

SMOKY VALLEY HOME EDUCATORS
SVHE Eagles Sports Program

Baseball

Sport Supplement

Attached to and read alongside the Master Athlete and Family Handbook

About This Supplement

This Baseball Sport Supplement works alongside the SVHE Eagles Master Athlete and Family Handbook. It contains information specific to the Baseball program — gear requirements, fees, schedules, contacts, and logistics.

The Master Handbook contains all conduct expectations, the code of conduct for athletes, parents and coaches, the consequences framework, and the Family Commitment Agreement. Every participant must read and sign the Master Handbook. This supplement provides the practical details you need before the first practice.

This supplement is maintained by the Baseball Athletic Director and updated as needed. It does not modify the standards in the Master Athlete and Family Handbook. Questions about program policy belong to the Master Handbook and Sports Operations Manual.

Program Overview

SVHE Eagles Baseball competes in high school baseball under KSHSAA. The program runs March through early May and competes against a mix of public school JV teams, homeschool programs, and private schools. Baseball is a high school only program — freshman through senior.

The Eagles compete hard, develop real baseball skills through repetitive drills and practice, and represent SVHE with integrity on and off the field.

Teams

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| Eagles Baseball | High school only — freshman through senior (grades 9–12) |
| Age Eligibility | Players may not turn 19 before September 1st of the participating year |
| Junior High | Baseball does not currently offer a junior high program |

Registration and Fees

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| Player Fee | Current fees are published in the registration forms at svhe.com and updated annually by the Athletic Board before each registration period opens. |
| SVHE Membership | Current membership and participation fees are published in the registration forms at svhe.com. |

Player fee questions: contact Coach Garretson at svhebaseball@gmail.com

Required Player Gear

Players must provide all of the following before the first practice:

- Gray baseball pants
- Black belt
- Baseball cleats

- Baseball glove

The following is provided by the program:

- Maroon game jersey — worn on road and at home
- Team hat — each player receives one to keep

The program has an assortment of bats and other shared baseball gear. Players may bring their own bat if preferred.

Season Schedule

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| Season Dates | March through early May |
| First Practice | Monday, March 3 (SVHE Basketball players may join after their season concludes) |
| Practice Time | 2:50 PM – 4:30 PM |
| Practice Location | Sunset Park Ball Field, Salina, KS |
| Home Games | Pestinger Family Field (formerly Wilbur Field), Salina, KS |
| Bad Weather | Warehouse on Broadway Blvd, Salina (indoor practices as needed) |
| Game Schedule | Released as the season progresses; updated at svhe.com via Google Calendar |

All plans are subject to weather. Early spring weather in Kansas can affect the practice schedule significantly.

Optional Batting Practice

Throughout the spring, voluntary batting practice sessions are held at Sunset Park in Salina or Eagle Park near Lindsborg (on some Saturdays or off days as weather and schedules permit). These sessions are not mandatory — they are offered for extra hitting time and fellowship. Announcements will come from Coach Garretson.

Competition

Eagles Baseball competes against a variety of opponents including:

- Southeast of Saline Trojans (public school JV)
- Clay Center Tigers (public school JV)
- The Defenders (homeschool program)
- Heritage Christian Academy (private school)
- Additional opponents as scheduled

Coaches

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| Head Coach | Jeff Garretson — svhebaseball@gmail.com Played college baseball at Kansas Wesleyan University and the University of Northern Colorado. Has coached at the high school level in Colorado and led B and C Legion and youth rec league teams. |
| Assistant Coach | Paul Austin — Brings years of baseball experience and a love for the game. |

Contact and Registration

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| Head Coach | svhebaseball@gmail.com |
| Program Website | svhe.com/baseball |
| General SVHE Contact | svhe.com/contact-us |

Supplement Acknowledgment

By signing below, I confirm that I have read this Baseball Sport Supplement and understand the sport-specific expectations, gear requirements, fees, and logistics for the Baseball program. I understand this supplement works alongside the Master Athlete and Family Handbook, which I have also read and signed.

Athlete Name (print): _____ **Date:** _____

Athlete Signature: _____ **Date:** _____

Parent / Guardian Name (print): _____ **Date:** _____

Parent / Guardian Signature: _____ **Date:** _____

“And Jesus grew in wisdom and stature, and in favor with God and man.” — Luke 2:52