



Traveling Baseball Handbook

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- Bob Feller

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INTRODUCTION

On behalf of the Eastview Athletic Association (EVAA) Traveling Baseball Board, I welcome all new and returning players and parents to the 2026 season. We are excited for the upcoming season, and we hope your child has a wonderful experience this summer.

The information in this handbook should answer most questions; if you have additional questions or concerns, please feel to contact us.

Jeremy Frost

Director

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MISSION & PROGRAM OBJECTIVES

Our mission is to assist athletes in developing advanced baseball skills and provide the opportunity to compete with other players of similar abilities.

Our objectives are to provide a community based organized program for our youth in support of the Eastview High School program that will:

- Promote physical fitness, stamina, and agility.
- Develop self-confidence.
- Develop respect for others, teamwork, pride in team and community.
- Teach the fundamentals of baseball.
- Incorporate the spirit of good sportsmanship in victory and defeat.
- Allow every player to have an opportunity to participate and develop.
- Play in a safe and healthy environment.
- Build character and set priorities in our lives.
- Allow everyone to have fun and enjoy the game.

GENERAL INFORMATION

Commitment

Traveling baseball requires significant time commitment from players, coaches, and parents from April through July. Every player's presence is important, and he/she is expected to attend all practices, league games, and tournament games with limited exceptions (see "General Policies" – Attendance). Unexcused absences may result in a reduction in playing time.

We expect baseball to be the sport of the season. Absences due to participation in other sports or other teams will be considered unexcused and could result in a reduction of playing time. Ultimately, decisions regarding reduction in playing time are made by the coaches of each team.

Commitment from our parents is as important as that from the players. Beyond assisting your player with transportation, preparation, and support, we need parent volunteers to help us run our two fundraising tournaments during the summer. These are the only fundraising events and we expect all parents to either help us run the events or buy out their volunteer time.

Double Rostering Policy

Eastview baseball does not prohibit double-rostering, though we recognize it may cause conflicts between the club team and the EVAA team and increase the athlete's chance of injury. We expect any double-rostered player to prioritize participation in EVAA baseball events. Placing a double-rostered player on an EVAA team will be at the discretion of the tryout committee and incorporate factors such as, but not limited to, roster size, skills (both the involved player and those in the age group), player fit, and age group needs. It is unlikely we would knowingly allow more than 1 or 2 players to double roster on a given team.

Registration Fees

League/EVAA Registration Fee: \$200

Tryout Fee (non-refundable): \$55

Tournament Fees: 9U -- \$115, 10U-15U -- \$185

The registration fee covers league entry costs, equipment, umpires, field usage/maintenance, and other association costs.

This fee also includes an EVAA-levied \$25 SportsEngine fee. The tryout fee covers facility rentals, 3rd party evaluators, and other tryout-related costs. Tournament fees cover MBL-related season tournaments for each team. This fee does not cover the cost of a state tournament (MBT or Gopher State).

Additional Fees

In addition to the registration fee, those players who are selected for a traveling team will pay approximately \$200 for uniform costs (see page 4 "Uniforms"). Samples will be available to try on at the cages during tryouts and all uniforms will be purchased online. Additional details will be provided at the Parent Meeting.

Once a player has been placed on a team, there will be no refunds except for players who suffer a long-term injury or illness. All refund requests will be prorated by the number of games played and must be approved by the Traveling Baseball Program Director.

"Baseball is like a poker game. Nobody wants to quit when he's losing; nobody wants you to quit when you're ahead." - Jackie Robinson

Volunteer Fee

Eastview baseball hosts two tournaments during the summer: the MBL state tournament in mid-July and the August Classic in late July/early August. Revenue from these tournaments helps our organization fund operations and keep player fees as low as possible. We ask all families to volunteer during these tournaments (6 hours for a single player or 9 hours for multiple players). Volunteer tasks include tournament setup, field maintenance, and concessions. All volunteers must be at least 14 years old. If someone is unable to work their scheduled shift, it is their responsibility to find a replacement. Volunteer/dibs fees for 2026 are \$300 for a single player and \$450 for families; If your player(s) family meets the volunteer hour requirement, this fee will be waived.

Parents' Pre-Tryout Meetings

A MANDATORY Parent meeting will be held in early February at Scott Highland Middle School to review our program's philosophy, discuss season-specific details, provide an overview of the tryout/evaluation/team formation process, and answer questions. The specific date will be added to the 2026 baseball calendar in January.

- Parents of 12U-15U year olds: 6:30 p.m. - 7:15 p.m.
- Parents of 9U-11U year olds: 7:30 p.m. - 8:15 p.m.

Tryout Dates

Tryouts will be held at the Savage Dome and at the Cages in Burnsville. We will continue to use a "tee time" model; Tryout times for individual players, rather than entire age groups, will be posted after registration closes. Tryouts are closed to the public. Only Traveling Baseball Board members, provisional coaches, and the outside evaluators will be allowed in the main tryout area.

Tryout Dates

Monday, February 16th, 10am-3pm: Savage Dome - Fielding, throwing, and running evaluations for all age groups.

Tuesday, February 17th, 5pm-8pm: The Cages in Burnsville - Hitting – ages TBD.

Friday, February 20th, 6pm-9pm: The Cages in Burnsville - Hitting – ages TBD.

PLEASE NOTE: Rosters will be posted to the EVAA Traveling Baseball website as soon as possible after team selection.

We will attempt to contact all non-selected players via e-mail/telephone/voice message before we post team rosters.

Games and Practices

Practices may begin at the discretion of the coaches immediately after teams are announced. EVAA has reserved time at The Cages and at the MASH facility in Savage in March and April; we will allocate time to each team. Outdoor practices will begin after the City of Apple Valley clears outdoor fields for use.

League play typically begins the 1st week of May and runs through the end of June. Each team will play 14 games; scheduling league games is the responsibility of the head coach. The league concludes with a single elimination playoff in early July.

EVAA registered each 9U team for 3 tournaments and each 10-14U team for 4 tournaments. Teams may schedule additional tournaments, but they are responsible for registration and costs. State tournament registration and fees are also the responsibility of each team.

Neighborhood Parks

The Apple Valley and Eagan Parks & Recreation Departments have asked us to remind you to please be considerate of the residents living adjacent to playing fields. Park your vehicle appropriately, drive safely, use sidewalks, pick up your trash, and keep your children off of other people's property.

