

FAQ:

1. How do tryouts proceed? Your child will be placed into a group of players at the same league age level? The tryouts will consist of fielding (usually three fly balls, three grounders at shortstop and then throwing to 1st base, and taking throws at 1st base, this could vary from league to league) and hitting (usually about 5 balls from a pitching machine).

In softball, anyone desiring to pitch shall tryout. The pitching tryout will be conducted at the conclusion of the hitting portion.

2. What is the best time to attend tryouts? The tryout schedule is usually busiest in the early hours and is booked solid until early afternoon. Tryouts are on a first come basis. Tryout times later in the day and on the last days are usually less busy. The tryout lists typically fill up completely by 11:00AM.

3. Does my child have to tryout? It is highly recommended that your child tryout, otherwise your child will be randomly placed on a team via hat pick at the end of the draft process.

If your child is unable to tryout due to an injury or illness, your child may make an appearance and will be eligible to be drafted. Non tryout players can additionally be drafted with a majority vote of the managers.

4. Can I place my child on a certain manager or coaches team? In Spring ball only a manager's child may be pre-designated to that manager's team and is ranked/placed in the draft order with the consensus of the other managers. In Fall ball, a manager may select a coach's child who is also ranked by the consensus of the other managers.

5. Can I make a request for special situations that apply to my child? Yes. As a courtesy, parents may specify carpool situations, days and times a player is unable to practice, etc. However, these requests are not binding and managers will do their best to honor your requests. It is possible that your child could be drafted onto a team that conflicts with your requests. Please keep your requests to a minimum realizing that realistically the managers will be preoccupied with other things and may not even consider them.

6. If you child is a new registered player (first time to have played at Wm. S. Hart) and you have registered online, you will need to go to the registration trailer and provide your child's birth certificate prior to your their tryout. You will then be provided a tryout number and directed to the appropriate tryout field. **All players registered via walk-in registration will need a birth certificate or other proof of age in order to receive a tryout number. We will be unable to verify returning player status during walk-in registration.**

7. Is any special equipment required? Baseball players in Bronco, Pony and Colt may wear metal cleats, otherwise all other baseball leagues the players shall wear plastic cleats. Softball player helmets shall have face guards and chin straps. No metal cleats are allowed in softball.

Baseball uniform jerseys and hats are provided for spring ball. Softball uniform jerseys and shorts are provided for spring ball. At the first team meeting, your manager should provide you with what other attire is required (e.g., socks, pants, and sleeves).

If the fall, only jerseys are provided for both baseball and softball.

If you have any questions regarding bats or gloves, check with your team manager to determine the proper size of bat and glove that will be needed.

8. Can I volunteer? We are always looking for volunteers and you may earn your volunteer fee back by working in the canteen, tryout scheduling, and field duties. Please see any Director for further information. If you are interested in joining the Board of Directors or the Auxiliary Board, please contact any board member for more details.

9. What can I expect? Most teams will practice 2-3 times a week, which may include batting cages. The game schedules will be posted and most teams will play 2 times a week, one weekday and one weekend game. Most teams incur extra costs due to practice fields, batting cages, and scorekeeper fees. These costs are usually divided among the team families.

You will also be assigned to one of two field duties: Preparation of the field for play (Chalking) or dragging the field after a game. These duties are usually assigned to the player's families who are not involved with managing the team or one of the primary coaches associated with the team. Practices in for the spring season are held away from the complex and can be anywhere within the Santa Clarita Valley, including Castaic. Practices for the fall season are held once a week at the complex. Typically the Team Mom will equally distribute team responsibilities and be responsible for communication and collecting fees. Home team is responsible for getting a Scorekeeper and chalking the field. Visiting team is responsible for running the scoreboard (if applicable) and dragging and raking the mound after the game.

10. Is food and beverages sold at the complex? Our canteen has a great selection of ballpark fare! We have specialty coffees and a large variety of hot foods. Wm. S. Hart is a non-profit organization and families are strongly encouraged to patronize the canteen to keep the leagues cost down. Outside food and beverages are not allowed at the complex when the canteen is open. Teams may bring cooler for water and sports drinks.

11. Are the rules available online? The governing rules for Wm. S. Hart baseball is Pony Baseball for baseball and the ASA Softball rules for softball (Pony rules are available online-ASA rules are not available on line). In addition to these rules, Wm S.

Hart has its own Baseball and Softball rules. Refer to our website for the latest rules (www.hartbaseball.org).

12. Is photography allowed? Photography is allowed at all areas of the complex except on the field during game time.

13. Can I sign my child up for one specific division (i.e. National/American) within the league? You may specify American League only. National players are selected first and a player cannot be specified as "National only."

14. What if I would like to sponsor a team? All teams are required to have a team sponsor. Team sponsorship starts at \$250. Please refer to our website or contact your manager for more information.

15. What if I have further questions? Contact the respective League Director on our website (www.hartbaseball.org -> League Info -> Directors) and check our website for daily information regarding field conditions and daily game schedules.