

NEW TO CBT IN 2023-24 SEASON

Cavaiani Baseball Training is excited to be entering it's 6th year and our first full year with our new 13,000 square foot indoor facility. Each year at CBT we've grown in numbers with players, coaches and our facilities. Each year we continue to strive to offer our players and families with a value unmatched in the club baseball industry. This is a big year in terms of our new facility and some of the other visions we have for the future of our program. To make it easy to follow, I am going to bullet point some important notes, facts and changes that CBT will either be implementing or putting in place in terms of protocol and expectations of what our players and families can come to expect. Our tryouts for 2024 are in late July which is just a few months away.

- * Our **indoor facility** is open year round for all of our players including our practice players. They will have access to the facility with the door code to use the entire facility when no other practices, lessons or rentals are going on. The facility is open from 6am to 10pm, 7 days a week, all year round. The facility boasts the best and biggest batting cages in the the Fox Valley, 3 pitching mounds, a weight room, HitTrax System, a players lounge, and more... Once the down payment is made or fee is paid in full, the facility is then able to be used by the player anytime it is open.
- * **CBT coaches:** CBT does not guarantee a CBT staff member coach for any age groups 8U-12U. Any coaches that may not be a CBT staff member that would coach a 12U and under team, would have to have coaching experience and will be interviewed and researched by CBT to ensure that the boys will have a positive experience. Having said that, all of our teams and players are all coached by CBT staff members all winter long in our winter training sessions. The coaches referenced above would be coaches during games and tournaments. This also doesn't mean that a younger age team won't have a CBT staff member as a coach, it just simply means that we don't guarantee it at those age levels. Due to the growth of the program and the difficulties of finding in-game coaches during the spring and summer, we have adopted this strategy.
- * **Players playing on other teams/sports:** We encourage and are okay with our players playing on others teams as long as it doesn't interfere with any CBT games or tournaments. In addition, a CBT player is not allowed to play with another team that would be in competition against another CBT team in a game or if a CBT team is in that same tournament. We do this and ask this out of respect for our program as a whole. We take the approach that CBT is all encompassing and we are all together as one no matter if it is 8U or 17U. In addition, our winter practices are not mandatory and we like our boys to play other sports. However, our tournaments and games in the spring and summer are priority. For example, if your son plays AAU basketball and would or could miss CBT tournament games in April, May or June, that would not work. If CBT had off on a weekend, the player can play in a basketball tournament or with another baseball team. But we do ask that CBT is a priority come April for games, tournaments and practices, with no exceptions.

- * **New payment structure:** There are just two options beginning this year to make payments. The first option is to pay the fee in full by Tuesday, August 15th . The second option is to do a down payment by August 15th and then monthly payments from September 1st through June 1st (once a month). These payments will be deducted monthly and automatically. Specific payment structures by age group are listed on the website under the tryouts tab if you'd like more specifics on your sons age group. Parents will also have a portal system where you can login at anytime to see where your payments are at, what has been paid, and what is still owed.
- * **Refunds:** This remains the same but is worth mentioning again. There are no refunds for any reason and upon commitment to CBT in August, the player/family is committing to pay the entire player fee in full. This is the case whether the player quits, gets injured or is removed from the program. CBT reserves the right the bill cards to fulfill outstanding fee's the day the player would quit or be removed from the program. This is done to protect CBT's bottom line and to ensure the programs stability and integrity.
- * **Uniforms:** This year, we are introducing a new uniform program sponsor (to be announced shortly) and uniform protocol. Uniforms will now be purchased by families through an online portal link. There will be mandatory of 4 items that players will need to purchase including 2 jerseys and 2 hats similar as in past years. There will also be several other 'optional' items that will be made available for players to purchase including pants, belts, batting gloves, helmets, etc... but those will not be made mandatory. This process will be so much easier for both the CBT staff as well as the player's families. The jerseys and hats will be directly drop shipped to your doorstep so we will not have to do any uniform pick ups and completely streamline the process of our uniform system. It will also give our players great discounts on several items including clothing, bats, batting gloves, and other baseball equipment. The ease and simplicity of this process will be beneficial for everyone and we're excited to implement it this year.
- * **Fundraisers:** Each year, we try to do at least two fundraisers to help fund things for our program and our boys. This past year, one of our fundraisers, the Hit-A-Thon in the fall, helped fund half of our HitTrax Machine. The machine is great for the overall production and skill tracking of our players but it also gives them a fun tool to use during the winter months. This year we will again do a Hit-A-Thon in the Fall in late September (that is optional). We will also do a pizza fundraiser that is mandatory. Each family must either sell or "buy out" a minimum of 10 pizzas. Top sellers of pizzas in each age group will receive awards (usually Amazon or Culvers gift cards) for their efforts in selling the most pizzas. We do this through Home Run Pizza in Appleton. We hope with more participation and each family doing at least 10 pizzas we can make it a very worthwhile fundraiser to help impact our program and get some more great things for our boys.