Evaluation Forms/Suggestions

We want to be the baseball experience of choice for players residing in the Eastview High School attendance area, so we are interested in suggestions to improve the experience for our players. You will receive an online evaluation form shortly after the season that will ask you to comment on your child's baseball experience. This anonymous form is your opportunity to comment on your child's experience and help improve our program. Individual evaluations are confidential and only reviewed by the director/assistant director. Aggregate data will be shared with the board to help us plan for the 2027 season. If you do not receive an evaluation, contact your child's age group coordinator for assistance.

Uniforms

Uniforms: Players selected for a team are required to purchase a uniform (fitted hat, pants, home/away jersey, socks, and belt). We will be using new uniforms in 2026. Uniform samples will be available at the hitting portion of tryouts.

Uniform purchases will be available through our online store – details will be provided shortly after tryouts conclude.

Estimated costs:

- Jerseys(home/away): ~\$80 each
- Baseball pants: \$40
- Baseball socks (suggest 2 pairs): \$10 each
- Fitted Baseball hat: \$20
- Royal Blue belt: \$5

Equipment

Each player must provide his/her own bat, glove, baseball cleats, helmet, and personal protective equipment (except catcher's equipment). Parents are responsible for providing any additional safety equipment they wish to use. We require the use of a hard protective cup. Players are encouraged to use baseball cleats. Players in 9U-12U leagues are restricted to rubber cleats; players in the 13U and 14U leagues may use metal cleats.

The Traveling Baseball Program also supplies all catcher's gear, practice and game balls, and other equipment necessary for games and practices. Any damage caused by negligence or intentional abuse will be reimbursed by the player, coach and/or parents. Failure to do so may result in denial of any further participation in any EVAA program by the player, coach, or any other member of his/her family.

Bats

Players should use bats appropriate for their size and ability. In general, bat speed is paramount, so providing a bat that your

player can easily control is preferable to using the heaviest bat they can swing. MBL has not changed bat rules for 2026.

Please consult www.mbl.bz for bat rules for your player's age group. EVAA does not provide bats for individual use.

Umpires

We expect all players, coaches, and supporters to respect umpire calls and demonstrate good sportsmanship. Disagreements over close calls are inevitable, but we expect all EVAA-affiliated personnel to control their reactions and behavior, regardless of the game situation.

We adhere to MBL's guidelines for ejections: any parent ejection will result in a coach suspension for the following game. The EVAA baseball board will review events surrounding ejections and may intervene if necessary.

Other

Players who are not placed on a traveling roster will have their fees refunded. EVAA's payment system does not permit fee transfers, so we will refund their traveling fees and encourage them to register for in-house baseball.

“England and America should scrap cricket and baseball and come up with a new game that they both can play. Like baseball for example.”

-Robert Benchly

TRYOUT POLICIES

Eligibility

A player is eligible to participate in EVAA Traveling Baseball team tryouts subject to the following criteria:

- Must be a registered member of EVAA.
- In accordance with EVAA Board of Directors policy, players must reside in the Eastview High School (EVHS) attendance area or live within the City of Apple Valley.
- Must have paid all applicable fees and any arrearages from previous EVAA programs.
- Must meet age guidelines specified by the Metro Baseball League.
- If a selected player does not reside in the EVHS attendance area or live within the City of Apple Valley, he/she will not be allowed to try out for EVAA Traveling Baseball unless all of the following conditions are met PRIOR to tryouts: (1) a waiver must be applied for and obtained from the athletic association that serves his/her high school attendance area; (2) a waiver must be applied for and obtained from the Metro Baseball League; (3) a waiver must be applied for and obtained from the

EVAA Board of Directors; and (4) Must have intentions to attend Eastview High School. The EVAA Traveling Baseball Board may request proof of compliance with the residency requirements and issuance of the waivers.

- Exceptions to this policy must be requested in writing to the EVAA Board of Directors at a regular EVAA monthly meeting PRIOR to tryouts.

Birthdate Cutoff

The age cut-off is April 30, 2026. The team (age level) for which a player is eligible is the same as the player's age on that date. A copy of the player's birth certificate must be provided to the head coach before the start of Metro Baseball League play. Metro Baseball League rules prohibit players from "playing down" - i.e., playing on a team younger than the player's age level.

The Eastview Traveling Baseball Program strongly recommends that players play at their grade level whenever possible. Thus, a player is eligible for the 9-level teams (2nd and 3rd graders) if s/he is either 8 years old on April 30, 2026, or in the 2nd grade (and at least 7 years old) by April 30, 2026. Similarly, if a 6th grader is 11 years old on April 30, 2026, s/he is eligible to try out for a position with one of the 11-year-old teams but is encouraged to try out for a team at the 12-year-old level with the other 6th graders. Once a player makes his/her decision, the player will not be able to switch in later years, with one exception: A player can change age classification once and have a chance to align their age to their grade level to play with their grade at the 15-year-old level (9th grade).

Participation

A player must participate in all scheduled tryout sessions unless an excused absence is granted prior to the start of that session by the Traveling Baseball Program Director. Attendance will be taken at the beginning of each tryout session. A player may be disqualified who does not have an excused absence. Extenuating and unusual circumstances will be reviewed on a case-by-case basis.

Bats

All bats used for the tryouts must adhere to the regulations as outlined in "League Specific Information". Bats must meet MBL/MBT specifications for use during 2026 tryouts.

Injury or Illness Absence

A player who has registered for tryouts and cannot participate due to an injury or illness will be excused, provided a doctor's note describing the player's limitations is delivered to the Traveling Baseball Program Director prior to tryouts. An injured player may be asked to attend the tryout session if able to complete a partial tryout, or even if unable to participate, as there is value in being part of the process. Evaluation scores for injured and/or ill players will be based on the formula established for such occasions by the Baseball Board. The formula is based on the previous year's tryout score, adjusted for the average tryout score's (age specific) increase or decrease. The formula does not allow an injured player to 'improve their score' from the previous year but their score and position may decline relative to other players when the player cannot participate in any tryout session. In the event of a partial tryout, the formula will be applied to the session that the player was unable to complete. A player's overall score and rank may improve in the event of a partial tryout, based on the new scoring from the session(s) that they were able to complete. In the event a player is medically unfit to participate in tryouts for two or more years in succession, the medically adjusted score from the previous year will be used to calculate the current year's tryout score. If a registered participant is medically unable to participate in tryouts and does not have a tryout score from the preceding year, the Traveling Baseball Board will determine placement on a case-by-case basis. A player new to EVAA who is medically unable to participate in tryouts will be placed on the lowest team, provided roster space is available. A player excused due to injury or illness must present a signed doctor's release indicating that the player is medically fit before he/she will be allowed to participate in any EVAA activity.

