



# Brookfield Bulldog Baseball

Tryout Candidates:

This is an information sheet to give you a brief idea as to how our tryouts are conducted. Please read this carefully.

Your cooperation is needed to give everyone a fair opportunity of participating in each drill. During a tryout, there are a lot of times where you will be waiting for your turn. You are asked to wait quietly and patiently, in numeric order, during these times. In most instances we will not run simultaneous stations.

**You will be evaluated on the following skills:**

1. **Hitting** – You will be given about 5-10 swings. Coaches will be looking for good form in your swing.
- 2 **Throwing** – You will be given 3-5 chances to throw from home to second. You will be evaluated on your form and accuracy of your throws. You will also throw balls from shortstop to first as part of fielding.
3. **Fielding - Ground Balls** – You will be give 5-10 ground balls. We will vary the order of how the ground balls are hit or thrown at you. If the ball gets by you the coaches will look at your effort to chase down that ball. You will be evaluated on your reaction, form and accuracy of your throws.
4. **Fielding - Fly Balls** – You will be given 3-5 fly balls. You will also have at least one ball where you will either have to come in on that you are attempting to catch. You will be evaluated on how you track the ball, your form and the accuracy of your throw.
5. **Speed** – You will be asked to run from home to first and or first to third.

Pitchers and catchers will be evaluated after all boys have completed all five stations.

Coaches will also be looking for your discipline and listening skills. You are encouraged to sit/stand quietly. Your attention and attitude skills will be noted and considered as part of the player evaluation.

All coaches will grade you separately. Coaches will rate you on the skills above. In the end, many of the evaluations will be in the judgment of the coach. The judgment of the coaches is final and may not be questioned. The team will be selected by the coaches. Each coach will have a voice in the decision making process. In the end a consensus of the coaches will determine the final make-up of the roster. We are looking not only for the most talented boys, but also for an intangible team chemistry that is hard to define.