

CBT Player & Parent Handbook

Welcome

Welcome to Cavaiani Baseball Training. Thank you for playing with CBT and trusting us and allowing us the opportunity to improve your son's baseball skills and help him on his journey into being a productive young leader in the world. Our staff uses a combination of fun, discipline and accountability to get the most out of our players baseball abilities and character. Our goal is to get each of our players on to college and/or professional baseball one day. To do that, it takes a lot of hard work, tough conversations, discipline, accountability, and fun too. We're willing as a staff to push the boys to get them beyond their comfort level so that they can achieve things they never thought they could. We consider ourselves successful not just when we see our kids playing in college, but more importantly, when we see them years down the road and they're successful in the business world, they're great husbands, leaders and great fathers.

Our Mission

CBT offers an unparalleled experience in baseball skill development, life skills, and spiritual awareness. We believe that a combination of those three things can and will set our players on the right path in their lives. We aim to teach them both on and off the field and positively impact their futures as young men and leaders. We teach our kids that through God's grace, we can accomplish anything through hard work and humility.

Facilities:

Outdoor Facility: W3035 Edgewood Trail Appleton, WI 54913

Indoor Facility: 430 Patriot Dr. Little Chute, WI 54140

Our Program

CBT is designed for our younger age groups to develop players first. We also are looking to win and be as competitive as possible. We are NOT a pay to play program. We don't guarantee everyone to play a certain amount of innings. We are very reasonable and yes we will give every player ample opportunities to contribute to the team and to prove themselves. Our younger age groups are designed to (1) have fun, (2) learn the game of baseball, (3) develop players baseball skills and character, and (4) compete to win.

Black Teams vs. Blue Teams

Our black teams are our more advanced skill teams and/or our teams that have been with us for a longer period of time. Our blue teams are more developmental based as many of those players are first year players with us or their skills aren't as advanced. Black teams will typically (but not always) travel a little further for tournaments and play in more competitive tournaments. Blue teams will also travel, but they typically will stay a little closer to home and in tournaments that are structured and suited to fit their skill level so games stay competitive and fun. All CBT players receive the same coaching all winter long from the same coaching staff. Spring/Summer in game coaches differ from team to team. We will have two teams in an age group if we feel the teams would be competitive and we have a good group of kids that are coachable and willing to put in the work to get better. In 7 years, we've never had more than 2 teams in a particular age group. This past year, we had two teams in the 14U age group. All other age groups had just one team.

Practice Players

The practice player option has become a popular option for those who want to be taught by our coaching staff throughout the winter, but still play with their local hometown team in the spring and summer. They practice with our teams and also have access to the indoor facility all year long as well. Practice players are often asked to fill in on our teams in our games or tournaments if we have injuries and need a player for a tournament.

Player Fees

Below are the fees and payment schedules for all age groups. We ask for down payments to reserve roster spots.

15U-17U Fee: \$3,500.00

Payment Plan: \$500 down payment by August 15th & \$300 due 1st of the month in Sept, Oct, Nov, Dec, Jan, Feb, Mar, Apr, May, & June

15U-17U

Pitcher Only Fee: \$2,000.00

Pitcher Only Payment Plan: \$500 down payment by August 15th & \$150 due 1st of the month in Sept, Oct, Nov, Dec, Jan, Feb, Mar, Apr, May & June

13U-14U Fee: \$3,000.00

Payment Plan: \$500 down payment by August 15th & \$250 due 1st of the month in Sept, Oct, Nov, Dec, Jan, Feb, Mar, Apr, & June

11U-12U Fee: \$2,600.00

Payment Plan: \$600 down payment by August 15th & \$225 due 1st of the month in Sept, Oct, Nov, Dec, Jan, Feb, Mar, Apr, & June

9U-10U Fee: \$2,100.00

Payment Plan: \$600 down payment by August 15th & \$175 due 1st of the month in Sept, Oct, Nov, Dec, Jan, Feb, Mar, Apr, & June

8U Fee: \$1,400.00

Payment Plan: \$400 down payment by August 15th & \$125 due 1st of the month in Sept, Oct, Nov, Dec, Jan, Feb, Mar, Apr, & June

Practice Player Fee: \$1,500 (All Ages)

Payment Plan: \$500 down payment by August 15th & \$125 due 1st of the month in Sept, Oct, Nov, Dec, Jan, Feb, Mar, Apr, May & Jun

*The financial commitment of tournament baseball also consists of baseball equipment,
hotels, tournament admission fees (spectators), fuel, and food*

ALL PAYMENTS ARE NON-REFUNDABLE FOR ANY REASON

Payment Methods

We accept payment via cash, check, or Venmo and credit cards. Venmo has become a very popular way to send money. It is very simple and I recommend this option. My Venmo is Rick Cavaiani @Rick-Cavaiani. Be sure to look for the CBT Wolf Logo.

