

# NH Bobcats Baseball

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## Handbook

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### New Hampshire Bobcats Mission Statement

*We are an elite program with a mission to teach comprehensive baseball skills and strategy in a healthy atmosphere. Talented young players learn the values of hard work, teamwork, and sportsmanship and essential life skills. We love baseball and have a passion to help guide your players into high school and college baseball. If your child loves the game and is driven to excel, we are thrilled to say you've come to the right place!*

#### Some of the benefits of being a Bobcat:

- Year-round membership (\$300 value) at Ultimate Sports Academy, 8051 South Willow St., Manchester. Reach your goals with routine and repetition. Rostered Bobcats have membership access to cages, mounds, and weight room when available. Dedicated players are working the hardest when nobody is watching!
- Professional training twice per week from January through March followed by weekly spring practices.. Learning proper baseball fundamentals takes a lot of work and attention to detail. Three months of winter training are designed to develop good habits, learn proper fundamentals, and build team chemistry.
- Players are taught by Bobcats coaches who have high school, college, and pro experience. The Bobcats Throwing program is part of winter training and involves eight weeks of structured training with an emphasis on arm care and proper mechanics. Former college players Marc Pantazis (Maine), Ryan Keefe (Quinnipiac), Colby Howe (New England College), and Ruben Rodriguez (former pro player and coach) guide our coaches and teams through this process.
- Twenty-five game schedule for 9u-14u, including at least two tournaments per team. Showcase teams for 15u, 16u and 17u will have a summer tournament schedule and compete against the top competition.
- Opportunity to play in national tournaments and Perfect League events and All Star games.. Our 12u teams go to Cooperstown Dreams Park or Cooperstown Baseball World. Other teams have gone to tourneys in South Carolina, Florida, Maryland, New York and even Tennessee.
- Agility & Speed training at Ultimate Sports Academy. All Bobcats players and families receive a 10 percent discount to on-site EFX Fitness programs.
- Uniform and gear: all players will receive two hats, three game jerseys, and a practice t-shirt. Players need to provide their own socks, belt and game pants: white pants with navy piping.
- 50-percent discount to December Hitting Clinic at USA. Special guests each year have included professionals Grant Lavigne (Rockies), Cody Morissette (Marlins), Ben Malgeri (Tigers) and others.
- 16u and 17u players receive all of the above with the addition of: showcase tournaments, national tournament, recruiting video and zoom calls with college coaches, guidance throughout the college process, including FAFSA and financial aid.

## Conduct Agreement (Players & Parents)

### Policies and Expectations:

1. Never walk between the foul lines. Hustle on and off the field. Remember, it's a privilege to play this game.
2. Support your teammates and coaches. Let the head coach deal with any umpire issues. The umpires, coaches, and players will all make mistakes, but we must learn to deal with what we can control and move on.
3. DO NOT throw a bat, helmet, glove, or any other equipment. The use of foul language, aggressive behaviors, or uncooperative behaviors that disrespect the game will send players to the bench.
4. Playing time is earned through hard work, dedication, preparation, a player's compete level. Coaches play the most deserving players and do their best to compete at a high level without ever putting a player's health in jeopardy. If you believe you're not getting enough playing time, work harder. Become a better player. Your opportunity will come. Concentrate on what you can control: being a hard worker and good teammate. If you have any questions related to playing time and/or positional play, the player should discuss this with his coach or program director.
5. 24 HOUR RULE -- The coaches and program director are strong communicators. We will make every effort to resolve a problem you might have as quickly as possible. However, after a game or practice, parents must wait 24 hours before using any method of communication with the coach. If there is a problem, we will work to get it right and become a stronger family in the process.
6. Please do not jump to conclusions on game management decisions. Spectators often criticize coaches for what's happening on the field when they don't know the situation. For instance, if a runner gets thrown out at second base on a stolen base attempt, perhaps the team failed to execute a hit-and-run.
7. Sit back and enjoy the game and let your child succeed/fail/learn on his own. Do not attempt to coach your child from the sidelines. We have it covered. Players benefit from learning the game on their own, talking with their coach and thinking for themselves. "Helicopter parents" do not last in this program. Parents are not permitted to be in the dugout during games and or practices, unless otherwise requested by the coaching staff.
8. Batting order does not matter. Coaches design batting orders with many different reasons in mind. Batting ninth or 10th is not a punishment. Be thrilled that you have an opportunity to make an impact at the bottom of the order.
9. The conduct of any guests of a New Hampshire Bobcats family is that family's responsibility. Foul language is not permitted.
10. Players should remain in the dugout or on the bench when not in the game. When you're not in the game, take the opportunity to support your teammates, study the game, and be productive.
11. Players and parents will inform the head coach of any ailment, injury or physical disability that may affect the safety of the child or the safety of others.
12. Parents will do their part to have their son attend all practices, tournaments, scrimmages and fundraisers. Parents/players must understand that it is important to attend practices and games and be on time for practices and games. Poor attendance and lateness will result in less playing time for a player.

