

PATRIOTS BASEBALL

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FAQ's

Who can play for the Patriots?

Although players from all faiths are welcome, we explicitly coach and teach from a Christian world view; pre-game prayer and post-game devotions are an important part of our program. Players must meet the "homeschool" guidelines as per www.hwsa.net rules. We have a junior varsity (starting age is 12 depending on ability) and varsity program.

Who are the coaches and what is the coaching philosophy?

Varsity: Gregg Tobey, Larry Nordvig, John Rutledge, Steve Hertzler

Junior Varsity: Mike Tomajczyk, Mark Wagner, Scott Peterson

We emphasize "The Big Three": positive speech patterns, positive attitudes, and hustle.

As is the case in public and private high school sports, all decisions regarding playing time, positions played, etc. are the responsibility of the coaches.

What commitment is expected from players?

During season, Patriots Baseball takes precedent over all other baseball activities, including recreational and travel ball, at both the varsity and junior varsity levels. We travel quite a bit, primarily on weekends for varsity doubleheaders; weekday games may take us as far as Virginia Beach and Charlottesville.

How many years can my son play for Patriots?

As noted above, we will accept 12 year olds, depending on skill level and safety. You have 5 years of eligibility to participate in the HWSA tournament. Please refer to www.hwsa.net to answer most eligibility questions.

How often are practices and training?

We have fall tryouts/practices, TBA, and begin winter workouts the first week of December; currently we are using the Tuckahoe Sports indoor facility. Spring practices will depend on game schedules. Off-season training/practice is optional, but crucial, to our teams' success. We generally practice 1-2x/week depending on our game schedule.

When and where are games scheduled?

Our schedule includes public and private school opponents, as well as other members of the HWSA (www.hwsa.net). This does require some travel; flexibility is our middle name. Your coaches have jobs that sometimes get in the way of baseball, and we know you have other obligations as well that we are sensitive to. High school baseball games are 7 innings; we require you to be on the field, dressed and ready to go 90 minutes before game time. Most start times will be 4 pm during the week, 12 noon for Saturday doubleheaders. Field directions will be found on the www.cvhaa.net website.

What commitment is required from parents?

All players/families are expected to participate in our fund-raising events (primarily working concessions at UVA sporting events/functions). We do not have a team bus, so transportation is a family responsibility; car-pooling is encouraged.

What do I need to know about fundraising?

Currently, we work as a team at the University of Virginia and John Paul Jones Center providing concessions for athletic and entertainment events. This is our primary source of funding for the baseball season.

Each player and at least one parent is expected to work concessions for at least two functions at UVA each year. We are always delighted to welcome the help of other family members as long as they appear to be around 16 years old. The dates for the events are usually known well in advance, allowing you to plan for these. Expect to spend several hours at the event, working with your teammates and their family members as a group.

You will need to wear a plain white (no logos or stripes) shirt with a collar, such as a polo shirt; khaki or dark pants or shorts; and closed-toe shoes. No jeans are allowed.

Parking and bus transportation to the event are provided as well as a box lunch and beverages.

How are these funds used?

Fundraising monies will go toward team expenses, such as equipment, umpire fees, field rental, and tournament fees.

What are the financial costs for individual Patriots families?

Individual costs, such as uniforms, equipment, indoor training fees, travel expenses for tournaments, and transportation costs are the responsibility of each player/family.

What is the tournament team, who plays on it, and how many tournaments are there?

We typically play in a pre-season tournament in the Atlanta area, and our season culminates in the HWSA (www.hwsa.net) tournament in early May. This is located in Auburndale, FL (see website for details). The varsity coaches select the roster, not to exceed 18 players.