Player Identification

Each player will be identified by a number assigned at the tryout sessions. To avoid the appearance of bias, a player may not wear clothing or hats from a prior year's traveling team, or from a prior year's or current club team (e.g. Blizzard, Mash, HTP etc.), or use any paraphernalia identifying him/her as a previous traveling player, or a previous or current club team player, or wear any article of clothing with his/her name imprinted on it. The player will be required to remove any such apparel prior to being allowed to try out.

Player Evaluation

Eastview baseball hired a group of impartial evaluators, led by Pat Strey and the Eastview baseball coaching staff, to evaluate players at tryouts. If an evaluator has a player trying out, they will not participate in evaluations at that age level.

Up to 2 provisional coaches selected by Eastview baseball will also score tryouts. These coaches were interviewed by the coaching committee and selected as potential head coaches for the 2026 season.

In the event an outside evaluator misses a tryout session, their role will be filled either by the Program Director or their designate. This evaluator will not be related to anyone trying out for that age group.

Player Selection

The players' respective evaluation scores will be the primary basis used to select the players for each traveling team. No player will be placed on a team over a more deserving candidate because he/she has previously played on a traveling team.

Please note that the following criteria are in addition to all requirements detailed in the "Eligibility" section.

Each 9–15-year-old team will, in general, consist of 12 players. The highest ranked 6 players, based on the evaluators' scores, will automatically qualify for the "AAA" team. If the Provisional Coach's child does not make the team, the coach must either relinquish his/her job or else continue to coach the team without his/her child. The Provisional Coach, or in the absence of a Provisional Coach, the Team Selection Committee consisting of three or more Traveling Baseball Board Members then has the discretion to fill out the roster from the top 22 ranked players provided there is a "sound baseball logic" (e.g., based upon a player's merits (skills, athletic ability, hustle, enthusiasm, and coachability), or the team needs a pitcher or catcher, etc.). The Provisional Coach will provide the "sound baseball logic" to the Traveling Baseball Team Selection Committee for approval.

After the selection of the "AAA" team has been completed, the next 6 highest ranked players will automatically qualify for the "AA" team. The Provisional Coach or the Team Selection Committee in the absence of a Provisional Coach, then has the discretion to fill out the roster from the top 34 (ranked players), again with approval by the Traveling Baseball Team Selection Committee based on "sound baseball logic".

After the selection of the "AA" team has been completed, the next 6 highest ranked players will automatically qualify for the "A" team or any subsequent teams. The Team Selection Committee then has the discretion to fill out the roster from the top 46 ranked players, based on "sound baseball logic".

Exception: if the traveling baseball board plans to field 2 teams at the same competitive level (e.g. AA), then the tryout committee will consult with the provisional coaches and allocate players in a manner to ensure that both teams are roughly even in skill (i.e. no high 'AA' and low 'AA' team).

In the event of more than three teams at a given age group, the Team Selection Committee and Provisional Coaches will determine what level ("AAA", "AA", or "A") each team will play at based on player score distribution. Teams will be placed at the level where they will be challenged, while remaining competitive and successful.

“One of the beautiful things about baseball is that every once in a while you come into a situation where you want to, and where you have to, reach down and prove something.”

-Nolan Ryan

GENERAL POLICIES

Attendance

Every player's presence is important and is expected. Unless otherwise excused by the coach, all players are expected to attend all practices, league games, and tournament games. Excused absences will be granted for school, religious and important family events (e.g. funeral or wedding); however, it is expected that the coach will be notified in advance of such events. Unexcused absences, including participation in another sporting events, may result in a reduction of playing time as determined by the coach.

Suspensions

The Traveling Baseball Board reserves the right to suspend any coach, parent, or player who violates the EVAA Code of Ethics provided by the EVAA Board of Directors. Suspensions will be documented and distributed to the EVAA Board of Directors. Suspension of a coach may lead to progressive discipline. See “Coach Removal” section.

A coach or umpire may suspend any player, parent, or coach who acts in an unsportsmanlike manner, as described in the "Behavior" section. Subsequent violations may result in the player, parent, or coach being removed from the program. All violations must be reported to the Traveling Baseball Board.

Any coach removed from league or tournament games will automatically receive a two-game suspension. Suspension means that a coach cannot attend the game either as a coach or a spectator. If a coach is removed a second time during the season, he will receive at least a two-game suspension AND will meet before a review committee consisting of the Traveling Baseball Program Director and the Coach Selection Committee. The review committee will decide on the coach's future involvement in the program.

Player Removal

Once a team is selected, a coach cannot release a team member solely because of lack of skills. A player may be released for the following specific reasons:

- Frequent, flagrant disregard of the player's responsibilities.
- Continued play in such a manner as to endanger others and/or self.
- Displaying an uncaring attitude which results in not applying oneself, thus hurting the team's competitive potential.
- Failure to work within a team environment (placing self-interest before the teams).
- Repeated unsportsmanlike behavior.

Before requesting the removal of a player, the coach must discuss the situation with the Age Group Coordinator and the player's parent(s) and attempt to correct the situation. The discussion should include an objective description of the behavior and of the intended discipline. If this fails to correct the situation, the coach must then notify the appropriate Age Group Coordinator and the Traveling Baseball Program Director who must approve any further action. The Traveling Baseball Program Director must, in turn, notify the EVAA Board of Directors of the action taken within 48 hours of its occurrence. Written documentation must be given to the Traveling Baseball Board.

Playing Time

Minimum playing time for 9-11 year old's will be 4 defensive innings per game with at least one inning at an infield position other than pitcher or catcher and one inning in the outfield (however, a coach may substitute an inning in the outfield for catching duties, but all coaches are encouraged to give all players an opportunity to play an outfield position during the season, including catchers) *. All 9-11-year-old coaches are encouraged to give all players an opportunity to pitch.

Minimum playing time for 12-13-year old's will be 4 defensive innings per game*. The 9-13-year-old starting lineups will provide an opportunity for every player to have a place in the batting order. Minimum playing time for 14-15-year old's will be 3 innings defensively*.

*Some game situations (e.g., 10 run rule) or player discipline may prevent this from happening in a specific game.

All coaches at all age groups are encouraged to develop a pitching regimen to prevent over-pitching players.

Coach Selection

EVAA baseball relies on volunteer parent-coaches for 9U-13U levels. Anyone interested in serving as a head coach must fill out an application. Members of the coach selection committee will interview prospective candidates and select two provisional coaches per age level. These interviews will take place in December-January. All coaches must pass a background check – EVAA's player safety director supervises these checks.

