



# CBT Wolfpack Player & Parent Handbook

## Welcome

Welcome to Cavaiani Baseball Training. Thank you for playing with CBT and trusting us by allowing us the opportunity to improve your sons 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.

## Lessons

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## **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: \$3,250.00**

Payment Plan: \$500 down payment by August 15th & \$275 due 1st of the month in Sept, Oct, Nov, Dec, Jan, Feb, Mar, Apr, May, & June \*Payments are all non-refundable

### **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 \*Payments are all non-refundable

### **13U-14U Fee: \$2,700.00**

Payment Plan: \$500 down payment by August 15th & \$220 due 1st of the month in Sept, Oct, Nov, Dec, Jan, Feb, Mar, Apr, & June \*Payments are all non-refundable

### **11U-12U Fee: \$2,500.00**

Payment Plan: \$500 down payment by August 15th & \$200 due 1st of the month in Sept, Oct, Nov, Dec, Jan, Feb, Mar, Apr, & June \*Payments are all non-refundable

### **9U-10U Fee: \$2,000.00**

Payment Plan: \$500 down payment by August 15th & \$150 due 1st of the month in Sept, Oct, Nov, Dec, Jan, Feb, Mar, Apr, & June \*Payments are all non-refundable

### **Practice Player Fee: \$1,200 (All Ages)**

Payment Plan: \$200 down payment by August 15th & \$100 due 1st of the month in Sept, Oct, Nov, Dec, Jan, Feb, Mar, Apr, May & Jun \*Payments are all non-refundable

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

## **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' & send to: 3634 Golden Hill Ct., Appleton, WI 54913

Starting in 2023-24, payments can either be made in full by August 15th or down payments by August 15th and then monthly payments from September through June. These are the only two ways payments can be made.

## **Payment Refunds**

There are NO refunds for any reason. I am a very reasonable person and will work with you if it's something very unfortunate. If you decide to quit sometime in October-April or before the season starts, NO, you will not receive any money back. If you quit in the middle of the season because you don't feel your son isn't 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 and emailed in. In addition, If outstanding fee's 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 (9U-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

Possible tournament destinations include: Appleton, WI, Kenosha, WI, Milwaukee, WI, Mauston, WI, Milwaukee, 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 jersey's and 2 hats.

## **Winter Practices**

Winter workouts start in December. Younger age groups (9-13U) 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](http://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 Shutterfly 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 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 sons age group.

## **Fundraising**

Hit-A-Thon (Optional)

Home Run Pizza Fundraiser (Mandatory)

## **Uniforms**

ALWAYS bring both jersey's and both hats to EVERY GAME! When Rick is coaching a team, he lets the boys pick what jersey and hat combination they want to wear. The only time he will make a determination is if the other team we are playing is wearing the same color as us. If that happens, he 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 I get it, I will

post them directly on the band app site [calendar](#). I 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 jersey's 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 13 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 10-13U - 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 adult beverages. 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, just please keep it within

reason. I haven't ever had to dismiss anyone due to this in 13 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 lets keep alcohol away from the games.

## **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 120 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**

This fall we are really excited to have our new turf field ready to be used by all of our teams starting right away. 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. The seeds and gum can get into the turf and ruin it and we want to take care of the turf so we can use it and get as much life out of it as possible.

## **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 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. If for some reason a player disrespects the facility, their facility privileges could be suspended or revoked.

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