



Tryout Process Objective:

To create a transparent, fair, efficient and effective process for placing the right players on the right teams at all levels.

Purpose

Cedarburg Baseball Inc. (CBI) is a tryout-based program playing under team name Mercs. Each season, players are placed on teams based solely on an objective, organization-wide tryout process that is run by an outside private organization. The purpose of the CBI tryout process is to rank players and assemble two teams at each age level. Blue teams will be considered our “A” team and Red will be considered our “B” team.

The top 7 scores at each team level will be offered a roster spot on their respective A team. Mercs coaches will have the authority to fill in the rest of the team’s roster at their discretion. All final rosters need to be approved by the CBI board.

CBI is also dedicated to the enjoyment of youth baseball and the improvement of individual player skill each season. Because of this dedication to both players and parents, the following guidelines have been developed to ensure that each player who is evaluated has an equal opportunity to be selected. As of the 2021 season, CBI will be transitioning towards an age based program. Each prospective player will be offered one tryout.

2021 Tryout Levels

- U8- age as of April 30th (cannot turn 9 prior to May 1st)
- U9- age as of April 30th (cannot turn 10 prior to May 1st)
- U10- age as of April 30th (cannot turn 11 prior to May 1st)
- U11 - 5th grade
- U12 - 6th grade
- U13 7th grade
- U14- 8th grade

Evaluators

We currently use professional instructors from Sanfilippo baseball to run Mercs tryouts. Head coaches are encouraged to attend and observe but will not influence scoring in anyway. CBI feels an unbiased professional outside organization will provide the most accurate scoring for each player.

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Required Player Equipment

All players participating in the tryout sessions are required to wear shirt, pants (baseball or other athletic pant), and athletic shoes (no open toe shoes). Players will also need a baseball glove and are encouraged to wear a protective cup.

Basic Requirements

- Players are required to register for the upcoming baseball tryouts prior to participation in tryouts (<http://www.cedarburgmercs.com>).
- Players must be fully dressed and ready to step on the field before the start of each evaluation session.
- Players will be assigned a penny at registration/check-in. The penny number will have no significance to the player's ability, rating, or placement. The penny number must be fully visible to the evaluators while the player is on the field.
- Players may not display a name placard on their jersey during tryouts, even if the penny appears to cover the name. Jerseys may be worn inside-out to satisfy this requirement. Players are also asked not to wear previous year's uniforms and Mercs attire.

Missed Tryouts

- **The best opportunity for a player to be properly placed is for that player to attend their assigned tryout session.**
- Players shall make every effort to participate in their tryout session. However, the organization realizes that players can get sick or injured, or may have other emergencies or conflicts that prevent them from participating in one or more tryout sessions.
- If a player is not able to attend any sessions of a specific level tryout, it is the responsibility of that player/player's family to notify the CBI and provide explanation.
- Players who miss their evaluation session for reasons other than injury will not receive a score and will not be considered for Mercs Baseball.
- New, incoming players (new to community) who arrive to the program after tryouts have been completed will be placed on a waiting list unless there is a roster spot available. If there is a roster spot open, that player will be run through a tryout with Sanifillipo baseball instructors and scored.

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Number of players per team

- The number of players for each age group level will fluctuate from season to season. Mercs teams will range from 11-13 players at coaches discretion.
- Mercs Coach's Option: When setting the final roster, a head coach can choose to leave a roster spot open for a time agreed upon with the CBI board. This roster spot can be held for injured or absent players that were not able to make the scheduled tryout sessions. After the establish time period, the head coach must decide on a player for that open roster spot.

Play Up Policy

This policy outlines the conditions under which a Mercs player may advance to a higher age bracket (herein after referred to as "playing up") than that associated with his or her school grade or age based team. This policy also defines the mechanism by which a player can/will be allowed to "Play Up." CBI will only allow a player to play up if the player makes the Mercs "A" team at the play up division level. If a player does not make the Mercs "A" team at the play up division their scores will be evaluated with players in their rightful division based on grade or age. A player wishing to "play-up" must notify the CBI ahead of the tryout date and the player must participate in the tryout evaluation for the higher division. Mercs coaches will need to formally select the play up participant and the board will need to approve.