



8U

INTRODUCING THE ORLANDO RAYS!

The Orlando Rays 8U team is a branch off Southern Squeeze Athletics, a 501.c3 non profit developmental baseball program. We are excited to partner with them to make a new 8U team and grow the baseball community! This team was formed by Marc & Danielle de Arrigoitia who wanted to offer quality coaching and competitive play for kids looking for something beyond recreational baseball. We use a mix of volunteer coaching and hired help to keep costs down, while maintaining quality coaching, an unbiased line up and help the players build the strong foundational skills that advance their development.

OUR COACH

Coach Steve is a professional baseball coach with over 25yrs experience in coaching from community college programs to youth travel ball organizations (4yr olds to College players).

Baseball career started in Miami, Florida and as a player ended in Las Vegas, NV playing for Team Las Vegas; continued his baseball career as a coach/trainer/Manager for the biggest and most known baseball program in Las Vegas, LVBA (Las Vegas Baseball Academy) and had the privilege of coaching Greg Maddox' son among other MLB and sports athletes kids. Playing PG, USSSA, Triple Crown tournaments from their onset. Moved on to start the Las Vegas School of Baseball (LVSBB) and managing over 1000 players with 13 teams of all ages; and proudly many of them played in College and a few to professional baseball including MLB. He was there until they made the move to Central Florida in 2012.

Arriving in the Orlando area, started coaching and training for one of the biggest travel ball organizations FTB coaching/training their HS divisions 13-18u teams in conjunction with Celebration High School; also had the privilege to train for Chandler, 5 Star, CFL Wolverines, South Florida and CFL Canes.

Specializing in developing and training in all aspects of the game to include Pitching, Catching, Hitting, Defense, Speed/Agility/Base running and Baseball IQ.

Currently he has started Casty Sports Academy, Inc where he has a network of professional coaches that can mesh with our youth players to get through to them and make them coach able and able to develop. They are baseball guys and love what we do. Emphasis is on development, training and at the youngest ages (5-12u) is to make sure they learn, develop and grow the love of the game; if they love the game they will go through the hard days of training to make sure they reach they baseball goals of reaching their next highest level.

Steve has built a great relationship in town where they network with all baseball organizations and academies; along with tournament directors and league presidents; he also runs a Winter and Summer Wood Bat League in Central Florida to have a place where high level players can continue working in game situations without the pressure of the weekend tournaments and it's grown every season and proud of the players' satisfaction. And now excited to join the Orlando Rays and help the players improve, develop and continue getting better to succeed in their baseball future.

SCHEDULE

Anticipated Schedule:

Monday 5:00-7:00 pm on Field

Wednesday 30 min between 5:00pm-8:00pm once monthly

Thursday 5:30-7:30 pm Winterpark Ballpark

THESE DAYS/TIMES COULD CHANGE

Two practices weekly. Two hour practice indoors at Winterpark Ballpark located inside of UKnight training center and a 2 hour fielding practice (Weather permitting). Currently practice is held on Tuesday 5-6:30 & Thursdays 6-8pm but they will be moved to Monday and Thursday starting first week of June. If weather is an issue, we will do our best to move it to another day.

We will also have one intensive 60 min workout with narrow path athletics who specialize in developing player speed, agility and strength, dates will be released with the monthly calendar. They do their best to schedule it on the same day as hitting. The players also have a 30 minute monthly one-on-one lesson with the head coach in the batting cage at Marc and Danielle's home in belle isle to focus on improving their individual skill in an area needed.

The team has one GOB tournament a month but as we continue to improve as a team we will challenge them for more. We may have the option to add tournaments if the team decides, as well as schedule as many scrimmage games as we can. All schedules are subject to change.

Field Location: South Orlando Canal Fields

(May change to Bear Creek Recreation or South Orange little league 10 min away)

Indoor Location: Winterpark Ballpark

A Tournament Schedule will be determined by July 10th.

ACCEPTANCE & COST BREAKDOWN

SIGN ON FEE: \$425

MONTHLY FEE: \$240

June & July monthly Fee: \$195 includes 2 scrimmage games

There are two parts to tryouts. First tryout will be with assistant Coach Marc and consists of very basic requests: Hitting, running the bases, pitching (9U), and fielding. You will be notified within 72 hours if you have been invited to a second and final evaluation. The second evaluation is during a team practice with Head Coach Steve. You will be informed within 72 hours if you have been accepted onto the team. You have 72 hours to accept and officially enroll by paying the sign up fee. We have a one time signup fee of \$425 which is broken down below. Our monthly fee is \$240 covering payment of the head coach, field and cage rentals, workout, lesson time, insurance and one tournament a month. As the team raises money, it will cover participating in extra tournaments or scrimmages.

The signup fee is due at the time of enrollment and monthly fees are due the 1st of each month by cash, cash app, credit card with 3% fee, venmo or zelle.

Sign Up fee Covers:

UNIFORMS (If returning player this does not apply)

Uniforms will be ordered as soon as the team roster has been filled and finalized.

We will be ordering from Decker Sports.

It will include:

2 game jerseys

1 practice jersey worn at each practice and most scrimmages

2 pants (choice of long or knickers)

1 hat

1 belt

1 pair of Royal blue socks

1 pair of black socks if you selected knickers

1 batting jacket short sleeve (can also be worn at practice)

Boombah bag fully customized with players name and number

You will need to purchase a separate pair of black baseball pants for Thursday practices

Price of Fan gear and Additional pieces: custom logo and number batting gloves \$30, Custom blue & black faded logo helmet with number \$65, practice jersey \$25, Game jersey \$40 each, pants \$50 each, batting jacket \$50, socks \$10, and Hat \$35 or \$43 with number on back. Sizing available XS-Adult 3X

COMMITMENT

The commitment to play is per season and the Sign up fee is only once. We will have tryouts for each season to confirm re-enrollment.

FUNDRAISING

Fundraising is a large part of helping add more tournaments for little to no additional costs. We have an established relationship with Texas Roadhouse on Lee Vista, and we will have many Dine to Donate evenings to help along the way. We do multiple different fundraisers including (but not limited to); Dine nights, peanut sales, Krispy Kreme doughnuts, papa john cards, cookie sales and community market events. We will do group raises and individual, meaning what you earned will be yours to use for monthly fees! The group funds will help with tournaments, equipment or how the team sees fit. We also offer sponsorship packages to large donors who'd like to support the community, if you know anyone interested please let me know! Our packets are listed below.



8U Orlando Rays Sponsor Packages Available:

Commitment is per season

BRONZE \$300- Bimonthly business sponsorship post on all social media platforms and small logo on the practice shirt sleeve or back. This shirt will also be used in scrimmages against other teams. (10 sponsors available)

SILVER \$500- Bronze package + sponsorship spot on our website, and 2 fan shirts with custom name/number. (4 sponsors available)

GOLD \$1,000- Silver package with upgraded large logo on the back of practice shirts, logo on dugout banner and back/side of players bat bags. Both the bat bags and dugout banner will be on display at ALL tournaments! Locations including (but not limited to): Orlando, Apopka, Altamonte, New Smyrna beach, and other various cities in Florida when traveling! (2 sponsors available)

PLATINUM \$2,000- Gold package + this donation will provide matching helmets for the team players with the statement “provided by” and your logo that will be used a minimum of 1 year! You will also receive 2 hats. (1 sponsor available)

CONTACT INFO

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