



The Motor City Hit Dogs and Rawlings Sports are pleased to announce a unique partnership in youth baseball. Rawlings, the official partner of MLB and the #1 choice of professional players has partnered with the Motor City Hit Dogs for the 2020 season.

The Hit Dogs will represent Rawlings as a Platinum Club Team. This distinction is awarded to only eight teams in the country. Platinum Clubs are chosen based upon the highest level of success at the national level as well as their commitment to player development.

“Rawlings is the gold standard in the baseball community” said Tony Leonard, Co-Founder of the Motor City Hit Dogs. “Our program is built on player development and is nationally recognized at all age divisions. It was a natural partnership. We want the best for our players. This official partnership provides every player in our organization an opportunity that is unmatched anywhere” says Scott Leonard, Co-Founder of the Motor City Hit Dogs. “We are extremely excited to continue our partnership with The Motor City Hit Dogs as a Rawlings Platinum Club. We have hand-picked a very select number of the top organizations throughout the country and The Motor City Hit Dogs are on that list.” Jonah Schmidt, Rawlings.

The Rawlings spirit store is now live for all Motor City Hit Dog players and families. We have player-only access to gear at discounted prices through this partnership. This spirit store will be open for *a limited time*; however, we will be offering Rawlings gear at upcoming stores in the future. Please take advantage of the sponsorship and discounts. Custom items to be available at a later date.

We are unique representatives of Rawlings. Please feel free to use the power of the Rawlings brand. If you have social media posts including your player *using Rawlings gear*, do not hesitate to use #rawlingsplatinumclub or tag Rawlings Sports. They will promote our team and players whenever possible with social media posts. We also encourage you to try and use Rawlings gear when possible. We will have a demo soon.

Finally, we will be working with Burke’s Sports Haven in Eastpointe as our distributor for Rawlings gear and to operate our spirit store. Please visit them for any sporting goods needs. If you have any special requests for gear or items, please direct them to Burke’s. They have a full in-store selection of gear and are available for custom items as well.

Spirit Store available until **SEPTEMBER 15<sup>th</sup>**: <https://motorcityhitdogs.itemorder.com>

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