



Fruita Summer Baseball



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Players and Parents,

The purpose of the Fruita Summer Baseball Program is to provide an opportunity for dedicated players to continue to develop their baseball skills throughout the summer.

Enclosed you will find a tentative summer schedule. We are planning on fielding three teams, a U18 team roughly equivalent to a varsity level team and two U16 teams that will compete against other U16 (junior varsity level) and small school U18 teams.

Also enclosed is the Registration Form for Fruita Summer Baseball. The registration fees will be \$425 for 9th graders in the fall of 2019, \$450 for 10th graders in the fall of 2019, and \$475 for 11th and 12th graders in the fall of 2019. The Registration Form and Registration Fees are due to coaches by March 14.

A third form that will need to be signed and returned with the registration form is the CHSAA "Out of Season Baseball Competition Form." This form is designed to assist players and parents in understanding their rights under current CHSAA by laws. As a coaching staff, we are aware of the many private club teams that exist outside of our program. We feel that our summer program provides our players with the best opportunities to grow, develop, and gain exposure. We work diligently as a staff to keep our summer program progressive, impactful, and affordable for all of our players. Please see me if you questions regarding this form.

We understand that the summer is a busy time for everyone. It is filled with family vacations, baseball showcase events, basketball and football camps, etc. In order for us to ensure that we have enough players for a particular game or tournament, we ask that each player provides a list of dates that he will be unavailable to play. Please return the conflict form with your registration. If an event comes up at a later date that will cause a player to miss a game or more, players or parents can notify the coaches at that time.

Our primary fundraiser will be to host a baseball camp for younger players at Fruita Little League on June 4-6 from 9 AM to noon. Available players are expected to help run the camp.

As the Fruita Summer Baseball Program enters its twelfth year of competition, we continue to see tremendous growth. The U18 schedule not only exposes our players to college and professional scouts, it features tournament play against some of the better teams in Colorado and other states. The U16 schedule also continues to offer superb competition with three tournaments. Both of our U16 teams competed well in last summer's tournaments, especially in the Coach Johnny Mac Tournament with the Blue team winning the championship at the end of summer. Our U18 team will play in five tournaments beginning with the Summer Kick-off Tournament in Denver over the Memorial weekend and ending in the first ever Colorado Mesa National Invitational. In the past summers, several scouts (including one from the Phillies organization) have watched our games in Denver. The U18 schedule also includes a second tournament in Denver, a tournament in Rifle, and the Warrior Summer Tournament. Playing and defeating several of the club teams from the eastern slope were just a few of the many highlights from last summer's U18 season.

If you have any questions, please contact us. We look forward to an exciting summer of baseball.

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