If you choose to pay by check, please make checks payable to 'Cavaiani Baseball' and send to: 3634 Golden Hill Ct., Appleton, WI 54913

Payment Refunds

There are NO refunds for any reason. We are very reasonable and will work with you if it's something very unfortunate. If you decide to quit anytime throughout the year or before the season starts or you are removed from the program for any reason, you will NOT receive any money back. If you quit in the middle of the season because you don't feel your son is playing enough, NO, you will not receive money back. These fees are there to pay for all of our expenses and to pay our staff. Your son will not be eligible to play unless the player/parent financial agreement form has been signed. In addition, if outstanding fees are not paid in full by June 1st, the player will not be eligible to play until it is paid in full. I do this begrudgingly, but I have to do it to protect CBT's bottom line and ensure that we have all of our bills and staff paid.

Team Size

Each team will carry 10-17 players, depending on the age group. Younger age groups (8U-12U) will typically carry no more than 12 players. Older age groups into high school may have up to 16-17 but many of those spots will be PO's (pitchers only).

Number of Tournaments

15U-17U: 6 Tournaments from mid-June through the end of July

9U-14U: 6-7 Tournaments from late April to late June or early July

8U: 4-6 Tournaments from late April to late June or early July

Possible tournament destinations include: Appleton, WI, Kenosha, WI, Milwaukee, WI, Mauston, WI, Chicago, IL, Indianapolis, IN, Cincinnati, OH, and Cedar Rapids, IA.

Uniforms

Starting in the 2023-24 Season, uniforms will be ordered and paid for by the player through a portal website. This is required for all players in addition to practice players. There will be a required minimum of items to get with some other items as optional. More information on this will be provided after tryouts and teams are finalized. A normal uniform package consists of 2 jerseys and 2 hats.

Winter Practices

Winter workouts start in December. Younger age groups (8-14U) will practice at least once per week while the older age groups (15U and up) will practice 2 times per week. Once mid-March hits, the older age groups go to high school practices and we ramp it up with the younger age groups 2-3 times per week. Winter (December-March) practices are NOT Mandatory.

Practice Uniform

Always have the boys wear baseball pants to EVERY PRACTICE. Please have them wear CBT gear to practice if it's clean. We want to look good and professional, even at practice. Have the boys bring a pair of shorts in their baseball bag in case we let them put shorts on for a hitting only practice or if we're going to do a workout. We have an online store throughout the entire season and orders are shipped directly to your house. The store can be accessed right from our main website www.cavaianibaseball.com. Always have the boys wear baseball pants and a baseball hat to every practice whether inside or outside.

Social Media

The best and fastest way to stay up to date on everything going on, as well as cancellations, delays, etc... is to follow us on social media through Facebook and Twitter and we also have an instagram account. The two we use most are Facebook and Twitter. Our twitter handle is @cbtwolfpack. Just search "Cavaiani Baseball" on Facebook and we will pop right up.

Band Team App

Each team will have a Band team app website. The site will be used to send communications to each team. Parents can communicate with coaches and each other this way as well. The three important things you can do through Band are: 1) You can click on the calendar to see when practices, games and tournaments are, 2) You can receive and send emails to the other family/team members, and 3) You can find other important details like hotel information, cancellations, delays, etc... In most cases I have only invited one family member onto the site. If you'd like another email/phone number to be added to the site, text me and I'll send you a link to your son's age group.

Fundraising

- 100 Inning Game (Optional) - Outside in early October
- Animals Pizza Fundraiser - January

Uniforms

ALWAYS bring both jerseys and both hats to EVERY GAME! Most often we let the boys pick what jersey and hat combination they want to wear. The only time we will make a determination is if the other team we are playing is wearing the same color as us. If that happens, we will have the boys switch ours up so it's not the same color. Please don't ever ask a coach what jersey and hat to wear. Bring all of them to every game.

Tournament Schedules

Nearly all of our tournaments that we're in (for all age groups) don't send schedules out for the tournaments until the Tuesday night before the weekend of the tournament. Once we get it, we will post them directly on the Band app. We will also post them online on our social media sites (Facebook and Twitter). If you're not on either of those sites, my suggestion would be for at least one family member to join one of those and follow us. It is the quickest way to get information and follow everything going on in the program.

