

Broadwater



Bobcats

Baseball Club

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Dear Player,

Thankyou for your interest in the Bobcats Baseball club, please find enclosed an application form for you & your parents/guardian to complete. When completed please return to me at the above address so that we can process it.

The Bobcats is a brand new Youth Baseball club & was formed in response to growing interest in our sport from younger players. We have been playing baseball in Surrey since 1990 as the Guildford Mavericks, who play in the senior leagues of the British Baseball Federation – but up until now, there have been no opportunities for younger players.

The Mavericks have recently had to move from Guildford to Broadwater to take advantage of new facilities at Broadwater High School, where we are constructing a brand new baseball diamond & we also have access to a Gymnasium, Sports Hall (with indoor practice nets), changing rooms with showers & toilets & also a social club area.

We thought that it was about time we started Youth Baseball in Surrey & so we formed the Bobcats.

The Club will be split into 2 age groups – 6-10yrs & 11-16 yrs, although this can be flexible depending upon the individual concerned. The important thing is that players in a group are all of roughly equal size & strength & composed of both boys & girls. We hope that once players get to the age of 15/16, they may

wish to then play with the Mavericks in the Senior leagues but if not, they can stay with us in a coaching role to help younger players. We also actively encourage applications from youngsters with physical disabilities or special needs as there is a place for everyone in baseball.

In order to be a member of the Bobcats we will be asking for an annual membership fee of £30 that will cover your player registration fees & other club costs (players that join mid-season will only be charged pro-rata), but we appreciate that you might like to try the sport before you commit to this & so we will be offering all new players the opportunity to attend 3 training sessions free of charge before they have to pay their subs. ***For families suffering financial difficulties, please contact me, as we have a scheme of bursaries to ensure that your child does not have to miss out & all applications are dealt with in the strictest confidence.***

In order to play the game, you will need to wear a T shirt & have a sweatshirt, a pair of jogging pants, a pair of trainers & a baseball cap of some sort. The club will provide you with a baseball glove on loan & other protective equipment whilst you are practising, as these items can be expensive to buy & if you are then ready to take the next step, you will probably want to buy your own personal equipment & we can point you in the right direction or get the kit for you from our suppliers in Holland.



We are not committing to a uniform in the first year & will likely try to get some simple T shirts & caps printed to give us a team identity, for which there will be a modest charge.

The most important principle we have at the Bobcats is to **HAVE FUN!!!**, baseball & softball are games that anybody can play, regardless of their skill level or physical ability – we want you to **have fun** playing the game & meeting other people & you will be able to play in a relaxed & safe environment with us.

We welcome attendance by parents & they may also like to get involved with the running of the club at a later date – we can never have too many volunteers for coaching & umpiring!! We'd also like to see lots of family members coming down to support the teams during their games too!

We look forward to seeing you at the club! If you have any questions, please give me a call at the number above, or you can send me an email if you like....

Richard