

# Silverton Junior Baseball Organization

## Frequently Asked Questions

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### General JBO Information

- Silverton JBO is part of the Clackamas County Junior Baseball Association (CCJBA)
- There are five distinct age groups
  - T-Ball: Child must turn 5 years of age by May 1<sup>st</sup> to play
  - Rookies: 1<sup>st</sup> & 2<sup>nd</sup> grades
  - Minor: 3<sup>rd</sup> & 4<sup>th</sup> grades
  - Junior: 5<sup>th</sup> & 6<sup>th</sup> grades
  - Senior: 7<sup>th</sup> & 8<sup>th</sup> grades
- Within Minor, Junior and Senior age groups, there are three distinct skill levels
  - National
  - American
  - Federal
- The highest title a team can win is "JBO Champion". There are no regional or national championships.
- Silverton JBO website: <http://silvertonjbo.com/>
- CCJBA website: <https://www.leaguelineup.com/welcome.asp?url=ccjba>

*Note: The following information relates to the 2020 baseball season and is subject to change.*

### General JBO Timeline

- December 15: Registration for all levels opens
- January: Open gym begins
- February: Evaluations take place (Minor, Junior, Senior only)
- March: Practice begins
- April – July: Games begin, time to have fun!

### Registration Questions

#### **When does registration open?**

- Registration for all levels opens December 15
- T-ball and Rookies (ages 5 to grade 2), registration is from **Dec 15, 2019 to Feb 29, 2020**
- For Minors, Juniors, Seniors (grades 3-8), registration is from **Dec 15, 2019 to Feb 9, 2020**

#### **Can we request that my child plays on same team as his cousin or friend?**

For grades 3-8 team assignments are made based on evaluation scores, and therefore requests to be placed on specific teams in Seniors, Juniors, and Minors cannot be accommodated. For grades K-2 teams in T-Ball and Rookies requests for team placements will be accommodated as possible but cannot be guaranteed.

### **Can girls play on JBO?**

Yes, everyone is welcome to play.

### **How do I register?**

- Visit <http://silvertonjbo.com/> and follow link to register.

### **What is the cost to register?**

- Seniors: \$185
- Juniors: \$175
- Minors: \$165
- Rookie: \$70
- T-ball: \$50

### **Do you offer any discounts?**

- There is a multi-family member discount. If you have more than one child playing baseball, you will receive \$25 off the cost of each additional registration.

### **How do I sign up my child for the Silverton softball league?**

Visit <https://silvertonyouthsoftball.com/> for more information. We are not affiliated with the Silverton softball league.

### **How do I sign up to coach a team?**

Go to <http://silvertonjbo.com/> and go through the registration process. You will see an option to volunteer as a coach.

## **Evaluation Questions**

Silverton JBO is an environment that encourages kids to play, improve and have fun.

- For T-ball and Rookie levels there are NO evaluations.
- For Minor, Junior, and Senior levels, in order to help create teams, Silverton JBO holds evaluations each year.

### **I have a 2<sup>nd</sup> grade child, can he/she evaluate and try to play “up” on a Minor team?**

At this time, we are not conducting evaluations for 2<sup>nd</sup> graders therefore no 2<sup>nd</sup> grader will be allowed to play up on a Minor team. If this changes in the future, we will let everyone know.

### **My child is in grades 3-8, can he/she evaluate to “play up” a level?**

Yes, according to the [official JBO rules](#), a player can evaluate for the chance to play up. However, evaluating “up” does not guarantee the player will be placed on the older team.

### **When are evaluations? Saturday, Feb 1 and Sunday Feb 9 at Silverton HS Gymnasium:**

**\*\*Note:** Your child won't stay the entire timeframe, they will simply go through a series of drills. So, please stay or be ready to pick up your child shortly after they start the evaluation process.

Minors (grades 3-4): Between 9:00 – 10:30am

Juniors grades 5-6): Between 10:30 – 12:00pm

Seniors (grades 7-8): Between 12:30 – 2:00pm

If you have a conflict and can't attend one of the weekend evaluation dates, please email [silvertonjbo@gmail.com](mailto:silvertonjbo@gmail.com). It's very important that your child attends at least ONE evaluation date.

