

Sykesville Travel Baseball Home to the Cyclones!

Travel Baseball has long been part of the heritage of Sykesville Baseball, and it is a blast! What began as play in the 60's at local sandlots now includes Fairhaven and Freedom Parks, Old Liberty Park, Obrecht Field, and Liberty High School.

Our goals include producing talented Youth ballplayers, High School athletes and college prospects that compete on a higher level. Most importantly, we are committed to building both skills and character in all players. Teamwork, Leadership and Community are essential elements of our program.



The 2019 spring/summer season showcases 16 teams competing in both league and tournament play highlighted by our 12U teams annual week long tourney in Cooperstown, NY and emerging Showcase events for our older teams.

Age Groups:

- 8U to 22U
- Both Division 1 (Cyclones Navy) and Division 2 (Cyclones Red) teams may be formed in each age group depending on player skill level and the ability to be competitive in league play.
- Existing teams from a prior season is not a guarantee that a team will be formed the following season.

Age Requirements:

- The baseball age cutoff is May 1.
- A players' age on April 30th represents their eligibility.
- Ex. If the player is 8 on or before April 30, then they are 8u eligible.

“Playing Up”:

- Players may play on older teams if their abilities allow, but it is not recommended. As they age, skills and abilities begin to even out and being a year younger can be a disadvantage come 11 or 12.

Tryouts:

- Please visit our website at sykesvillebaseball.com or sykesvillecyclones.com or our facebook pages for times and dates for your age group.
- Players must attend at least 1 tryout to be eligible for consideration. The only exception to this is 19U and 22U where some players may be attending college and unable to attend.
- Registration will open June 17 on our website listed above.
- Registration is required to tryout.

Time Commitment:

- Fall ball September- early November. Typically 1-3 days per week.
- Winter workouts: January-Mid March. Typically 1-2 days per week
- Spring Season: March-July. Typically 3-4 days per week.
- ❖ *Note: Participation in other sports is encouraged, however, when the Spring season begins, players are expected to be present for all events while “in-season”.*

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League and Tournament Play:

- Each team participates in a combination of league play and tournament play and game totals can range from 30-60 games depending on age group and level of play.
- Teams compete in league play throughout central MD.
- The number of tournaments is determined by the coaching staff and the skill level of the team.
- Tournaments can be played locally or out of state. Sykesville teams will participate in tournaments held in MD, VA, DE, PA, NJ, NY, TN, NC, NE, SC and GA during the 2019 season.
- Weekend tournaments are customary and many teams play in weeklong events in late June/July.

Financial commitment:

- Fees typically range from \$800-\$1000 per player depending on team expenses, tourney fees etc.
- Overall fees can be offset through individual team fundraising. This does not include hotels stays, travel to games etc.

Coaches:

- Coaches are selected on a yearly basis. Anyone interested in a Head Coaching position should email Chris Roach.

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