

SUMMARY OF EVAA TRAVELING BASEBALL TRYOUTS

EVAA traveling baseball tryouts are held at St. Olaf College in Northfield usually during the third or fourth weekend in March. The precise dates and times for each age group is on the EVAA traveling baseball website. Each age group tries out separately for approximately 2 ½ hours. There are 4 main components of the tryouts: running (1.6 %), hitting (33.7%), infield (33.7 %) and outfield (31.0 %). Each component is explained in more detail below. The running portion is conducted as one big group either before or after the other portions of the tryout. For the main portions of the tryout, the age group is randomly divided into 3 equal groups – one group is sent to infield, one to outfield and one to hitting. The groups rotate to the next station once all groups are finished. After all groups have been through all three stations, the players are given a 15 minute break. The players then return to their groups and complete another round of tryouts at each station. A second field house area adjacent to the tryout facility in the same building is available to all players prior to their tryouts for warm-ups, stretching and throwing.

Other than Board members and provisional coaches, parents are not allowed on the floor of the complex during the tryouts. Parents are allowed to watch from designated areas in the balcony above the floor where the tryouts are conducted. Parents are also allowed to meet and talk to their kids during the 15 minute break in between tryout sessions. Parents are not allowed to communicate with players at any other time during the tryouts. Players are not allowed to wear any clothing that contains their name or indicates in any way that they played on a traveling baseball team in a previous season.

There are two independent evaluators at each station. These evaluators are hired for this event and are not associated with the EVAA traveling program nor do they have any kids in the EVAA traveling baseball program. In addition, the provisional AAA and AA coaches evaluate the infield station for the first round and the hitting station for the second round. The AAA and AA coaches' scores for each station are combined and then averaged for each player. The evaluation by the provisional coaches constitutes 13.5 % of the total evaluation score.

There are two attachments to this memo. The first attachment is a sample scoring sheet actually used by the evaluators. The second attachment is a compilation sheet upon which the evaluators scores are entered and totaled. The first line shows a possible perfect score for all tryout stations.

RUNNING (1.6 %)

For the running portion of the tryouts, each player will be timed running from home to first and then from home to second. The distance between the bases will be consistent with the distance used during games for that age group. The provisional coaches will conduct the timing for the age groups. The total time for both components of the running tryout will constitute the time for the player. The players in the top 1/3 of the age group will receive 6 points. The players in the middle 1/3 of the age group will receive 3 points. The players in the bottom 1/3 of the age group will receive 0 points.

INFIELD (33.7 %)

Infield ground balls are "thrown" from a pitching machine. Each player will get one or two practice ground balls. For the scoring portion of the tryout, each player will start with one foot on second base. When they raise their hand a ball will be thrown half way between 2nd and 3rd base at a speed appropriate for the age group. The player can leave the base as soon as the hand of the person feeding the ball into the pitching machine starts to go up. The player will need to field the ground ball and throw to first base (a current player from Eastview High School plays first base and remains the same for the entire age group). The player then goes to 3rd base and places one foot on the base. When he/she raises his/her hand the ball will be thrown to the same spot halfway between 2nd and 3rd base. The player should field the ball and throw it to first base. The player then stands between 2nd and 3rd base. When they raise their hand a ball will be thrown directly at them which they should field and throw to first base. After completing the throw to first base, the player should turn and take a few steps towards what would be left field as if they are taking a cutoff throw from the outfield. They will be tossed a baseball (by a current player from Eastview High School) which they should turn and throw to home. Please note that in some instances a ground ball from the pitching machine will take an unusual bounce and will not go close enough to the spot where it is intended to go. In those circumstances the infield coordinator will give the player a second ball from the same spot.

The evaluators provide points in the following areas for infield:

- 0-7 points – form and style
- 0-5 points – arm strength
- 0-7 points – throwing accuracy
- 0-7 points – fielding range

Thus, for the first round of infield the total possible points would be a total of 78 points -- 52 points (26 points from each independent evaluator) plus 26 points from the combined average of the two provisional coaches for that age group. In the second round of infield the total possible points would be 52 points (26 points from each independent evaluator).

OUTFIELD (31.0 %)

Outfield fly balls are "thrown" from a pitching machine. Each player will get one or two practice fly balls. For the scoring portion of the tryout, each player will start with one foot on "first" base. When they raise their hand a ball will be thrown to an X marked on the floor in the middle of 3 bases. The player can leave the base as soon as the hand of the person feeding the ball into the pitching machine starts to go up. The player will need to catch the fly ball and throw to a cutoff person (a current player from Eastview High School will act as cutoff and will remain the same for the entire age group). The player then goes to "second base" and places one foot on the base. When he/she raises his/her hand the ball will be thrown to the X. The player should catch the ball and throw it to the cutoff person. The player then goes to "third base" and places one foot on the base. When he/she raises his/her hand the ball will be thrown to the X. The player should catch the ball and throw it to the cutoff person. The player then stands on the X. When they raise their hand a ball will be thrown directly at them which they should catch and throw to the cutoff. Please note that in some instances the baseball will have unusual spin so that

it does not take the intended flight pattern or does not land close enough to the intended spot. In those circumstances, the outfield coordinator will give the player a second ball.