Selection as a provisional coach does not guarantee that a coach's child will be selected for a team, only that the coach will be offered the head coaching position for his/her child's team.

Primary selection criteria include past baseball coaching and playing experience, personal coaching and player development philosophies, organizational skills, strong moral and ethical characteristics, support of the Baseball Program and EVAA policies/procedures, and the applicant's commitment to devote several hundred hours to the program during the season.

Provisional Coaches' responsibilities begin in March following team selection and end in August with equipment return, season reviews, recommendations/feedback, and performance evaluations.

In order to try and improve baseballs skills and better prepare participants for higher level baseball, the EVAA Traveling Baseball Board seeks to select the highest qualified coaches for the 14 and 15-year-old A, AA and AAA teams. A significant level of effort is put forth to solicit highly qualified candidates. The EVAA Traveling Baseball Board has determined that paying these coaches up to a \$4,500 stipend (including \$1,200 contributed from participants on these teams) is necessary to attract the highest qualified coaches. In some cases, a parent coach is deemed the highest qualified candidate. In the event that a provisional or selected coach declines to accept the stipend, the money is retained by the Traveling Baseball program (the \$1,200 portion contributed from participants is returned to the participants, if collected). Provisional coaches that are also a parent of a participant MUST declare whether they will accept or decline the stipend prior to tryouts. If the provisional coach accepts the stipend, they are free to use the stipend in whatever manner they deem appropriate or beneficial to the team. If the provisional coach declines the stipend and the money is returned to the program, the coach may apply to the Traveling Baseball Board for the amount of the stipend if they desire to use the funds to improve the technical baseball skills of the team. For example, the coach may apply and use the funds to hire assistant coaches or purchase technical development time at a baseball training facility. The Traveling Baseball Board shall approve all instances where a coach declines the stipend and applies for use of the stipend funds for technical improvement.

Coach Removal

Removal of a team coach is a very serious situation and must be dealt with in a fair and open manner. Coaches may be removed at the discretion of the EVAA Traveling Baseball Board for any of the following reasons:

- Failure to perform duties.
- Conduct detrimental to the player, the team, the organization, and/or the parents.
- Failure to act in a manner consistent with the policies in this Handbook.
- Abusive behavior, whether physical or psychological, towards players, parents, opposing players, coaches, spectators, umpires, volunteers, or league officials.

Behavior

The highest standards of sportsmanship will be expected from the players, parents, coaches, umpires, and spectators. All participants in the Traveling Baseball Program are reminded that we represent the broader Eastview Community in addition to the EVAA Traveling Baseball Program.

Conduct that will not be tolerated includes verbal abuse, tantrum-like acts, profanity, physical aggression on or off the field, and acts intended to cheat the spirit of the rules or to intimidate the umpires. Umpires may use their discretion whether to issue a warning or to immediately eject the violator (coach, player, or spectator) from the game. Coaches are responsible for reporting player/parent ejections to the baseball board. Subsequent violations may result in suspension from play and/or attendance. If a parent is ejected from a game, the head coach will also serve a one game suspension.

If a parent or player has a concern with an umpire's performance, he/she should direct their concerns to the team's head coach. The head coach should be the only person communicating with the umpires. We expect all communication with game officials to be conducted in a professional manner.

It is mandatory that each batter, on-deck hitter, runner, or player in a coach's box wear a batting helmet that meets NOCSAE standards.

Players will treat their coaches, parents, teammates, the umpires, and the opposition with respect. After each game, the participants will line up and shake hands.

Spectators are restricted to the areas that are "out of play" and away from the benches.

Inclement Weather

Practices: The head coach is responsible for cancelling or delaying practice due to inclement weather.

Games: The home team is responsible for determining whether the game will begin. Once play begins, the umpire is responsible for determining whether play should be halted. The home team is also responsible for notifying the umpiring coordinator for game cancellations.

Unless contacted by the coach/manager, players should attend a game or practice as scheduled.

Games and practices will be suspended when lightning is visible. Games will not resume play until 30 minutes have passed since the last lightning strike.

Smog/Hazardous Air Quality

Smog: we will adhere to MSHSL guidelines for play during periods of significant air pollution from wildfires. If the Air Quality Index (AQI) is greater than 200, EVAA teams should cancel games and practices. This action should be taken 2 hours before game time, to permit us to cancel umpires in a timely manner.

Blood Policy

A player or coach who is bleeding or who has an open wound shall be prohibited from participating in the game until appropriate treatment has been administered. If medical care or treatment cannot be administered in a reasonable amount of time, the individual will have to leave the game. (The length of time considered reasonable shall be in the umpire's judgment.) Once the bleeding has been stopped, the player or

coach may reenter the game. If there is a substantial amount of blood on the uniform, it must be changed before that individual may participate.

Drug and Alcohol Policy

EVAA Traveling Baseball mandates that all players/coaches/parents participating in an EVAA youth sport activity (practice/scrimmage/game) should refrain from the use of alcohol and/or a controlled substance.

It shall be a violation of this policy for a player/coach, while participating in an EVAA youth activity, to use a beverage containing alcohol, or use or consume, have in possession, buy, sell, or give away any controlled substance.

Once a violation has been brought to the Traveling Baseball Board's attention and a decision has been made, the player/coach will be informed of his/her ineligibility by a written letter from the Traveling Baseball Program Director.

a. First Violation: Upon notification by the Traveling Baseball Board, the player/coach shall lose eligibility for the next two consecutive games or two weeks of a sport season in which the player/coach is participating, whichever is greater. No exception is permitted.

b. Second Violation: The player/coach shall lose eligibility in the Traveling Baseball Program for that sport season. No exception is permitted.

c. Accumulative Penalties: Penalties shall be accumulative beginning with and continuing throughout the player's/coach's participation in all EVAA activities.

Tobacco Policy

EVAA Traveling Baseball does not permit the use of tobacco by players under the legal tobacco age.

It shall be a violation of this policy for a player participating in the Traveling Baseball Program to use tobacco.

Once a violation has been brought to the Traveling Baseball Board's attention, the player will be informed of his/her ineligibility. Ineligibilities will be the same as for the drug and alcohol policy.

EVAA Traveling Baseball mandates that coaches refrain from the use of tobacco in any form during a youth sport activity (practice/scrimmage/game). Reminder, no tobacco is allowed on any District 196 property.

Equipment Abuse

Under no circumstances will the abuse of equipment be tolerated. Umpires and coaches are instructed that each instance of equipment abuse will result in that player's removal for the remainder of the game. At the umpire's or coach's discretion, one warning may be given.

