



Baseball Program 2024 - 2025

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Programming and Skill Development

Our baseball academy will focus on developing a well-rounded set of fundamental skills that are essential for success in the sport. These skills encompass both offensive and defensive aspects of the game. Here are some fundamental skills that will be taught in the baseball academy for grade 4 - 6 students.

Offensive Skills:

1. **Hitting:** Proper stance, grip, and swing mechanics are crucial. Students will learn how to make contact with the ball and develop their hitting power.
2. **Baserunning:** Techniques for running bases efficiently, including starts, stops, turns, and sliding.
3. **Baseball IQ:** Understanding the game situation, knowing when to advance or hold on the basepaths, and strategic decision-making.

Defensive Skills:

1. **Fielding:** Ground balls, fly balls, and line drives. Emphasis on using the correct fielding stance and positioning.
2. **Throwing:** Developing accurate and strong throws, both infield and outfield throws.
3. **Catching:** Proper catching techniques, including receiving throws and catching pop flies

Pitching (Optional for Beginners):

1. **Pitching Mechanics:** For those interested in pitching, learning the proper mechanics for a safe and effective pitch.
2. **Pitch Grips:** Understanding different grips for various pitches.

Teamwork and Communication:

1. **Positional Play:** Understanding the roles and responsibilities of different positions on the field.
2. **Team Communication:** Teaching players to communicate effectively with teammates during plays.

Physical Conditioning:

1. **Agility and Speed:** Incorporating drills to improve players' agility and speed on the field.
2. **Strength Training:** Age-appropriate exercises to enhance overall physical fitness.

Game Etiquette and Sportsmanship:

1. **Understanding the Rules:** Teaching the rules of baseball and instilling a respect for fair play.
2. **Good Sportsmanship:** Emphasizing the importance of respect for opponents, coaches, and officials.

Strategy and Game Understanding:

1. **Situational Awareness:** Recognizing different game situations and understanding the appropriate actions to take.
2. **Game Strategy:** Introducing basic game strategies and tactics.

It's important to note that the curriculum can be adjusted based on the age and skill level of the participants. As the students' progress, more advanced techniques and strategies can be introduced. Additionally, creating a positive and fun learning environment is crucial for keeping young athletes engaged and motivated.

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Name: _____

Sports Academy Student Review

For: Academy students and Parents

Done by: Academy staff in conjunction with classroom teachers and administration

Rational:

The rational behind the sports academy student review is to provide academy students and parents with a clear idea of how the students are doing when it comes to meeting the eligibility requirements for the academy. It also provides a recommendation about continuing or looking for other programming based on students being able to meet eligibility requirements. While parents are always informed in regards to major incidents this will give parents an idea of how their son or daughter makes out on a daily basis as well as provide a clear picture of strength areas and areas that need improvement.

Eligibility Requirements:

Rubric: **C – consistently U – usually N – needs improvement**

1. I must have a passion, desire and true love for my game.

	Prepared for Academy sessions.
	Changes on time.
	On time getting to bus.
	Attentive and focused during sessions.
	Works hard at all sessions.

2. I will work to my academic potential.

	Prepared for class.
	Organized.
	On task/Attentive.
	Homework is completed on time.
	On time getting to class.
	Takes pride in work
	Meeting attendance requirements at school.

3. I will be disciplined, dedicated and committed to improving.

	Respectful and well behaved on bus.
	Respectful and well behaved in dressing rooms.
	Respectful towards self and others.
	Respectful towards teachers and all instructors.

4. I will be able to work independently.

	Is focused on skill development and improvement.
	Is able to work on skills without direct supervision.
	Is able to focus and complete a workout without being distracted.
	Is self motivated and driven to improve.

Based on this students ability to meet eligibility requirements it is recommended that he or she:

	Continues with the program.
	Corrects areas that need improving and continue with the program.
	Looks for other programming options.

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What is The Sports Academy?

- The Sports Academy program is offered by Greater St. Albert Catholic Regional Division No. 734, and uses a love for sport to focus on academics. The program is available to students in grades 4 – 12. Athletes in the program are expected to work to their academic and athletic potential and are held accountable to this standard.

Is core subject time affected by the sports programming?

- No, all academy athletes meet the time guidelines set forth by Alberta Education in all core subject areas. All students in the academy schools get the same amount of instructional time in the core subject areas.

Is there more homework for academy athletes?

