a coaching staff, we prefer to move players up versus move them down.
- If your son is questioning his role on the team? Or is concerned with his playing time? And there has been an adequate number of games played.

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Player's Role or Playing Time Concerns

- Then encourage them to go talk with their coaches face-to-face
- They may not want to do this? However, it's an important life skill, and they need to learn how to do this.
- As a coaching staff, we ask players to wait until the next day at practice or the next day prior to the game to talk with your coaches. It's important to allow emotions from the current day or game to settle and be in a calmer state of mind to have an open, honest, & reflective conversation.
- Parents, after your son has met with their coaches, if you feel that you need to meet with the coaches, please reach out via text or email to schedule a meeting.
- For all parent meetings, your son will need to be in attendance to be a part of the meeting with your son's coaching staff.

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A wide-angle photograph of a baseball stadium at sunset. The sun is low on the horizon, casting a warm, golden glow over the scene. The stadium is filled with spectators, and several large stadium lights are visible, some of which are illuminated. In the foreground, a baseball glove, two baseballs, and a baseball bat are resting on the dirt near a base. The text "Thank You!" is overlaid in the center of the image in a bold, blue font.

Thank You!