If the abuse of the equipment results in damage to the equipment, that player and their family will be responsible for reimbursing the cost of replacement. Players may be suspended from participating in future EVAA programs until reimbursement is made.

“No matter how good you are, you’re going to lose one-third of your games. No matter how bad you are you’re going to win one-third of your games. It’s the other third that makes the difference.” Tommy Lasorda

COACHES’ RESPONSIBILITIES AND RIGHTS

The coach is a teacher of baseball skills, a manager of the functions necessary to run a team, and is responsible for the social, psychological, and physical development of all players in his/her care. He/she is accountable to the players, the parents, the Traveling Baseball Board, and the EVAA Board of Directors.

Coaches' Responsibilities include:

- Comply with and enforce all EVAA rules and Traveling Baseball Program policies and rules.
- Complete all online training (concussion, safe sport, background checks...etc.) required by the EVAA safety officer.
- Know all and comply with all league and tournament rules.
- Adhere to the EVAA drug, alcohol, and tobacco policies.
- Treat all players in an equitable and fair manner.
- Demonstrate good sportsmanship, self-control, and proper behavior.
- Ensure good sportsmanship and proper behavior of team players, assistant coaches, parents, and spectators.
- Attend the Coaches' Meeting and the Parents' Pre-Tryout Meeting.
- Attend all Metro Baseball League meetings and functions.
- Arrange to have an alternate attend any required functions (e.g., coaches' meetings, etc.) that they are unable to attend.
- Assure that all players receive playing time that is as mandated by the Traveling Baseball Board.
- Teach the players to have fun and enjoy competition.
- Help the players to develop a healthy, competitive attitude toward winning and losing.
- Assess individual player's strengths and weaknesses and create a developmental plan to help each player improve in the areas of concern.
- Encourage and compliment players; use only constructive criticism.
- Attend a minimum of 90% of their team's practices and games.
- Care for the equipment that is issued to them. If any equipment is lost or damaged, coaches should report the problem to the appropriate Age Group Coordinator.
- Attend any coaches' clinic arranged by the Traveling Baseball Board.
- Conduct a pre-season parents' meeting. At this meeting, the coach should set the tone and expectations for the season, distribute team schedule, roster, team rules, and collect any additional fees that are due.
- Conduct a mid-season player meeting, including evaluations of each player.
- Arrange for team photographs.
- Schedule field time for practices and any make-up (home) games with the other coaches.
- Report any problems with fields to the appropriate Age Group Coordinator.
- Recruit parent volunteers, team manager, communication coordinator, and social director as necessary.

- Attend the post-season Exit Interview At this meeting, they will review their season and provide suggestions for improving the program in future years.
- Complete Player Profiles and return to the Traveling Baseball Program Director.
- Return all issued equipment in good, clean condition.

Coaches' Rights include:

- To be treated with respect by players, parents, volunteers, umpires, league, MSF and AAU officials, the Traveling Baseball Board, and the EVAA Board of Directors.
- To be made fully aware of the rules and policies under which they must function.
- To have access to necessary safety equipment and practice fields.
- To expect full cooperation from parents when they are asked to assist.
- 14 and 15-year-old A, AA and AAA coaches may accept or decline the coaching stipend as explained in the Coach Selection section. If the stipend is accepted, the coach may use the stipend as they see fit. If the stipend is declined, the coach may apply to the Traveling Baseball Board for use of the stipend for technical development of the team as approved by the Traveling Baseball Board.

“I don’t want to play golf. When I hit a ball, I want someone else to go chase it.” -

Rogers Hornsby

PARENTS’ RESPONSIBILITIES AND RIGHTS

Your child's participation in the Traveling Baseball Program will require a significant contribution of your time and effort. Parents can contribute many things to support their child, team, and the program.

Parents' Responsibilities include:

- Let your child know you love him/her, win or lose, whether he/she plays well or not.
- Compliment and encourage them. Let the coaches handle coaching and criticism. Coordinate your efforts to help your child's development with the recommendations of the coaches.
- Support your coaches. Remember that they are responsible for many children in addition to yours.
- Don't compare your child to other players. Be honest with yourself and your child about his/her abilities.
- Regard each player on the team as your own.
- Keep negative comments to yourself. Express concerns only to the coach and in a straightforward, fair, and objective manner.
- Teach your child to have fun and enjoy competition. Don't tell him/her that winning does not count because it does, and he/she knows it. Instead, help him/her to develop a healthy competitive attitude toward winning and losing.
- Follow the "Parents' Code of Conduct" supported and distributed by EVAA Traveling Baseball.
- Demonstrate good sportsmanship and proper behavior. Don't criticize umpires, officials, coaches, or other parents or players.

- Ensure the good sportsmanship and proper behavior of your child and your guests.
- Get your child to, and pick them up from, practices and games on time.
- Inform the coach in advance whenever your child will miss or be late for a practice or a game.
- Provide a copy of your child's birth certificate to the head coach at the first parent/coach pre-season meeting.
- Volunteer to coach (ages 9-15, excluding 14 and 15 AAA, AA and A teams) and/or volunteer to assist the coach whenever possible. Provide names of qualified candidates for the paid 14 and 15 AAA, AA and A paid coaching positions (or other interested volunteer candidates) if you are knowledgeable of suitable candidates.
- Volunteer your time and talents to ensure your team's practices, games and tournaments are successful.
- Complete the Post Season Parent Survey. Feedback is important for the continual improvement of the program.

Parents' Rights include:

- Have yourself and your child be treated fairly and with respect.
- Have your child practice and play in a safe and healthy environment.
- Have your child coached by effective and qualified adult leadership.
- Have your child engage in practice and playing activities that increase his/her skills and enjoyment of the sport.
- To be fully informed by the coaches with respect to schedules, team philosophies, team rules, and your child's strengths and weaknesses.
- Have access to timely/appropriate information and/or mediation through the age-group coordinator (see Problem Resolution Guidelines on page 17 and age-group coordinators on page 18).

EVAA Parent/Guardian Code of Conduct

As a parent/guardian of a child involved in an EVAA program, I/we agree to abide by and follow the rules and guidelines listed below:

- I/we will respect the property and equipment used at any sports facility, both home and away.
- I/we will encourage good sportsmanship through my/our actions, by demonstrating positive support for all players, coaches, and officials at every game or practice.
- I/we will promote the emotional and physical well-being of the athletes ahead of any personal desire to win.
- I/we will provide support for coaches and officials working with the athletes to provide a positive experience for all.
- I/we will demand a drug, alcohol, and tobacco free environment for my child, and agree to assist by refraining from their use at all EVAA events, home or away.
- I/we will remember the game is for the athletes and not for the parents.
- I/we will demand that my/our child treat other players, coaches, officials, and spectators with respect regardless of race, creed, color, sex, or ability.

