



River Falls Youth Baseball

2026 Parent Meeting



Agenda



- Welcome and Thank You!
- Board Roles & Team
- 2026 Season Overview
- Operations Overview
- Fundraising and Program Investment
- Parent Commitment, and Support
- Code of Conduct
- Q & A



Our Mission

The RFYBO exists to **teach and promote** the game of baseball to 3rd through 8th grade athletes in an environment that fosters competition and individual development, instills the importance of being part of a team, readies players for Legion and High School baseball, and enhances the enjoyment of youth baseball players in the River Falls community

RFYBO Board



- Everyone has a role/job
- Monthly meetings – 60+ minutes
- Spots are open for next season
 - We have started to look ahead at roles, as we have individuals that their children will age out each year.
 - We like to have people in roles to learn a year in advance.
- Player registration fees waived – Volunteer hours are not

Board Position	Volunteer
Treasurer	Bethany Crail
Director of Communications	Kristine Bodenbug
Director of Umpire & Field Scheduling	Amy Roslansky / Nick Johnson
Director of Field Maintenance	Jason Cornell
Director of Player and Coach Development	Joel Schaffer
Director of Sponsorships and Fundraising	Jackie Eng / Sasha Meyer
Director of Uniforms	Nicole Burns / Connie Wolf
Vice President	Matt Marek
President	Marty Oian

Goal is to have representation across all age groups



2026 Season Overview

- Tryouts were held in August, and for the 3rd year in a row we partnered with Flexxball.
- Over 200 players tried out, with 180 players placed across 15 teams
- 16 teams are spread across 7 age groups (9U-14U)
- 56 of you have volunteered to coach—THANK YOU! Without you, we wouldn't exist.
- Dbat sessions started in February and continue in March.
- Tryouts are scheduled and will be hosted Sat. August, 22 2026



Operations Overview (1/2)

- This program is 100% volunteer run, and does not exist without our parent volunteers—Thank you
- Registration Fees **do not** cover operational costs
- Fundraising and volunteerism make or break our season
- We **must have** your help to make 2026 another great season
- Thank you for being here and for making this a great community and program!



Operations: Budget (2/2)

- As previously stated, Registration Fees **do not** cover operational costs
- Planned 2026 expenses of ~\$94,000 less \$74,000 leaves **\$20,000** to be raised through fundraising to cover costs (no investment in program)
- With strong volunteerism and support, we have historically raised enough money to cover our costs. But we missed the mark on reinvestment last year

Annual costs = ~\$94,000

- League Fees \$8,000
- Umpires \$11,000
- Tournaments \$30,000
- Field Maintenance \$10,000
- Baseballs/Equipment \$8,000
- Uniforms \$17,000
- Insurance, Admin Cost, BG Checks, Try-outs, etc \$10,000

Reg Fees = ~\$74,000

Shortfall: ~\$20,000

2026 Fundraiser (1/2)



- Fundraising is required to keep costs down as fees do NOT cover the costs to run the program
 - Unfortunately, the 2025 Fundraising efforts did not meet goal as 1/3 of players did NOT raise any funds
- Goal is to raise \$30,000 for 2026 which allows us to make necessary investments / repairs and cover costs that are not covered by fees
- Fundraiser coincides with Team Giveback day
- Details about the Fundraiser & Giveback day will be emailed after the meeting

2026 Fundraise Target \$30,000

Per Player Target	\$200
Rationale for \$30,000 target	\$20K Budget shortfall + \$10K improvement budget needed to support 2026 season
Time Period	April 17-May 3
Tool / Fundraising Method	Online through Givebutter (used for '24 & '25)
Assessment	Total \$ Raised less \$200 = assessment due at tryouts (*no assessment due if met target)
Hardship exception	Exception process for families who have hardships. Submit to RFYBO inbox
Incentives	Outline incentives on next page

2026 Fundraiser (2/2)



Incentives:

- New in 2026 – RFYBO Speed Trial!
 - First 20 kids to hit \$500 donation total will receive a personalized insulated water bottle with the RFYBO logo and player number.
- Team's Top Earner: \$20 Gift Card
 - The player that receives the highest donation total on their team will receive a \$20 Gift Card.
- New in 2026 – Top Earning Team: Saint's Ticket Pkg
 - Each player will receive 2 tickets to attend Saint's Game
 - Opportunity to play catch in the outfield before the game
 - Join the Saint's on the field for the National Anthem

Make it a triple play and earn all 3!



Investments

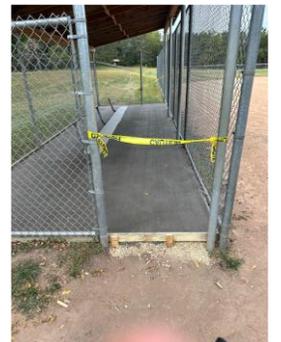
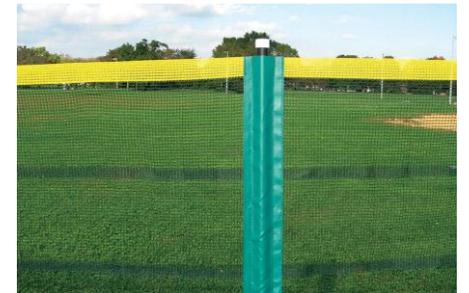
Where we can, we continue to make financial investments in facilities, infrastructure, and equipment where we can.

