

# **2021 DEVILS BASEBALL CLUB**

## **Devils Baseball Club Mission**

*Devils Baseball Club is a travel baseball program providing high quality instruction, training, and game competition to players (8U-17U) interested in developing the skills necessary to play competitive high school baseball and beyond. The program will focus on placing players in age and skill appropriate competition to maximize their individual development while working within a team environment. The program's goal will be to keep local players together to train and become successful baseball players while always coordinating with local little leagues to maintain their viability.*

## **Organization**

- Devils Baseball Club is a Not for Profit Organization
- The Devils Board is focused on continuing to improve the travel baseball experience, monitors all age levels and works very closely with our Pro Trainers and Managers to ensure objectivity and development of all Devils players and teams.
- Professional instruction is designed to provide individual skill development and a focus on fundamentals.
- The program is committed to the Hinsdale, Clarendon Hills, Oak Brook, Westmont and Burr Ridge communities and will support 8U-12U players to play Little League.
- Devils Baseball Club will work closely with Hinsdale Central HS coaches, as the primary feeder program in the area.

## **Tryout Date and Information:**

- Dates (see below): Please arrive 30 minutes early to check in. We ask that you please register online prior to tryout (see below). If you can't make your assigned time only due to conflict, please attend one of the other designated sessions. **We ask all players (and parents at check in) to maintain social distancing throughout the check in process and tryout.**

Level	Grade	Date	Arrival Time	Start Time	End Time	Location
8U (5/1/12-4/30/2013)	2nd	Thursday, August 13 <sup>th</sup>	8:00am	8:30am	10:00am	Peirce SW - Hinsdale
9U (5/1/11-4/30/2012)	3rd	Thursday, August 13 <sup>th</sup>	10:00am	10:30am	12:30pm	Peirce SW - Hinsdale
10U (5/1/10-4/30/2011)	4th	Thursday, August 13 <sup>th</sup>	12:30pm	1:00pm	3:00pm	Peirce SW - Hinsdale
11U (5/1/09-4/30/2010)	5th	Thursday, August 13 <sup>th</sup>	3:00pm	3:30pm	5:30pm	Peirce SW - Hinsdale
12U (5/1/08-4/30/2009)	6th	Thursday, August 13 <sup>th</sup>	5:30pm	6:00pm	8:00pm	Peirce SW - Hinsdale
15U (5/1/05-4/30/2006)	Freshman	Wednesday, August 12 <sup>th</sup>	8:30am	9:00am	11:00am	Eccles Park, CH
14U (5/1/06-4/30/2007)	8th	Wednesday, August 12 <sup>th</sup>	11:00am	11:30am	1:30pm	Eccles Park, CH
13U (5/1/07-4/30/2008)	7th	Wednesday, August 12 <sup>th</sup>	1:30pm	2:00pm	4:00pm	Eccles Park, CH
16U and 17U (5/1/04-4/30/2005) (5/1/03-4/30/2004)	Sophomore and Junior	Wednesday, August 12 <sup>th</sup>	4:00pm	4:30pm	6:30pm	Eccles Park, CH
<b>Make-Up</b>						
8U-12U	2nd-6th	Monday, August 17 <sup>th</sup>		9:00am	12:00pm	Peirce SW - Hinsdale
13U-17U	7th-8th Frosh-Soph-Jr	Monday, August 17 <sup>th</sup>		2:00pm	5:00pm	Eccles Park, CH

- Players: **ALL** players that plan to play Devils baseball in 2021 are required to attend tryouts. *Please email The Board at [devilsbaseballclub1@gmail.com](mailto:devilsbaseballclub1@gmail.com), if there is a medical reason (injury or other) that prohibits a player from participating in the tryout. Please note, current/past Devils players may be excused from tryout due to injury, or other, with Board approval only.*
- Location:
  - 8U-12U – Peirce Park – 212 Mills St, Hinsdale, IL 60521
  - 13U-17U – Eccles Field - 315 Chicago Ave, Clarendon Hills, IL 60514
- Registration: All players must register here: <https://devilsbaseballclub.sportngin.com/register/form/353590404>
- Age Level: Players will play with their grade level, outside of the exception if the player is too old for that grade level.
- Evaluation: Tryouts will be run by the Devils Pro trainers.
- Parents: We kindly ask that parents NOT attend the tryout. However, for the 8U and 9U tryouts, parents can check in their player and remain in the car after check in. All others, please drop off your player and/or stay in your car.
- Attire:
  - Players are required to wear baseball pants, cleats, and a hat. Please bring a glove, bat, and water.
  - **Every player is requested to bring a face covering for times when social distancing cannot be applied. Masks will not be mandatory during the tryout/evaluation.**
  - **We will be using all efforts to maintain proper social distancing among players and trainers throughout the process.**

