



Buffalo Hanover Baseball Association

Travel Baseball Tryout and Season Information

BHBA Mission:

Developing baseball fundamentals in a competitive environment: The mission of the Buffalo Hanover Baseball Association (BHBA) is to provide Buffalo, Hanover and Montrose area youth with an opportunity to play competitive baseball, learn fundamental skills, increase knowledge of the game and have fun, while promoting sportsmanship, respect and character on and off the field of play.

What happens at tryouts?

Tryouts are required for all players to be eligible to play. Players should bring their glove, bat and necessary protective gear. Please wear appropriate gym shoes - NO SPIKES or cleats allowed. All tryouts will be held at the Buffalo Activity Center at the Buffalo High School.

Players ages 8/9U – 14U will try out on Monday, February 16th 2026-President's Day.

15U/Legion. Tryouts will be held separately during the BHS Baseball Tryouts.

- 15U/Legion Teams will be formed by the HS Coaching Staff.

Tryout Evaluations

Players will be evaluated by the Buffalo High School Baseball Coaching staff. The Buffalo Hanover Baseball Board, Parents, or Coaches DO NOT have any input in player's scores. Players will be grouped and scored with their age/ grade group. Team selections will be done after tryouts. Notice of team selections typically is posted online after tryouts have been completed. Results will be posted online at <https://www.bisonbaseball.org.app.crossbar.org/> at a date TBD depending on how long it takes for teas to be formed. Email communications will go out as soon as the teams are formed. The goal for team formation is as soon as possible, but can take up to 2-4 weeks.

Cost to play:

- Players ages 9U season fee is \$200.00 per player plus processing fees.
- Players ages 10U-14U season fee is \$300.00 per player plus processing fees

Registration fee covers the season costs which includes entry into two regular season tournaments. If your team qualifies for a State Tournament, this registration and gate fee will be covered by the association. A player's uniform which includes two jerseys and a hat is part of the registration fee. You are responsible for purchasing white pants, belt, spikes/cleats, bat, glove and a batting helmet. This applies for 9U thru 14U age levels only.

Required Deposits

- Flower Fundraising deposit: \$175/player (not per family) - check is shredded when the player sells 5 flower baskets or more.
- Volunteer deposit: \$500/per player or \$750 per family with two or more players - your check is shredded upon completion of volunteer/dib hours.

Volunteer/Dib Requirements:

- 8 volunteer hours required per player and 12 hours are required per family with two or more players. If more than two players are in a family, your volunteer hours will max out at 12 hours.
- Volunteer hours will be posted on the association website where they can be claimed.
- If volunteer hours need to be cancelled, they must be cancelled prior to the 72 hour window before the date of the volunteer event. If cancellation is needed after the 72 hour window, families must find their own replacement coverage and communicate with the association email. If this is not followed, your dib hours will not be counted.

Team Determinations:

- Players are scored by the Buffalo High School Varsity Baseball coaching staff during tryouts.
- We will try to place every kid on a traveling team, however if your child is not selected for a team, we will work with you on other baseball opportunities and will team with you to find the best fit for your child. In the scenario where a child does NOT make a team, your registration fees will be refunded.
- We encourage off season training to help develop players. We offer several winter clinics during the off season to help your child develop.
- Teams are formed per the Team Selection Policy; this is located under the documents tab on the website.

Coaching Opportunities:

- If you are interested in coaching, you must fill out a coach's application located under the coaches tab on the website. All coaches will be allowed to watch and take notes on players during tryouts, and head coaches will be determined after tryouts, once scores have been tabulated and players ranked.

Season Details:

- There are approximately 16 regular season games (starting in late April) plus two tournaments and a possible state tournament if the team qualifies.

- Playoffs and state tournaments run through the last weekend of July, depending on age level.
- Practices are scheduled at the Bentfield Sports Complex, Hanover baseball fields and Lions park in Buffalo. There may be other local fields used depending on field space and availability but will be communicated by coaches.
- 2-3 practices are scheduled per team but may be less once games are scheduled. Each coach will schedule their own practices.
- Games Days: Arrival times for warm ups will be determined by the team's head coach, but usually 1 hour before games is expected.
- Fundraising is a requirement of our program. Our only fundraiser is the Hanging flower basket fundraiser. See attached form for selling details. Each player is required to sell (or buy) 5 baskets, valued at \$175 total or your \$175 flower deposit will be cashed.
- Financial Assistance is available if needed. Please email buffalohanoverbaseball@gmail.com if needed.
- If it is desired for a player to play in an age group above their current age, a letter of request must be written to buffalohanoverbaseball@gmail.com when the player is registered. The board will review the request and respond with an answer before tryouts.
- All families with a player in the BHBA are expected to volunteer a minimum of 8 hours per player/ 12 per family with multiple players. Please remember if your volunteer hours are not completed, your deposit check will be cashed. The BHBA will work to make sure all families have a chance to fulfill their hours.

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