## The Bobcats Package

### **Tuition for the 2027 season:**

- 9U, 10U, 11U, 12U: \$2,250 per player
- 13U, 14U, 15U: \$2,850 per player
- 16U, 17U: \$3,250 per player

### **Financial / Payment Policy:**

All payments are made online via SportsEngine. Tuition is divided into payments with a processing fee. The first payment secures a roster spot. **No refunds will be given for withdrawing from a team or an optional tournament.**

## **Payment Schedule**

### **9U-12U:**

- First payment of \$600 is due with roster spot acceptance
- Second payment of \$550 is due September 1
- Third payment of \$550 is due November 1
- Final payment of \$550 is due January 1

### **13U-15U:**

- First payment of \$650 is due with roster spot acceptance
- Second payment of \$550 is due October 1
- Third payment of \$550 is due December 1
- Fourth payment of \$550 is due February 1
- Final payment of \$550 is due on April 1

### **16U, 17U:**

- First payment of \$700 is due with roster spot acceptance
- Second payment of \$637.50 is due October 1
- Third payment of \$637.50 is due December 1
- Fourth payment of \$637.50 is due February 1
- Fifth payment of \$637.50 is due on April 1

## **Policies and Expectations of Coaches:**

**Bobcats coaches abide by and support the USA Baseball Code of Conduct.**

1. The function of all players, coaches, umpires, officials and workers is to abide by only the highest level of sportsmanship and conduct. The coach must be aware that he or she has tremendous influence, either good or bad, in the development of the baseball player, and thus, shall never place the value of winning above instilling the highest desirable ideals of character.
2. The coach must constantly uphold the honor and dignity of the game. In all personal contact with the athletes, umpires, officials, administrators, state and national organizations, the media, and the public, the coach shall strive to set an example of the highest ethical and moral conduct.
3. "Bench jockeying" will not be allowed. Coaches are to prohibit bench jockeying, which would include personal and malicious remarks, cursing and obscene language towards opponents, umpires or spectators.
4. The coach shall take an active role in the prevention of drug, alcohol and tobacco abuse and under no circumstances should authorize their use.

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5. The coach shall be thoroughly acquainted with baseball rules and is responsible for their interpretation to team members. The spirit and letter of rules should be regarded as mutual agreements. The coach shall not try to seek an advantage by circumvention of the spirit or letter of the rules.

6. Coaches shall actively use their influence to enhance sportsmanship by their athletes and spectators. Before and after contests, rival coaches should meet and exchange friendly greetings in order to set the correct tone for the game.

7. Contest umpires will be treated with respect and support by the coach. The coach shall not indulge in conduct which will incite players or spectators against the umpires.

8. Coaches should expect from the umpires a courteous and dignified attitude towards themselves and the players. Coaches do not engage in sexual harassment, abuse, or any other harassment. Coaches should develop and promote a spirit of cooperation among the baseball family, including sponsors and any person connected with the program. Baseball is a game of fun, designed for enjoyment of youngsters, not to be a hobby for adults coaching them.