### **2021 Level Selection**

- Shortly following the tryouts, we will be sending invites to players for the 2021 season. These invites will be for acceptance to the Devils organization and age level only. Team selection will happen at a later date (please see below).

### **2021 Team Selection**

- During the first two (2) weeks of winter training, we will be conducting a “Training Camp” at each level and will further evaluate the players at this time. Selection of teams for all levels will take place at the end of “Training Camp”.
- This will occur in January 2021.
- Pro Trainers will be involved in final team selections, which will also include input from the Team Managers and Board.

### **Winter Level/Team Training (January-March):**

- The Devils baseball program will offer winter training to all players.
- Training will be created to: 1) implement and reinforce baseline fundamentals; 2) increase individual skill development and position versatility; and, 3) improve overall baseball IQ.
- Training will be led by the Baseball Institute, Brent Kittel, JJ Furmaniak, Kevin Rios, and Chris Frankiewicz. Private Lessons will run from December through May (or later at Board discretion). Winter Training sessions will consist of one session/week focused on fielding fundamentals and base-running and one session/week focused on hitting and pitching. In addition, Devils is working to secure sessions at the Rosemont Dome (or alternative appropriate indoor facilities) for a number of our teams to practice game situations and live work.
- Training sessions by level will be led by two Pro Instructors at all practices. Curriculum will be designed to offer tailored, age specific, professional instruction while incorporating coach involvement.

### **Private Lessons (December to end of May):**

- Players will receive five (5) vouchers for private lessons included in their fee. These vouchers can be used to choose from a menu of hitting, pitching, fielding, or catching instructors. They are to be scheduled and used anytime from December to late May.

### **Season Schedule:**

- Game schedules will be in WSBL or ILTBL and a varying number of tournaments based on level. We will challenge our teams.

### **Coaches:**

- Coaches training and instruction will be provided. The board will go through an evaluation process at each level to select Managers for 2021, inclusive of pro coaches at ages 13U-17U. Managers are to have a strong baseball IQ and temperament.
- If no coach is willing or deemed qualified to manage, a pro coach may be hired at an add'l cost of approximately \$350/player.

### **Fees:**

- Details on annual fees per level will be provided when invites are sent out following tryouts.
- Fee includes five (5) 30-minute private lessons, winter training, facility usage, uniforms, helmet, bat bag, respective tournaments and league season.
- Payment of 25% will be required within one (1) week of acceptance. The additional 75% will be paid by December 31st. Late payment may result in the loss of your slot.

### **COVID:**

- Uncertainties related to COVID-19 are clearly with us for the foreseeable future. The organization is sensitive to the apprehensiveness this uncertainty creates for some, yet also recognizes that many families continue to be excited about playing baseball. As communicated previously, if a player, parent or family is not comfortable playing –**DON'T**. We must demonstrate respect and courtesy for everyone's feelings during this time and ensure that we provide a safe environment to play games.
- The Devils organization continues to follow Illinois guidelines for safe play, and will continue to emphasize the importance of following those guidelines. Devils organization has been instructed to adhere to village requirements when conducting practice and playing games. *As noted below, here are the requirements that the villages have set forth:*
  - Dugouts CAN'T be used.
  - Each player must bring their own hand sanitizer.
  - Minimal use of Bleachers. Only family members can sit side by side and big gaps between the next group.

### **Questions:**

- Any questions, please reach out via email to [devilsbaseballclub1@gmail.com](mailto:devilsbaseballclub1@gmail.com)

Thank you,

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