

2016 10-14 Year-Old Eaton Reds USSSA/Triple Crown Tryouts

Wednesday August 12th and Thursday August 13th

Check www.EatonBaseball.com for updates in case of inclement weather

Varsity Field

What time should my son be there?

Per the time below so that he can warm up off to the side and be ready to start tryouts on time.

Warm-up at 4:15pm, start at 4:30pm – 10 year olds and younger

Warm-up at 5:00pm, start at 5:15pm – 11 and 12 year olds

Warm-up at 5:45pm, start at 6:00pm – 13 and 14 year olds *(it's OK to miss Wed. if football practice conflicts, be there Thur.)*

Players are expected to be at tryouts at the above times on both Wed. and Thur. There is no cost for tryouts.

My son's age as of what date is applicable?

As of May 1st 2016.

What if my son can't make these tryouts?

E-mail tryouts@eatonbaseball.com as soon as possible if this is the case to try to arrange an individual tryout ASAP.

What does my son need to bring to the tryouts?

Just his glove, cleats, and a bat if he has one. Baseballs will be provided. Baseball pants are recommended for sliding.

Can players move up or down based on ability?

Players can play up a level, but cannot play down a level. If your son has already played up a level, then he should try out for that higher-age team, but if not, then he should try out with players that are his same age, and if he wants to play up and has the skills to do so, we will invite him to try out with an older group on the 2nd day of tryouts.

What if my son will be 8 or 9 years old on May 1, 2016?

If you believe he has the ability to compete with older kids, we encourage him to try out with the 10 year olds, knowing that if he doesn't make the team this year, he's much more likely to make it next year when the players would be closer to his age. If there are enough players at tryouts to field a competitive 9 year old team we would then field a 9's team.

It's possible that two teams within the same age group are formed, and in such case it's possible that some players will need to play up an age level to complete rosters for two teams at the higher age level.

Do I need to bring copies of his birth certificate to register?

No, we'll collect those later, all you need to write-in at tryouts is your son's full name, date of birth, and grade in school.

Who is eligible for the tryouts?

All players that intend on one day attending Eaton High School.

Are these teams affiliated with Eaton High School, Eaton Baseball Association, or the Town of Eaton?

No, these are club teams and are completely separate from all other organizations.

When will rosters be posted?

By no later than the evening of Friday, August 14th, at www.eatonbaseball.com

What if my son doesn't make a team?

Then we encourage him to try out on Saturday, August 15th with the Greeley-Evans Youth League (www.geyl.org).

What is the cost to play on one of these teams?

Often various fundraising events by the parents covers most if not all of the cost, but without fundraising, it's typically \$300-\$600 per person to pay for the tournaments. Those not wishing to participate in fundraising events are welcome to simply write a check—the money is due in January.

Do the coaches get paid?

No. No adult for either these teams or for the summer Eaton American Legion Programs gets paid, or reimbursed, one penny.

How are the kids evaluated?

A number of Eaton coaches at all levels will evaluate the players based on all facets of the game of baseball from pitching to throwing to fielding to hitting to baserunning, in order to project their ability to be able to succeed in this upcoming season for the respective team they would be playing on. Players mature both mentally and physically at different rates and rosters often change from year to year. Clearly those who have already played on these teams in the past will have their complete resume considered.

When will practices be?

They will be determined at a parents' meeting with the coaches and will fluctuate based on schedules throughout the fall, winter and spring. Starting in January, time will be available during Saturday open gyms for the players as well.

When will the games be played?

Typically starting in late March or early April, each tournament is a weekend tournament, played often in Greeley, Windsor, or Metro Denver. The 14 year olds' season will end by late May as the Legion C/D season begins at that time. The 10-13 year old teams will have their season continue on throughout June and into early July. Typically each team participates in 5-8 tournaments from April through July, and the number of games played is determined by advancing through each tournament. Typically the tournaments have 2-3 pool play games on Saturday, followed by a single-elimination round on Sunday that can include another 1-4 games.

What if I have any other questions?

Feel free to e-mail tryouts@eatonbaseball.com

EATON BASEBALL — 8 Spring State Championships in 2000s — 9 Summer Legion Varsity State Championships in 2000s — 23 Straight Final Four Appearances — 2015 MaxPreps' Small Schools National Champions — Nation's Highest Winning Percentage over Past 25 Years at **88%** — **84%** Postseason Winning Percentage over Past 20 Years — Over **75%** of Reds' Starting Seniors Have Received College Baseball Scholarship over Last Decade — Every Senior Has Graduated with **1-6** State Championship Rings for 22 Straight Years