**Where are evaluations?**

Silverton High School – Gymnasium, 1456 Pine St, Silverton, OR 97381

**Do I drop off my child for evaluations or stay and watch?**

Important: Evaluations can go quickly, and your child may be done and ready for pick up within 15 minutes. If you can, please stay and wait for your child rather than dropping them off for the whole timeframe. While parents are not allowed inside the evaluation area, we'll have a space for parents to wait and select volunteer options.

**Does my child need to attend all evaluation dates?**

- Players are highly encouraged to attend at least ONE evaluation date.
- Players are welcome to attend both weekend evaluation dates. Evaluators will take the highest scores.
- If you have a conflict and can't attend one of the weekend evaluation dates, please email [silvertonjbo@gmail.com](mailto:silvertonjbo@gmail.com). It's very important that your child attends at least ONE evaluation date.

**What if my child can't attend any of the evaluation dates?**

Players that don't attend an evaluation session will be placed at the National skill level.

**Is there a cost for evaluating?**

There is no cost for being evaluated.

**Do I need to register my child for JBO before evaluations?**

Please register your child before evaluations. However, you can register your child when you bring them to evaluations. Registration closes Feb 9 after evaluations.

**Who evaluates the players?**

A panel of Silverton High School baseball coaches and players.

**What skills are evaluated?**

Fielding, batting and throwing.

**When do we find out the team placement?**

You will be notified by email approximately two weeks following the last evaluation session.

**What if my child plays multiple sports and must miss some practices and/or games?**

This is team dependent. Please inform your head coach to discuss.

## **Practice and Season Questions**

### **Rookies and T-Ball Levels**

- Season will run from April 6 – May 29
- T-ball: Mon & Wed practice and games, Robert Frost, 6:00pm
- Rookies: Tues & Thurs, practice and games, Robert Frost or Mt. Angel

#### **Is there open gym before evaluations?**

Yes, in January we will have access to the middle school mezzanine for hitting and throwing on Sunday afternoons. We will send out an email notification with more information.

#### **When does practice start?**

Practices typically start the week following spring break. You will be notified by your team's coach.

#### **What nights/how often will team practice?**

Teams typically practice 2-3 nights a week prior to the start of games. After games start, it's team dependent on how often they practice. The specific nights of practice will be determined by your coach.

#### **Where does practice take place?**

Practices will take place mainly on Silverton school campuses in the city limits. Field availability can be challenging and we work hard to make sure every team has a practice facility.

#### **How are coaches selected?**

We are an all-volunteer organization. All coaches are volunteers. All coaches must pass a background check.

#### **When do games start? What nights? How often?**

Games typically start in April. The standard game schedule will be two game nights during the week. Some make-up games could be scheduled on a weekend day. Each team's specific game day schedule will be determined by the coaches after teams are selected.

#### **How far do we have to travel for games?**

For T-ball and Rookie levels, most games are in the local Silverton area.

For Minor, Junior and Senior levels, we play in the Clackamas County league so away games will take place at places like Clackamas, Tualatin, Estacada, Molalla, Canby, Oregon City and other schools. Games typically start at 6:00pm and players are advised by their coaches when to arrive, sometimes 30, 45, 60 mins before game time. You can check the CCJBA website to find out more information about locations: <https://www.leaguelineup.com/welcome.asp?url=ccjba>.

#### **How long does the season last?**

The season typically runs from April through July.

#### **We want to buy or child a new bat. What are the bat regulations and requirements?**

We play under the “[Junior Baseball Organization](#)” rules. All bats must be stamped with USSSA 1.5 BPF or BBCOR”, “BPF 1.15”, or “USABaseball” certified, or wood bats. To identify JBO sanctioned youth bats, look for one of the following stamps on the taper of the bat.



## **Fall Ball Information**

### **What is fall ball?**

Fall ball is a baseball season during the fall months. It's typically a great way for kids to get more experience and develop their skills.

### **Does Silverton JBO run a fall ball league?**

No, we currently do not run a fall ball league.

### **What are some options for fall ball leagues nearby?**

There are various fall ball leagues in surrounding area near Silverton.

- Cherry City Baseball Club: <https://www.leaguelineup.com/welcome.asp?url=cherrycitybc>
- Milwaukie/503 Baseball: <http://503baseball.com/>
- You can search for other fall ball leagues throughout the area

### **When does it start? Are there evaluations?**

This is team and league dependent. You will have to contact a fall ball league for more information.

**How long does fall ball generally last?** Fall ball typically runs September through October.