



"Meet the Coaches Night"

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Dear Parents/Guardians;

It will be our pleasure to evaluate your child for the Rosa Baseball team. All interested student/athletes are encouraged to tryout. Our team will consist of (15) roster spots and though it may be difficult to make the team, we believe it is always in a child's best interest to experience a tryout. The coaches respect and appreciate all players who try out for our team. The team will represent Rosa IB MS in the South Jersey Middle School Baseball League. In our first year of coaching we were the League Champions and have consistently made the playoffs. Last year, we were West Division Champions with a 9-2 record. Five of the past eight league champions have come out of our league division. We are in the most competitive division of our League.

The League website is: <http://rdalessandro.cherryhill.site.eboard.com/> . On the website you will find information regarding schedules, league regulations, directions to games, scores and standings. You can also seek this information on the Rosa LC3 E-Board .

At the Middle School level, we play on a regulation Major League Baseball diamond(60/90). The same as the high school and college baseball teams.

To tryout for the team, your child must be in 7th or 8th grade or turn 13 years old by April 30th if in 6th grade. All student athletes will be given equal opportunities to demonstrate their abilities during tryouts. They will be evaluated on academic progress, **coachability** (*Someone who is committed to their own development, who is hungry for feedback from others and open to anything that may improve them.*), speed, hitting, running, catching, along with knowledge of the game. Coachability is one of the strongest attributes a player may have. We are looking for **student** athletes with a team attitude, respect for coaches, teammates and equipment along with above average baseball skills. **Players should remember that they are STUDENTS first and that all student related homework, grades and school/bus conduct will affect their placement on the team before and during the baseball season.**

****All students must have submitted a permission form and physical to participate in tryouts. No one is allowed to tryout without these forms. ****

Players must wear LONG SLEEVE, sweats or baseball pants, cleats, *protective cup* and a baseball cap to tryouts and practices. You should also bring your own glove. If you bring your own bat, no bat with more than a (-5) differential to bat length will be permitted. **No -5 composite barrel bats** are permitted.

Bat Regulation for our league:

Bat regulations continue to evolve and are intended to keep our game safe. We attempt to adhere to the national high school rules where appropriate and have adjusted for the middle school athletes.

The 2017 South Jersey Middle School League bat regulations are as follows:

1. Any BBCOR(-3) or BESR certified bat is approved: composite barrel, alloy barrel or combination of composite **handle** w/alloy **barrel** bat.
2. Players are also permitted up to a -5 differential with the following condition: No composite barrel. A (-5) bat with a composite handle and alloy barrel is permitted.
3. **If you have any bat questions, please ask before purchasing.**

Tryouts will be held at the Rosa baseball field. In the event of inclement weather, the tryouts will move indoors. Please pack a pair of sneakers just in case tryouts are indoors. **Dates and times may change.**



Baseball tryouts will be held from on the following dates: If you can't get transportation at 5:15, you may leave on the 4:25pm late bus. It is best to be at all tryout dates and times.

Monday	March 12th	3:00-5:15pm
Wednesday	March 14th	3:00-5:15pm
Thursday	March 15th	3:00-5:15pm <u>Try outs conclude.</u>
Friday	March 16th	Team will be posted on LC3 eboard after school
Monday	March 19th	First team practice

Try out dates and times may change due to inclement weather.

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