- No, being in the academy does not mean more homework. Academy athletes are expected to use their class time to their advantage, which will in turn limit the amount of homework they have. It is fair to assume that as all students progress through the school years there will gradually be more homework each year. It is reasonable for upper elementary students to spend between 30 and 60 minutes each day doing homework and junior high students between 45 and 90 minutes. Homework includes reading and reviewing, and the time involved varies with each individual. Some students will require more time than others. Being in the academy does not mean more homework.

Are academic expectations lower for academy athletes?

- Absolutely not, if academy athletes are not working to their potential they are given the opportunity to get caught up. This opportunity can range from simply missing a session to having an individual plan put in place.
- A big part of the sports academy coordinators job is to monitor academics and behaviour of the academy athletes. Academy athletes are expected to display on task behaviour and work to their academic potential. Agenda use, organization and time management are expected habits. When academy athletes are not meeting these expectations their teachers and the sports academy staff hold them accountable. Academic expectations **do not change because you are an academy athlete.**

Is the Academy an elitist program?

- No, students in the academy must have a passion for sport. They must be able to work to their academic potential, they must be disciplined and committed to improving academically and athletically and they must be able to work independently. Students of all skill levels are welcome as long as they can meet the eligibility requirements. Academy athletes are also encouraged to be involved in all aspects of school such as intramurals, clubs, track and field, journal games and dances. Teaching and modeling respect for self and others is a cornerstone of the academy.

Class Time

- Academy athletes are taught P.E. and Health outcomes through the academy.
- Elementary athletes miss out on some elective time – Art/Music.

P.E./Health Activities Include

Golf	Basketball
Badminton	Spin Class
Sports Psychology	TRX Training
Martial Arts	Volleyball
Yoga	Track and Field
Rock Climbing	Water Polo
Viper Training	Olympic Weight Lifting
Curling	Bowling
Lacrosse	Football
Baseball	Fitness Training
Speed and Agility	Dance Play
Scootering	

Academy School List

English Programs:

Grades 4 – 6 Albert Lacombe School

Grades 4 – 6 Neil M. Ross School

French Programs:

Grade 4 École Sacré Coeur

Grades 5 & 6 École Secondaire Sainte Marguerite d'Youville

Transportation

The program runs Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursdays. All Elementary athletes train in the mornings. Parents are responsible to drop their athlete off by 8:00 A.M. on academy days. Athletes are then bussed back to their respective school.

We always bus to and from Edmonton facilities.

At the beginning of every year we put together a car pool list where interested families can have access to contact information of other interested families. There is a lot of car pooling that happens within the many academy groups.

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Baseball Oct.
2023
Schedule
Elementary A.M.

Date	Drop Off	Activity
Oct. 3	AHP	Baseball
Oct. 4	Servus	Badminton/ Ropes Training
Oct. 5	AHP	Baseball
Oct. 10	AHP	Baseball
Oct. 11	St. Albert Curling Club	Curling
Oct. 12	AHP	Baseball
Oct. 17	AHP	Baseball
Oct. 18	Servus	Volleyball/ Ropes Training
Oct. 19	AHP.	Baseball
Oct. 24	AHP.	Baseball
Oct. 25	A.L.	P.E./Fitness/Health
Oct. 26	AHP.	Baseball
Oct. 31	AHP	Baseball

- All Athletes are to be dropped off by 8:00 A.M.
- All athletes should have a proper change of clothes and water bottle for each activity.
- AHP is Absolute Human Performance is located at 20 Carleton Dr, St. Albert.
- The St. Albert Curling Club is located in 3 Tache St. just off of Sir Winston Churchill Ave.
- Please read your schedule carefully as there is a change in routine due to facility availability.

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The full cost of the program is **\$2300** which includes the \$460 non-refundable deposit. The remaining \$1840 can be paid monthly from October to May.

❖ If new to the program please email a character reference letter from a teacher and/or coach to Sports & Rec Academy Office - sports-rec-office@gsacrd.ab.ca. This letter needs to be submitted no later than 20 days from submitting the registration form. Failure to submit a reference letter for new students can void the registration.

❖ **A non-refundable deposit of \$460** must be paid when the registration form is submitted.

❖ **REFUNDS** will be processed according to full months of non-enrollment only, subject to withholding of the non-refundable deposit of \$460.

❖ Greater St. Albert Sports Academy student registrations will be accepted on a first come first served basis. You are encouraged to get your registration in as soon as possible, as space may be limited by school capacity.

❖ This Application will be reviewed in its entirety by the Sports Academy Coordinator for program acceptance.