- 2024/2025 Investments:

- Glover Field Repairs - \$15,000 (split with Hudson)
- Glover Shed Replacement - \$2,500
- Wunrow Fence Replacement - \$5,000

- 2026 Needs

- Temp Fence at FNB
- New tractor for RFHS
- Temp Mounds replacement



Parent Commitment & Support (1/2)



- Traveling baseball is a **HUGE** commitment
- The team relies on your player to be present, on time, and in the appropriate uniform
- Communicate with your coaches and provide ample notice if your player will not be available for practices, games, tournaments etc.
 - Trips and other events may arise to cause a player to miss a game. Please be considerate of your coaches and the needs of the team
 - If your player cannot make a scheduled event please provide the coach with ample notice
- Events are tracked to prepare for an appropriate coach to player ratio and maximize use of the space
- Volunteerism is central to the success of our program, and your commitment goes beyond bringing your player to practices and games



Parent Commitment: Volunteerism (2/2)

- As mentioned, this is a non-profit organization fully run by volunteers
- It is expected that each family volunteer 1-2 hours annually. (head coaches and team mgrs. are excluded)
 - Volunteer hours **go beyond** field prep / clean-up for home games. This is expectation of all RFYBO families.
 - It is our goal to NOT impose any fees and ensure that everyone do their part

Examples of opportunities to volunteer:

- Field clean up days (Spring / Fall)
 - Spring Clean up date: **April 12th**
 - We need people at these events. Many hands make small work. We cover field all over RF and Troy.
- RFYBO night at the Fish Game
- RFYBO nights at the Bank
- Try-outs on **August 22nd**

Code Of Conduct: RFYBO Family Members (1/4)



- Recognize the value of coaches and other volunteers who give their time to provide baseball for your child.
- Good sportsmanship is the rule. Applaud good play by your team and members of the opposition.
- Do not force an unwilling child to participate in baseball.
- Remember children are involved in baseball for *their* enjoyment, not yours.
- Do not argue with coaches, umpires, other parents, opponents or other officials.

Zero Tolerance for confronting coaches, or belittling players



Code of Conduct: Parent / Coach (2/4)

Thank you, coaches—all of you!

As a reminder:

- Coaching is not an easy job
- These are community volunteers vital to our program
- It is impossible for the coach to make every parent happy
- Coaches often cite “dealing with parents” as the number one reason why they quit coaching
- As a parent, try to get involved and volunteer for your team
- By volunteering, you will have an opportunity to form a relationship with the coach, and deeper the relationship with your player
- That parent-coach relationship is invaluable, and it serves as a foundation for when things are going well to enable feedback and open dialogue



Code of Conduct: Umpires (3/4)

- Umpires are River Falls youth and community members
- They do **their best** to not impact the outcome of a game, but they will miss calls at times—be kind and supportive
- They enable acceptance in the leagues we participate in, and it is vital that we treat them with respect

Our Expectations:

- Treat Umpires as a professional – No Matter their Age
- Represent your town well, home AND away
- NEVER approach an umpire: We have a zero-tolerance policy and there are consequences for the coach

Code of Conduct: Grievances (4/4)



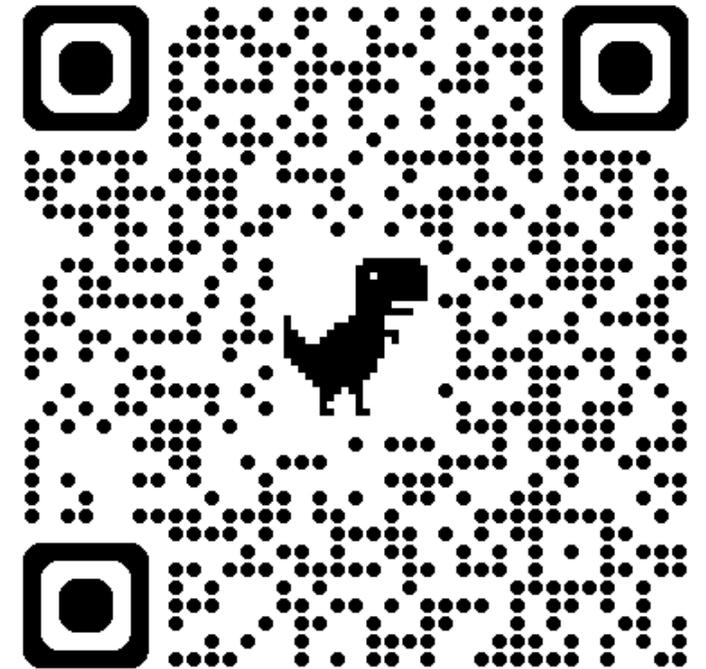
The RFYBO has developed the following criteria for dealing with conflicts that may arise with the coach(es) of your son's team. It is our philosophy that most issues can be readily fixed if dealt with "head-on"

1. First, discuss the situation with your son. What you see as a parent and what your son sees may be dramatically different.
2. Talk to your son's coach(es) to get their viewpoint on the situation.
3. Only after exhausting each of these previous avenues should the RFYBO board be contacted.



Questions?

Family Apparel Store
is back open till 3/15



Let's make the 2026 season our best yet—THANK YOU!