Tournament Expectations

We ALWAYS arrive to games at least one hour (60 minutes) prior to game time unless stated otherwise by your specific team coach. ALWAYS bring both jerseys and both hats to EVERY GAME! For my teams that I'm coaching, I let the boys pick what jersey and hat combination they want to wear. The only time I will make a determination is if the other team we're playing is wearing the same color as us. If that happens, I will have the boys switch ours up so it's not the same color. Please don't ever ask a coach what jersey and hat to wear. Bring all of them to every game. This way is simple, safe and effective. I've been doing it for 14 years and rarely have ever had a problem if people abide by it.

Dugout Policy

We don't want parents around the dugouts during games. Please stay away from the dugouts and just enjoy watching them play. Our coaches will be very proactive in coaching the boys and let them know what they need to be doing. If you want to help, be an assistant coach, but if you're not, please stay away from the dugout. If you need to drop off water or gatorade, that is fine, but please do so quickly.

Hotels

We understand if families choose to commute to and from tournaments that are within driving distance from home. For those that are not within driving distance (tournaments located near the Wisconsin/Illinois border, for example), we do require you to make reservations at the team hotel. We work with hotel sales departments to block a certain number of rooms specifically for our team(s). By doing so, we receive a coaches room at no cost and lower rates for everyone if we meet our minimum room requirement. The amount of rooms we book determines whether or not the coaches rooms can be comped or not. If we do NOT meet our requirement, families choosing NOT to stay at our designated hotel may be asked to chip in for the cost of the coaches room for that particular tournament weekend.

Hotel Etiquette

When traveling and staying in hotels, it is important that we follow hotel rules, abide by all laws, and be courteous of other guests. Our players and parents are representing our team. Prank calls, running around the hallways late at night, etc., will not be tolerated. For the younger age groups 8-13U - all kids must be in their rooms no later than 10pm, regardless of what time we play the next day. For parents, I understand that many people like to sit and relax and enjoy some drinks and socialize. However, we need to be reasonable with it and understand we're representing CBT as a whole and everyone involved in it. I want to be known as a classy program that respects hotels, other people, and other teams. I understand for many families this is your vacation and it costs a lot of money to do these things, but please just please keep it within reason. I haven't ever had to dismiss anyone due to this in 14 years and I hope to NEVER have to so let's keep it that way. HAVE FUN AND KEEP IT WITHIN REASON!

Alcohol at Games

The best case scenario would be to not allow alcohol around the field. For example, at The Rock, if parents have a drink tailgating by the cars or up at the umbrella bar, that is fine. However, drinks should not be consumed next to the field watching the game. We feel the combination of youth baseball and drinking should not be done simultaneously. We want people to enjoy the games but let's keep alcohol away from the games. Again, let's have fun and keep it within reason and away from the field.

Post-Tournament Communication: 24 Hour Rule

Lastly, we have a 24 hour rule after tournaments: We do want your feedback (for good things and so we can improve) after tournaments. However, we ask that it is 24 hours after Sunday's games. If something is bothering you where you don't think your son is playing enough or you want to know what your son can do to get more playing time or anything of that nature, we ask that you wait 24 hours (until at least Monday afternoon) to reach out to us. I have found that when people wait 24 hours they don't react as emotionally and it is better for everyone involved. I've gotten calls from parents literally during games and on the drive home from tournaments on Sunday nights. I want you to know that is COMPLETELY unacceptable and will not be tolerated. I also want you to know that if you do email, text or call within that 24 hour time frame, we WILL NOT respond to you. We want your son to have a good experience in our program and we want your feedback, but it has to be done with little emotion involved where we can all think and talk rationally. I have kids myself and we love our children more than anything... but, keep in mind, your son is one of over 200 players in the program. If you have a question or concern, the proper protocol would be to call me directly Monday afternoon or send a quick email where I can contact you at an appropriate time, and

better yet, set a time where we can meet in person to talk things through. I am a realist and understand everyone is not always going to be happy and I want to communicate with you to make sure we're all on the same page through proper and respectful communication. Thank you for adhering to this policy and all of the other things mentioned above.

Game Tracking

We track all of our games on the Gamechanger app. Please request an invite via the app if you'd like to follow the games online. Search "CBT Wolfpack" and we should pop right up.

New Turf Field

In September of 2021 we installed our new turf field and it is used by all of our teams. The turf will allow us to host our own tournaments and practice longer throughout the year outside. All the different base plug distances are installed so we have a one stop shop for all of our age groups to use it. **IMPORTANT:** There are no metal cleats allowed on the turf. The best shoes to wear on the turf are good baseball turf shoes. You can wear molded rubber cleats too but turfs seems to work the best. In addition, there are no sunflower seeds or gum allowed on the turf.

New Facility

Our new indoor facility is now open. This gives our players and families our own home. The facility will be made available to all of our full time and practice players during open times to use the facility on their own. We will have certain levels of expectations with this that we will discuss as we go but we would expect all of our players to treat the facility like it's their own home.

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