The evaluators provide points in the following areas for outfield:

- 0-7 points – form and style
- 0-5 points – arm strength
- 0-7 points – throwing accuracy
- 0-7 points – judgment and range
- 0-4 points – making the catch (1 point for each ball caught)

Thus, for each round of outfield the total possible points would be 60 points (30 points from each independent evaluator).

HITTING (33.7%)

All players take some practice swings in a separate batting cage immediately prior to their tryout at the hitting station. During the first round of hitting the players will be hitting front toss balls thrown by an independent pitcher (a person who does not have a child trying out in the age group) located approximately 25-30 feet away behind an L screen. The pitcher will throw balls for the hitter at a medium speed appropriate for the age group. For the 9-10 year old age group, the pitcher will either sit on a bucket or be on a knee. For all other age groups, the pitcher will stand. Subject to change based on the number of participants per age group, each hitter will have at least 2 bunts and 6 swings. Players should swing at all pitches that are strikes. Pitches that are strikes that are not swung at will count as swings. During the second round the players will hit live pitching thrown by the pitcher from a longer distance – closer to the actual pitching distance for the age group that is hitting. The pitcher will throw balls for the hitter at close to full speed appropriate for the age group. EVAA will make every effort to try to ensure that the pitcher throwing live pitching does not have a child at any age group in the Eastview traveling program and are therefore wholly independent of the process. If an emergency arises we may be required to use board members to throw for live pitching, however, under no circumstances will a board member be allowed to pitch for an age group in which his child is trying out. During the second round, subject to change based on the number of participants for each age group, each player will have at least 2 bunts and 6 swings. Again, players should swing at all pitches that are strikes. Pitches that are strikes that are not swung at will count as swings.

The evaluators provide points in the following categories for each round of hitting:

- 0-5 points – bunting
- 0-7 points – contact
- 0-7 points – well hit
- 0-7 points – stance and swing

Thus, for the first round of hitting the total possible points would be 52 points (26 points from each independent evaluator). In the second round of hitting the total possible points would be 78 points -- 52 points (26 points from each independent evaluator) plus 26 points from the combined average of the two provisional coaches for that age group.

TEAM SELECTION

Upon completion of the tryout process each player is ranked from 1 through the total number of participants based on the scoring set forth above. Through the 2 rounds of tryouts there are 386 total possible points. For age groups 10-12, the top 9 players automatically are placed on the AAA team. The provisional AAA coach will then select 3 of the next 9 ranked players to complete the 12 player team. The provisional coach is allowed to review the player profiles completed by the coach from the prior year to take into account the game performance of those players during the prior season in connection with selecting the final 3 players on the team. If the provisional coach decides to select a player for the AAA team outside of the top 12 players he or she must have a sound baseball reason which is approved by members of the traveling baseball board. Children of provisional coaches are not guaranteed spots on the team for which their parent has been named a provisional coach. They must qualify for such a spot in order to be placed on that team. Once the 12 players are selected for the AAA team, the next 9 ranked players are automatically placed on the AA team. The provisional AA coach will then be allowed to pick 3 players from the next 9 players to complete the 12 player team. Again, the provisional coach will be allowed to review the player profiles from the previous year to look at a player's game performance during the previous season. The process is continued until all teams are filled. The same process is used for age groups 13-15, except that the number of locked players is reduced to 8, instead of 9. Other than the number of locked players, the process is the same for players in age group 13-15.

Player #	Outfield						Infield						Hitting (Live)				Speed		Comments
	Judgement & Range	Form & Style	Arm Strength	Throwing Accuracy	Make Catch	Judgement & Range	Form & Style	Arm Strength	Throwing Accuracy	Bunting	Contact	Well Hit	Stance & Swing	Home-First	Home-Second	By Player # or Bottom of Back of Sheet			
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	JUDGMENT & RANGE 0-7	ARM 0-7	STRIKING 0-5	THROWING ACCURACY 0-7	THROWING LEADS 0-4	RANGE 0-7	FORM 0-7	ARM 0-5	THROWING ACCURACY 0-7	RANGE 0-7	FORM 0-7	ARM 0-5	THROWING ACCURACY 0-7	CONTACT 0-7	WEIGHT & SWING 0-7						
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