- I/we will treat all players, coaches, and officials with dignity and respect in language, attitude, behavior, and mannerisms.
- I/we will inform the coach of any physical disability or ailment that may affect the safety of my child or the safety of others.
- I/we will inform the coach, within a reasonable period of time, of any anticipated absence from a game or practice my child might incur due to sickness, injury, vacation, or any other reason.
- I/we also agree that if I/we fail to abide by the aforementioned rules and guidelines, I/we may be subject to disciplinary action. This action could include, but is not limited to the following:
 - Verbal Warning
 - Written Warning
 - Parental Game Suspension
 - Parental Season Suspension
 - Parental Banishment

These actions may not be necessarily taken in an escalated manner, and EVAA reserves the right to select and apply any penalty depending upon the situation.

- I/we agree to support and promote the philosophy of EVAA sports:

Teamwork - Effort - Skill Development - Character - Sportsmanship - Safe Environment - Humble and Thankful in Victory; Gracious and Complimentary in Defeat.

“During my 18 years I came to bat almost 10,000 times. I struck out about 1,700 times and walked maybe 1,800 times. You figure a ballplayer will average about 500 at bats a season. That means I played seven years without ever hitting the ball.” –

Mickey Mantle

PLAYERS’ RESPONSIBILITIES AND RIGHTS

Players on a traveling team should take pride in themselves, their team, and in their community. They must follow the directions of the coaches and must be willing to accept constructive criticism.

Players' Responsibilities include:

- Have pride and confidence in yourself, your teammates, and your coaches.
- Be attentive and work hard in practice and games. Make your best efforts to perform the tasks as directed by the coaches.
- Be a competitor, perform up to your full ability, and contribute to team unity. Compliment teammates and let the coaches handle criticism.
- Show respect toward your coaches, teammates, and parents.
- Show respect toward opposing players, coaches, umpires, and spectators.
- Keep your (personal and team) equipment clean and in good repair.

- Maintain a responsible attitude toward your health. Be aware of, and adhere to, the EVAA policies on drugs, alcohol, and tobacco.
- Remember that baseball is a game and keep it in perspective with family, school, and/or church activities and responsibilities.
- Demonstrate good sportsmanship and proper behavior.
- Remind your parents that you need to be at practices and games on time.
- Inform the coach whenever you will miss or be late for a practice or a game.
- Remember to bring all your equipment and water bottle to all games and practices.
- Pick up your trash and dispose of it in trash containers after each game or practice.

Players' Rights include:

- To participate at a level that matches your maturity and ability.
- To play as a child, not as an adult.
- To participate in a safe, healthy environment.
- To be treated fairly, with dignity, and with respect.
- To have fun in sports.
- To have an equal opportunity to develop your abilities and strive for success.
- To have good coaching; to be taught the fundamentals and strong character development.

EVAA RISK MANAGEMENT POLICIES

EVAA is concerned about the player safety and preventing the abuse of children. As people who are interested in the wellbeing of children, EVAA believes you are entitled to know how our organization is addressing these critical issues. It is important to know the defensive measures we will be employing to protect children in our care, as well as the EVAA volunteers from these serious problems.

EVAA will not tolerate the abuse of any child. We make an active and, we believe, effective effort to prevent child abuse in our programs. We screen our volunteers by requiring that each volunteer complete a volunteer disclosure statement, which is processed through the BCA (Bureau of Criminal Apprehension) or other appropriate 'background check' agency. We will take any allegations of abuse made by children and others very seriously and refer all allegations to local child protection authorities for investigation. We will fully cooperate in those investigations.

A nonprofit youth athletic association has the right, by statute, to request its workers, including volunteers, to submit to a criminal background check performed by the State's Bureau of Criminal Apprehension or other appropriate 'background check' agency. Minnesota Statutes Section 299C.61-299C.62 establishes a procedure for a "children's service provider" to have a background check performed by the BCA or other appropriate 'background check' agency.

The Act does provide that the applicant shall not be required to pay the cost of the background checks. In other words, it is an expense that the organization will have to absorb.

EVAA Risk Management Policies

The EVAA adopts the following risk management policies:

For purposes of these policies, the following terms have the following meanings:

"EVAA Volunteer" - This term includes all people in their roles as an EVAA Board Member, Program Director, Traveling Baseball Board Member, Coach, Assistant Coach, or who work with, or around "EVAA Participants".

"EVAA Participant" - This term includes all persons who are members of or participate on an EVAA sponsored team.

- The EVAA Board of Directors shall distribute to all EVAA Program Directors and EVAA Volunteers copies of the EVAA Participant/EVAA Protection Guidelines.
- EVAA adopts and shall use the Disclosure Statement to do all background checks.
- The EVAA Board of Directors shall appoint a Risk Manager annually. The Risk Manager will distribute and collect the Disclosure Statements and perform the necessary background checks. Prior to being appointed, the Risk Manager candidate shall complete and sign a Disclosure Statement which will be used for a background check as described below.
- All candidates for positions as Board Directors, Programs Directors, Coaches, and Assistant Coaches shall return a completed, signed Disclosure Statement to the appointed Risk Manager prior to beginning their work with the EVAA Participants. The Risk Manager shall also have Disclosure Statements completed and signed by any other EVAA Volunteer he/she deems necessary due to the EVAA Volunteer's access to the EVAA Participants. If a candidate or current EVAA Volunteer refuses to complete and sign a Disclosure Statement, the person's candidacy shall be rejected, or he/she shall be dismissed from any position he/she then holds with EVAA.
- At signups for any EVAA Program, if a person checks the box for Coach or Assistant Coach, the Disclosure Statement must be filled out and signed. Failure to do so will cause the person to not be considered for a coaching or assistant coaching position.
- The Risk Manager will perform background checks, based on information provided on the Disclosure Statements, through the BCA or other appropriate 'background check' agency on all candidates for positions as Board Directors, Program Directors, Coaches and Assistant Coaches at least once every two years. Updated Disclosure Statements will be required every two years. The EVAA President will perform a background check on the Risk Manager.
- By law, the background checks are paid for by the Association requiring the checks. EVAA will pay for every Head Coach and one Assistant Coach for each team in the Association. If additional Assistant Coaches are required, it is the duty and responsibility of the individual program to pay for additional background checks. Under no circumstances can a team practice, play, or meet without a Coach or Assistant Coach who has not had a background check.
- If the background check reveals a person has been convicted of a crime or crimes of violence, the sale of illegal substances, or any of the crimes listed on the Disclosure Statement during the fifteen (15) years immediately preceding the date of the Disclosure Statement, the person's candidacy shall be rejected or he/she shall be dismissed from any position he/she then holds in the EVAA. Any such convictions preceding the date of the Disclosure Statement by more than fifteen (15) years may be considered by the Risk Manager in determining the applicant's/incumbent's suitability for an EVAA position.
- In the event an EVAA Volunteer receives a complaint of physical or sexual abuse of an EVAA Participant, the EVAA Volunteer shall report the complaint to the Risk Manager who shall report the complaint to the EVAA President, the local child protection authorities, and to the EVAA Participant's parent(s)/guardian(s).
- After a physical or sexual abuse complaint concerning an EVAA Volunteer has been formally lodged with the local child protection authorities, the Risk Manager shall inform the alleged offender in

