

43 Boys Baseball Club Program Information and FAQs

While you are watching tryouts, download and read the Matheny Manifesto:

<https://www.mikematheny.com/sites/default/files/pdf/MathenyManifesto.pdf> This document defines who we are as an organization and how much the program culture means to our continued success.

Program Culture

Players Play. Coaches Coach. Parents Cheer. **No Sideline Coaching. No Exceptions.**

- Must be willing to embrace a team-first mentality
- Must be willing to accept whatever role you are asked to play, specifically position(s) on the field
- Must be willing to accept the outcomes.. that includes wins and losses
 - Coaches are responsible for creating lineups that they feel put the **team** in the best position to win
 - 24-hour cool off period before approaching any member of the coaching staff regarding your feelings on the above
- This is not a “pay to play” organization. Player fees are to cover costs of being on the team. Playing time is earned in practice and work at home outside of practice is expected.

Any form of hostility (verbal or physical) towards any coach due to playing time/ positional assignments will not be tolerated and will result in immediate dismissal from the organization. Under no circumstances will refunds be given.

2024-25 Costs: \$850 new player/ \$700 returning player

Player dues pay for:

- Uniform Package
 - 2 hats, 2 game jerseys, 1 practice jersey, 1 game hoodie, 2 pairs pants, 2 belts, 2 pairs socks
- Team Sanction fees & Insurance
- Minimum 8 tournaments
- Indoor winter practice facility
- Outdoor summer practice facility
- Misc team equipment needs
- Rawlings R16 batting helmet & Boombah Superpack bat bag (**new players**)

Advertising “Sponsorships”: As a 501 (c)(3) not for profit, 43 Boys baseball Club is able to offer families a unique opportunity to help generate revenue for the organization, part of which can be applied directly to costs for specific player dues. As such, families are encouraged to help find **advertising sponsors** by asking employers and/ or other area business owners to help support the not for profit organization as an advertising sponsor. 43 Boys Baseball Club will supply you with a sponsorship letter explaining why we are asking for help and what local businesses will get from being an advertising sponsor. Half of the funds each player gets via advertising sponsors will be applied directly to that specific player’s fee balance while the other half will go to the organization to cover all additional operating expenses, including each coach’s uniform package, end of year tax filing and website costs amongst other expenses. Any advertising sponsorship revenue collected over the total player fee will go 100% to the organization. Families helped to raise over \$15,000 in advertising sponsorship revenue for 2024!!!

Schedule

Winter workouts – Closed to parents

- 10 weeks mid-January through end of March on Sundays
- Warsaw High School Career Center Gym
- 1.5 to 2 hours per team/ session; exact times TBD based on total number of teams
- Focus on team chemistry, throwing progression, fielding fundamentals, catching fundamentals, pitching mechanics & hitting instruction

Organization founder/ president Seth Bradford will offer additional 10 week training specifically for 9u & 10u players. This training reinforces throwing & receiving techniques and high repetition infield and outfield drills as well as pitching and catching instruction. Training takes place at the CCAC inside their facility on Tuesday nights from 5:30-7:30, running parallel to the team winter workout sessions. Cost is \$200 per player and is limited to 10 total players. Revenue from this training goes directly to the CCAC and ends up as credits for outdoor field rental expenses.

Outside practices – Parents may attend

- Begins after spring break
- At CCAC
- Times/ dates TBD based on field availability

Tournaments

- Each team sets their own individual tournament schedule.
- Tournaments locations include: Warsaw, Columbia City, Kendallville, Ft Wayne, Shipshewana and Lakeville.
- Each team will schedule a minimum of 8 tournaments.

Scrimmages

- Scrimmage games can be arranged by coaches with other travel ball teams

*In addition to participation on a 43 Boys team, we also encourage all players up to 12u to also be involved with/ stay involved with their local rec league, so please continue to support the organization that helped foster your son's love for the game and provided him the first opportunities to play ball. Leaving rec ball behind dramatically reduces the quality of play and numbers of players. We want to create leaders, on and off the field, so consider this a great opportunity for your son to showcase his skills and teach them to players who need the help and encouragement. This is also a great opportunity for your son to improve upon his own skills and round out his game with opportunities to play other positions that he may not play on his 43 Boys team. The games may not be nearly as competitive as what he will play as a member of the 43 Boys, but your son's presence will continue to make a huge impact on the league! We do, however, expect that any/ all 43 Boys Baseball activities take priority over rec ball and we do require that this is clearly presented to rec ball teams to avoid any frustrations. It is also required that if your son pitches in rec ball, you record the total number of pitches thrown and when and report that to your 43 Boys coach to ensure proper arm care is maintained. Lastly, we ask 43 Boys coaches to not be head coaches on a rec team to reduce any scheduling conflicts. *