

2025 Eagan Baseball Parent Meeting





Agenda

→ **Introductions**

→ **In House**

- ◆ Goals; Levels of play; Key Dates; Transitioning to Travel

→ **Travel**

- ◆ DIBS; Fields; Tournament; Coach Selection; Spring Training; Tryouts

→ **Field Improvement Projects**

→ **Q & A**

EAA - Eagan Baseball

Eagan Baseball is a subdivision of EAA

Executive Committee

- ★ **President**
 - Eric Kraushar
- ★ **Vice President**
 - Steve Moon
- ★ **Director of Communications**
 - Lindsay Bergstreser
- ★ **Treasurer**
 - Christina Goldstein
- ★ **Director of Tournaments**
 - Jeffrey Baumann



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Board Positions

- ★ **Director of In House**
 - **OPEN**
- ★ **Equipment Director**
 - **Mike Kraus**
- ★ **Technology Manager**
 - **Isaac Leffler**
- ★ **Tryout Manager & EHS Liaison**
 - **Erin Ayers**
- ★ **Director of Business Development**
 - **OPEN**
- ★ **Tournament Concessions**
 - **Cambria Fladager**
- ★ **Volunteer Coordinator**
 - **Kelly Kenley**
- ★ **At Large**
 - **Andy Groebner**
 - **Jack Goin**



Eagan Baseball Programs

➤ In House Program

- 48 - 50 Teams
- About 600 players

➤ Travel Program

- 19 Teams
- About 230 players

➤ Legion/15+ Program

- 3 or 4 Teams
- ~ 60 players



In House

❖ **Goal of In House Baseball**

- Development of fundamentals
- Learning the game
- Have fun!

❖ **Equipment:**

- Grey pants; glove; helmet; bat; & cleats

❖ **We supply:**

- Catchers gear; jersey; & hat

❖ **Winter Training:**

- 7-9 year old clinic at The Cages

❖ **Season Dates**

- Season starts May 1st
- Jamboree July 12th & 13th
 - Rookies; Mites; Squirts II; Squirts III, & Minors
- BAC End of Season Tournament
 - Majors; Ponies; & Seniors



In House

❖ Team Formations

- School
- Friend Requests

Levels of Play

❖ Rookies

- Pre-K & Kindergarten
- Tee-Ball
- Tuesday & Thursday

❖ Mites

- Kindergarten & 1st Grade
- Tee-Ball with Coach Pitch
- Monday & Wednesday



In House

❖ Squirts II

- 2nd Grade
- Coach & Player Pitch
- 1st year for Catchers and Pitchers
- Monday & Wednesday

❖ Squirts III

- 3rd Grade
- Player Pitch
- Tuesday & Thursday

❖ Minors

- 4th & 5th Grades
- Monday & Wednesday



In House

BAC (Burnsville Athletic Club) Teams

- Includes teams from Eastview, Prior Lake, Apple Valley, Burnsville
- End of season tournament the 2nd weekend in July

❖ **Majors**

- 6th & 7th Grades
- Monday, Wednesday, Thursday, Friday
- DHMS #3 & #4

❖ **Ponies**

- 9th Grade
- Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday
- EHS #3 & #4

❖ **Seniors**

- 10th - 12th Grades
- EHS #3 & #4



Field Improvement Projects

➤ 2024

- \$15,000 for Little Goat Improvements
 - Brand new infield surface
 - New backstop with high netting

➤ 2025

- In House Fields
 - Improvements to player and fan safety
 - Adding fences and player benches

➤ 2026

- Little Rahn
 - Grass Infield
 - Permanent mound
 - Outfield Fences at 215 feet
 - New Backstop fence

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2026 Travel Season Tryouts

➤ **10U - 14U**

- Beginning of September 2025
- Outside at the Lexington/Diffley Complex

➤ **9U**

- Middle of March 2026
- Indoors (planning on using the Rosemount or Savage Dome)

➤ **Transitioning from In House to Travel**

- Practice 2-3 times per week
- 14 League games
- 4 Tournaments
- MBL Playoffs in July
- Chance to play in 3 State Tournaments in July
- 30 - 45 games in total



Travel Program

➤ Registration Fees

- \$40 nonrefundable tryout fee
- \$355 fee once placed on a travel team
- Goes toward the following operational costs:
 - Player jerseys and hat
 - Eagan field rental cost
 - 4 x 90 min. April Cage team practices
 - 3 x 90 min (2 hrs. for 13u and 14u) April Savage Dome team practice
 - Umpires for Home League games and Eagan tournament games
 - Tryouts
 - Team equipment
 - 3 non-Eagan tournament costs
 - State tournament registration cost for team who earn a state bid

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Travel Program

➤ DIBS

- Reduced the amount of required hours from 8 to 6 hours with a max of 12 hours for a family with 2 or more players
- Buyout option - not preferred
- **Without volunteers to run the tournaments, player cost would more than double**

➤ Tryouts

- 9u
 - March 15th @ The Cages
- 10u-14u
 - September @ Lexington/Diffley Fields
- Independent Evaluators hired through The Cages
- Process is Evaluated Every Year by Board Members and The Cages staff
- Surrounding Associations process are considered
- Exploring options to potentially add Pitchers and Catchers to the process



Travel Program

➤ **Player Selection**

- Top 16 players are grouped into the “AAA” pool
- Top 4 players are “locked” on that team
- Head coach chooses 8 of the remaining 12 to complete their roster
- The 4 players not selected are “locked” to the next level.

➤ **Coach Selection**

- 6 Person Selection Committee made up of board members and parent volunteers.
- Paid Coaches is an option for 13u and up
- Coach follows the Player

➤ [Detailed Tryout Information and Team Selection Criteria](#)



Travel Program

➤ Spring Training

- Starts the week after ISD196 Spring Break
- The Cages
 - 4 - 90 minute practices (14u has 3 practices)
- Savage Dome
 - 9u - 12u
 - 3 - 90 minute practices
 - 13u - 14u
 - 3 - 120 minute practices

➤ Games

- Can start as early as April 15th - AWAY
- Eagan home games can't start until May 1st



Travel Program

➤ Tournaments

- Eagan plus 3 (plus 2 for 9U)
- State Tournament Bids
 - Eagan Baseball covers the fee for earned bids
 - At-Large Bids
 - Gate Fees - paid by the team

➤ State Tournaments

[MBL State Tournament](#)

[Gopher State Tournament](#)



Travel Program

➤ Fields

- 9u
 - Primary - Rahn
 - Secondary - Lex/Diff
- 10u
 - Primary - Lex/Diff
 - Secondary - Rahn
- 11u
 - Primary - Lex/Diff
 - Secondary - Little Goat (games can start as late as 8:00)
- 12u
 - Little Goat
- 13u
 - DHMS
- 14u
 - Big Goat & Big Rahn

Questions?

➤ Email us:

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THANK YOU!!!!!!