writing that he/she is suspended immediately from all activities within the organization until the complaint is dismissed or withdrawn.

- Persons found to have violated the EVAA Participant/EVAA Volunteer Protection Guidelines are subject to discipline including, but not limited to, warnings, sanctions, suspensions, or terminations of their EVAA participation/volunteering.
- If any complaint is made regarding a violation of the EVAA Participant/EVAA Volunteer Protection Guidelines, other than physical or sexual abuse, the Risk Manager shall speak to all parties involved, make a written report of the complaint, and report his/her findings to the Risk Management Committee (the Executive Committee of the EVAA Board of Directors). This includes the President, Vice President, and Treasurer. The Risk Manager and Risk Management Committee shall meet with complainant and the accused. The Risk Manager and Risk Management Committee shall make any decision regarding discipline. Decisions by the Risk Management Committee are final.

EVAA Participation/EVAA Volunteer Protection Guidelines

Definitions

For purposes of these guidelines, the following terms have the following meanings:

"EVAA Volunteer" - This term includes all persons in their roles as EVAA Board Director, Program Director, Coach, Assistant Coach, or volunteer who work with, for, or around "EVAA Participants."

"EVAA Participant" - This term includes all persons who are members of or participate on an EVAA sponsored team.

It is possible for an EVAA Volunteer to also be an EVAA Participant. For example, the 16-year-old coach of an under 12 team may also play on an under 17 team. When coaching his/her under 12 team, the person is subject to the guidelines applicable to an EVAA Volunteer. As a team member, he/she shall be subject to the guidelines applicable to an EVAA Participant.

These guidelines are adopted based on the philosophy that the lines of authority and separation between volunteers and participants must be respected. In general, EVAA Participants are children. As children, EVAA Participants are deserving of special protection. The following guidelines will provide the protection for EVAA Participants while giving EVAA Volunteers an outline of the conduct that is applicable:

- Sexual contact of any kind or type between EVAA Volunteers and EVAA Participants is prohibited, regardless of whether or not such contact is consensual.
- EVAA Volunteers should not socialize or spend time alone with EVAA Participants except at games, practices, or team functions.
- EVAA Volunteers must be aware that any physical contact with players can be misinterpreted. Physical contact should be limited to that necessary and appropriate to teach skill, treat injury, or console/congratulate a player.
- Offensive and vulgar language by EVAA Volunteers or EVAA Participants is unacceptable. EVAA Volunteers should model good communications. Language that is denigrating in nature, content, or tone, or that refers to one's gender, race, national origin, disability, or religion is unacceptable.
- An EVAA Volunteer being in a one-to-one situation with an EVAA Participant is generally inappropriate. EVAA Volunteers should avoid such situations, such as driving alone with an EVAA Participant. In some circumstances, however, such as when an EVAA Participant remains on a field waiting for his/her parent to arrive, the EVAA Volunteer should wait with the EVAA Participant on the field until the EVAA Participant's parent arrives.

- A non-parent/non-custodian EVAA Volunteer sharing a bedroom with an EVAA Participant is unacceptable.
- EVAA Volunteers should respect the privacy of EVAA Participants. Separate shower facilities or changing rooms for EVAA Participants and EVAA Volunteers, or scheduling times for use of such facilities, so that EVAA Participants and EVAA Volunteers have separate use if necessary.
- EVAA Volunteers are responsible for seeing that field conditions are safe for the EVAA Participants and that equipment is in good, safe condition prior to commencing play.
- When transporting EVAA Participants, EVAA Volunteers must model good driving and require EVAA Participants and other vehicle occupants to wear safety belts at all times.
- If an EVAA Participant reports physical sexual abuse to an EVAA Volunteer, the EVAA Volunteer must report this information immediately to the Risk Manager.
- Violations of these guidelines by EVAA Volunteers or EVAA Participants will subject them to discipline, including, but not limited to, warnings, sanctions, suspensions, or release by the organization.
- Anyone witnessing a violation of these guidelines should report the violation to the Risk Manager.

Duties of the Risk Manager

Perform background checks on persons designated by the EVAA Risk Management Policies.

Report to the EVAA President any and all convictions for crime(s) against persons, crime(s) of violence, the sale of illegal substances, or any of the crime(s) listed on the Disclosure Statement, within the last fifteen (15) years by applicants for EVAA Volunteer positions.

Notify each applicant or existing EVAA Volunteer in writing of his/her rejection or expulsion as a result of conviction(s) for crime(s) against persons, crime(s) of violence, the sale of illegal substances, or any of the crime(s) listed on the Disclosure Statement. Notify the EVAA President of the unacceptability of an applicant or member.

Receive all complaints of physical or sexual abuse of an EVAA Participant by an EVAA Volunteer. All such complaints shall be reported immediately to the EVAA President, local child protection authorities, and the EVAA Participant's parent(s)/guardian(s).

Receive and investigate complaints of non-abusive violations of the EVAA Participant/EVAA Volunteer Protection Guidelines.

Compile a written report of each non-abusive violation investigated, including steps taken, persons spoken to, and findings regarding allegations. Provide such written report of findings to the Risk Management Committee, the complainant, and the accused.

Notify the complainant and the accused of a meeting with the Risk Management Committee to review the findings and to determine sanctions, if any.

Maintain confidential files for storage of complaints, investigations, and disciplinary actions taken.

Advise the EVAA Board of Directors on modification and enforcement of Risk Management Policies and EVAA Participant/EVAA Volunteer Protection Guidelines.

Attend training on Risk Management issues.

