

Lakeside Vikings Dugout Club Baseball FAQ for Middle School, JV and Varsity Baseball

What baseball programs are associated with Lakeside?

Lakeside High School has one Varsity and one Junior Varsity team. Lakeside also sponsors one middle school team.

When does Fall baseball start at Lakeside?

Fall baseball is for our Lakeside High School players. The Fall baseball season starts with tryouts in July for the Fall teams. Rising 9th graders, while not guaranteed a spot, are encouraged to attend as well.

What is Fall baseball?

Fall baseball consists of 12 games played between different schools in the area and hosted by Dunwoody High School. Games are typically played during the week and on Sunday evenings, with an end of season tournament. The regular Lakeside Varsity and JV coaches do not coach during the Fall.

My son is on a travel team; can he do both?

Yes and no.

Fall ball is pretty relaxed, with limited practices, games once or twice on week nights, and make-up games on Sunday evenings, so there won't be many conflicts.

The Spring season is very condensed and rigorous. Most travel teams do not schedule events during the Spring HS baseball season. When there is a conflict with a practice or game, Lakeside baseball comes first.

My son wants to play football; can he also play baseball?

Yes and no.

Fall baseball is not an option when playing football in the Fall. Spring training for baseball starts immediately after the last football event, so your son can do football in the Fall and baseball in the Spring.

Is there weight training?

As an athlete, your son can elect to work in the weight room instead of doing regular PE.

When does Spring baseball start?

Spring training starts immediately after football ends in November: Tuesday-Thursday, from 3:30 - 5:00 PM, immediately after football ends. It consists of strength and speed/agility conditioning and is led by Coach Newsome. Coach will determine the week-to-week schedule but can run daily from 3-5:30 PM. Any student planning to try out for Spring baseball, including 9th graders, should attend.

When are tryouts for Spring ball?

Tryouts are in January, as dictated by Georgia rules. JV and Varsity teams, each consisting of about 18 players, are selected the last week of January. The middle school team has a little more flexibility, but generally is selected at that same time.

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Can parents attend tryouts?

It is not encouraged.

How much are player fees to play baseball at Lakeside?

Middle School - \$240

JV and Varsity:

Fall \$225 (approx)

Spring \$550 (approx)

Are scholarships available to reduce the cost?

All parents are encouraged to sell banners to businesses in the area to offset the player fees. A list of prior sponsors is provided so you aren't 'cold calling'. You can reduce your Spring fees by up to \$500 by selling 2 banners for \$350 each (or \$300 each for renewal). The banners you sell your freshman year will probably renew in subsequent years, so it is **possible to save \$2,000 in fees** over the course of your son's career at Lakeside. Any hardships are considered by the board on a case by case basis for spring season only.

What is the Dugout Club?

The Dugout Club is a charity that exists to assist the Coaches by promoting baseball at Lakeside. Back in the 'old days', the county would provide the bulk of the funds necessary to run athletic programs. County funding for athletics has continued to decrease over the years.

Parent involvement is crucial to the continued success of the program, and the Dugout Club, which is a tax exempt 501(c)(3) organization, organizes those efforts. The Dugout Club needs the support of all families' time, talent, and treasure to allow our young men the chance to take the field and compete.

What are the expectations for parent time investment?

Parents are expected to contribute approximately 30 hours of volunteer service. Volunteer opportunities include field work days, concession stand duty, team meal administration, fundraising activities and more.

Do I have to sell cookie dough, soda pop, wrapping paper etc. as a fundraiser?

The Dugout Club consists of parents who organize several important 'fund-raising events' and urge you to lend your assistance with them. The current event schedule includes car washes in the Fall and Spring, fundraiser nights at restaurants, a raffle, and, most importantly, the renowned winter silent auction.

Does the team have a web site?

Yes, the team web site is the following: <https://lakesidevikingsbaseball.wordpress.com/>
[Additionally, most games are scored live on GameChanger, so even if you can't get to the game, you can keep up with the action over the web.](#)