

Northern Valley Knights Baseball Association:

Spring 2016 Season is about to begin!

Spring season Tryouts:

Tryouts will be held on weekend of March 4th/5th. Tryouts are managed by paid professional coaches. Assessments are driven by the skills each player demonstrates at the tryout, plus a review of each player's past body of work. No parents are permitted in the tryout area. Tryouts cost \$20 per session in order to pay for field rental and coaches.

The following is the schedule for 2016 Spring tryouts:

- 9U (3rd grade) – Saturday, March 5th @ 9am*
- 10U (4th grade) – Saturday, March 5th @ 10:30am*
- 11U (5th grade) – Saturday, March 5th @ 12pm*
- 12U (6th grade) – Saturday, March 5th @ 1:30pm*
- 13U (7th grade) – Friday, March 4th @ 6pm*
- 14U (8th grade) – Friday, March 4th @ 7:30pm*

All players are asked to show up 5 minutes early. Parents are to drop off and return for pick up 75 minutes after the start of each session.

All tryouts will be held at our winter training facility located at 256 Oak Tree Rd, Tappan NY. NO PARENTS WILL BE ALLOWED TO ENTER THE FACILITY - THIS IS A DROP OFF/PICK UP TRYOUT.

*Upon the announcement of each team, registration/fees and uniform orders must be received /completed within 1 week. If you are not yet on the email list, please contact a NV Knight trustee, manager or coach for further details, or **send an email to:** nvknightsbaseballassoc@gmail.com.*

Spring season:

Players, once chosen for a team and paid in full, will attend spring team practices starting in early March. The spring season typically begins the last week of March or first week of April, weather permitting, and the teams play games on Sundays for 8 weeks. Teams will practice at least 1x per week in the spring. Schedules are typically not released until the last week of March. Players in 7th and 8th grade who are selected to play for their respective school baseball teams are strongly urged to also play town recreation baseball (typically weeknights and Saturdays) as well as play all NV Knights travel games on Sundays.

Players who are assigned to a team must be prepared to fill out registration forms, make payment in full, and attend a uniform fitting within 1 week of notification. Practices will start within 1 week of tryouts, and the season begins at either the end of March or the first week of April. We expect our website to be available by registration time to allow parents to make payments and fill out forms.

Our Coaches:

All levels and all teams will have paid, non-parent head coaches. Parents will act as volunteer assistant coaches and team managers. Managers are responsible for all administration/communication to team members and their families. Player decisions such as position and lineup assignments will be at the sole responsibility of the head coach.

Registration costs for Spring 2016

Please be advised that we try to keep costs as low and consistent as possible from year to year. Our base fee for the 2016 spring season is \$400.

Included in spring fee:

- *Minimum 10-12 (75-90 minute) practices. Schedule is at the discretion of each team's head coach.*
- *8 Sunday games. Game time is at the head coach's discretion.*
- *1 paid coach and 1 part-time paid assistant.*
- *2 spring clinics – dates are TBD.*
- *League, field, and umpire fees for spring league.*
- *Team equipment, balls, team catchers gear, etc.*

Not included: Uniform (hat, practice shirt, game jersey, pants, socks and belt). Uniform cost is expected to be \$110 per player. Orders must be placed 4 weeks prior to the start of the season.

ABOUT US:

The Northern Valley Knights Baseball Association is a non-profit 501(c)(3) volunteer organization comprised of youth, professional coaches and community members from Harrington Park, Northvale, Norwood, and Old Tappan New Jersey. The NV Knights program has replaced individual town travel baseball in the four towns. We have teams from 9u (3rd grade) through 14u (8th grade). We will strive to provide our players with an enhanced baseball experience promoting the development of baseball skills, sportsmanship, team play and respect for the game. NV Knights Baseball is intended for more competitive players who are looking for a challenge beyond just town recreational sports, and who are ready for a bigger commitment. Our teams play throughout Northern NJ and Southern NY, typically competing in the PBI league and NEBAS league. Similar to the local travel softball and soccer programs in Northern Valley, we are a feeder program for the Northern Valley High School-Old Tappan baseball program.