Publish and distribute the Risk Management Policies and EVAA Participants/EVAA Volunteer Protection Guidelines and serve as a resource for EVAA members with questions regarding those policies and guidelines.

Share information, publications, materials, ideas, and forms with the EVAA Board of Directors.

PROBLEM RESOLUTION GUIDELINES

When a player or parent has a question regarding the general policies or procedures of the Traveling Baseball Program, they should address their questions to the coach of their team. Choose a time and place that is convenient for both parties involved (not prior to or during a game or practice) and address your questions in an appropriate manner (keep the conversation polite, private, and out of the earshot of other players or parents). If a question is not answered satisfactorily and a player/parent feels the need to pursue the matter further, they may contact the appropriate Age Group Coordinator, but should do so only after exhausting all efforts with the coach and his/her assistants. When approaching the Age Group Coordinator, the player/parent should follow the same guidelines as those stated above.

When a player or parent has a major concern about the handling of the team or an individual player, they should:

- **Adhere to the "24 Hour Rule"** which requires a player/parent to wait at least **24 hours** before approaching a coach on the matter.
- Choose a time and place that is convenient for all parties involved (not prior to or during a game or practice) and approach the situation in an appropriate manner (keep the emotions under control, keep the discussions polite and to the point, and keep the discussions private and out of the earshot of other players or parents).

If the problem persists or cannot be resolved between the player/parent and the coach within 72 hours, it should be brought to the attention of the Age Group Coordinator. At this time, the Coordinator will act as a mediator between the player/parent and the coach. All parties involved will meet to discuss the situation and strive for a solution.

If the problem cannot be resolved at that level within 72 hours, it should be brought to the attention of the Traveling Baseball Program Director. Again, all parties involved will meet to discuss the situation and strive for a solution. The Director shall communicate in writing with the EVAA Board of Directors any necessary mediation and the outcome of that mediation.

If mediation still is unable to resolve the issues and all of the above steps have been followed, the Traveling Baseball Program Director shall inform both parties in writing within five days that the complaint has been referred to the EVAA Board of Directors. The decisions of the EVAA Board of Directors will be final.

If the Traveling Baseball Program Director is the subject of the grievance, a written complaint should be submitted directly to the EVAA Board of Directors.

The "24 Hour Rule" applies to tryouts as well. Parents and/or guardians will NOT be allowed to contact any Board Member for 24 hours after the posting of try-out results. ALL forms of communication received by ANY Board Member within the first 24 hours of the posting of teams will not be replied to.

"I think about baseball when I wake up in the morning. I think about it all day and I dream about it at night. The only time I don't think about it is when I'm playing it."

- Carl Yastrzemski

AGE SPECIFIC INFORMATION

9-11 Year Olds

- Teams will be created based on participation numbers and tryout scores
- Bases will be 60 feet apart for 9U and 10U and 65 feet apart for 11U games.
- The pitcher's mound is 46 for 9-11U from home plate.
- Players will pitch to the opposing team and there will be no adults on the field except for the umpires and coaches in the 1st and 3rd base coaches' boxes.

12-13 Year Olds

- Teams will be created based on participation numbers and tryout scores
- Bases will be 75 feet apart for 12U and 75-80 feet for 13U players.
- The pitcher's mound is 52 feet from home plate for 12U and 52-4 feet from home plate for 13U.
- Runners are allowed to lead off.

14-15 Year Olds

- Bases will be 90 feet apart (full size).
- The pitcher's mound is 60 feet 6 inches (full size) from home plate.

LEAGUE SPECIFIC INFORMATION

Metro Baseball League (9-13-year olds)

Rules: National Federation of State High School Associations rules, with specific modifications by age.

Cleats: Hard rubber only. Metal spikes are allowed for 13U players.

Bats: Visit www.mbl.bz for current bat rules.

Metro Baseball League (14-15-year olds)

Rules: National Federation of State High School Associations rules.

Cleats: Metal spikes are allowed.

Bats: Visit www.mbl.bz for current bat rules

For more information, please see the MBL website at www.mbl.bz.

STATE TOURNAMENTS

Postseason state tournaments require qualification in a qualifying tournament and are usually held in mid- to late-July.

Dates determined by the Minnesota Baseball Tournaments (MBT) and Minnesota Youth Athletic Services (MYAS) Gopher

State Baseball Tournament.

For more information: MBT -> www.mbt.bz. MYAS(Gopher State) -> www.myas.org.

2026 TRAVELING BASEBALL BOARD

The Traveling Baseball Board meets at 6:30 pm on the second Monday of each month from September through April at the Apple Valley Community Center. Meetings are open to the public.

Traveling Baseball Program Director: Jeremy Frost
Assistant Program Director: Peter Lindberg
9-10-11 year old Age Group Coordinator: TBD
12-13-14-15-year-old Age Group Coordinator: TBD
Treasurer: Brad Yamanaka
General Members:

Peter Lindberg
Bjorn Soderlund
Jeremy Frost
Ryan Engelhardt
Jenna Gorman
Jesse Govaert
Jeremy Opsahl
Travis Scott
Josh Cinnamo
Craig Shaw
Sara Cook
Mary Motsko
Rob Mobeck
Emily Cleveland
Clay Miller

All positions are elected to the Traveling Baseball Board. Board member openings are typically posted on the EVAA Traveling Baseball website in August following each baseball season and elections typically occur at the second annual board meeting in October of each year.

References

Eastview Athletic Association 952-836-6237
www.evaasports.org
Amateur Athletic Union www.aabaseball.org
Metro Baseball League www.mbl.bz
Minnesota Baseball Tournaments www.mbt.bz

2026 EVAA TRAVELING BASEBALL CALENDAR

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DATE	EVENT
January 1st	Baseball registration opens
TBD	New parent/family traveling Information Night. 7pm at SHMS lecture hall
February 8th	Traveling Registration closes
TBD	Mandatory traveling parent meeting at SHMS lecture hall. 9U-11U: 6:30pm-7:15pm. 12U-15U 7:30pm-8:15pm
February 16th (President's Day)	Traveling tryouts at Savage Dome (fielding/throwing/running)
February 17th	Traveling tryouts at the Cages (hitting)
February 20th	Traveling tryouts at the Cages (hitting)
March 22nd	In-House registration closes
April 11th	Feed My Starving Children volunteer event. 9:30am-11:15am
May 11th	EVAA Baseball Day, EVHS vs AV game at Legion Field. Festivities begin at 6pm.
July 10th-12th	Eastview hosts MBT (traveling)
TBD	EVAA night at the Saints game
July 31st-August 2nd	August Classic Volunteer Event (traveling)