## *Welcome to the Cheyenne Post 6 Baseball 2026-2027!*

Cheyenne Post 6 Baseball is a non-profit entity dedicated to offering every Cheyenne youth an opportunity to play baseball at the highest possible competitive level while demonstrating and conducting themselves in accordance with the American Legion Code of Sportsmanship.

Post 6 Baseball maintain six teams to provide the best opportunity for your athlete's success. The Sixers (AA) is considered the program's varsity team and most often consists of the oldest players who are prepared to compete at the highest American Legion Baseball level. The Hawks (A) compete in both varsity and sub-varsity games. It is not uncommon for the Hawks to face some of the toughest teams in the region. The Eagles (B) will play some varsity teams but mostly JV teams from towns across the state. The Prep(C) team is for our youngest high school players and is designed to stress advanced baseball skills and further develop the expectations of Post 6 baseball. The Indians (C) is for players preparing to enter the high school ranks and is designed to develop excellent baseball skills and introduce athletes to Post 6 baseball. The Braves is our developmental team for players who may not have played at the travel ball level.

Equipment

Post 6 issues hats and uniforms only. Players are responsible for providing and maintaining their own equipment and are expected to assist with maintaining and transporting team equipment. Players will be charged a replacement fee for lost uniforms.

Team Travel

Team travel will be arranged in coordination with the Program Manager, each team's head coach, and the Board of Directors. Players are required to travel with the team unless prior arrangements are made with the team's head coach. Travel arrangements, hotel costs, and transportation are provided by the program. Players are expected to pay for their own food and drinks while traveling. **This does not include players on the Braves or designated practice players**.

Communication Guidelines

Parenting an athlete participating in competitive sports presents many challenges and opportunities. It is the philosophy of Post 6 Baseball to support interactions between parents, players, and coaches that demonstrate the character traits of respect, ownership, and self-motivation. Post 6 Baseball welcomes dialogue from parents; however, it is our firm belief that it is empowering for players to communicate directly with the coaching staff about rostering decisions, position assignments, and other personnel decisions. The Program Manager and coaching staff communicate to players about changes to practice and game schedules and about meeting times primarily through text messaging. It is your player's responsibility to keep contact information updated, monitor for updates and communicate information to parents.

Issue Resolution Process

Post 6 Baseball strongly encourages parents to resolve issues at the source whenever possible. In most cases, this approach to issue resolution will involve the player speaking directly to the coaching staff. If an issue arises that cannot be resolved by player and coaching staff communication and the issue is unrelated to rostering, position assignments, or personnel decisions, the parent must first raise the issues with the Board President. The Board President will attempt to resolve the issue informally in collaboration with the player, parent, coaching staff, and Program Manager. If the issue is not resolved informally, the parent may send a written request for resolution stating the issues, the parties involved, any documentation, and a proposed solution to the Board of Directors. The Board of Directors will address the issue in a timely manner. Nothing in the issue resolution process described above is meant to prohibit parents from raising issues directly with coaching staff, the Program Manager, or a Board member in situations where player safety is immediately at risk. Parents, family members and fans are expected to follow the Sportsmanship & Conduct Rule 7 as it applies to the players and coaches that can be found in the American Legion Rule Book.

Game Day Assistance (Required)

The program will ask one parent from each team to serve as a Team Parent. This parent is asked to work with the coaches to communicate with the team's parents, schedule volunteer hours, and coordinate activities with the Board. It is essential each team has a Team Parent. Player families are required to volunteer during the season for home games and tournaments. Families with a player in 8$^{th}$ or 9$^{th}$ grade will be required to have a parent or other family member work 8 games, including 3 non-Post 6 tournament games. Families with a player in 10$^{th}$ -12$^{th}$ grade will be required to have a parent or other family member work 10 games, including 4 non-Post 6 tournament games. Most often these hours include working the gate, scorekeeping, announcing, or field prep duties. Families may meet these requirements by having one parent or family member volunteer for the minimum number of games, or by providing multiple volunteers for fewer games. For example, the requirement to work 8 games can be satisfied by two parents or family members both working four games. Please keep in mind that tournaments are an important source of revenue and exposure for the program, and tournament field duty volunteers will be needed throughout tournament weekends, not just when Post 6 teams are playing. Post 6 Baseball depends on the help of parents. Parent contribution to field duties lightens the operational burden on coaching staff and players and allows more focus on team and player development. As a result, and in the discretion of

the Board of Directors in consultation with the Program Manager and a player's individual coaches, a player's eligibility to participate in the program or post-season tournaments may be affected by the failure to meet these Game Day Assistance Requirements.

Player Fees and Sponsors

Player fees are set by the Post 6 Board each fall and are due no later than the following:

- $1,000 for practice players & 7th grade and $1,500 all other grades due **November 15, 2026; and**
- $500 7th grade, $750 8th & 9th grade and $1,250 Sophomore and above due **January 31, 2027; and**
- $500 7th grade, $750 8th & 9th grade and $1,250 Sophomore and above due **March 15, 2027**
- **Any balance outstanding beyond April 30, 2027 may result in player not traveling with the team**.

If necessary, refunds are:

- *No refund of winter fees for any reason.*
- Full spring fees (100%) are refundable only if player moves from Cheyenne area January 15 – March 15.
- Full summer fees (100%) are refundable only if player moves from Cheyenne area before May 15.
- Sponsorships and other fundraising activities monies are non-refundable. If a sponsor desires a refund, the sponsor must submit a request to the Board of Directors before May 15.
- The Board of Directors reserves the right to deny any and all refunds. No refunds are available to players who voluntarily leave the program.

The player fee requirement may be met using any combination of the following:

- cash payment & friend and family contribution (counts 100% of dollar amount)
- sponsor commitments (counts 100% of dollar amount). If a sponsor payment comes in after full player fee had been paid out of pocket, a refund of excess out of pocket money can be refunded.
- discount card sales for player who sells 50 cards $500 credit toward player fee. This does not count as a refund of sponsorship if no out of pocket player fee has been paid.

Sponsor Processes

Sponsors are critical to the operation of a successful program and the Post 6 sponsor coordinator leads the sponsor/banner/advertising component of the program's fundraising plan. Sponsorship levels that have limited number of sponsors will be filled in order of receipt of funds by the treasurer so please do not hold sponsor payments. In order to properly acknowledge our sponsors, it is crucial that sponsor commitments be secured early in the season so that field banners can be made and hung, the sponsor's ad can placed on the sponsor page of the website, and the sponsor recognition script can be developed for games.

Birth Certificates

Each player who has not previously been rostered with the American Legion needs to provide a **certified copy** of his birth certificate to the Program Manager before April 15 of the season. The certificate must bear the appropriate authenticating seal from the State of Wyoming Department of Health or other recording agency of the player's state of birth.

Insurance

The approved Accident and Liability Insurance policy, as recommended by the American Legion National Commission, will cover all registered players during the current year. This insurance is issued by VanDyk Insurance, American Legion Baseball Insurance Plans, P.O. Box 4806, Oak Brook, IL 60522-4802. The American Legion Accident Plan provides reimbursement of expenses up to $100,000 for each accident, but is excess to other valid and collectible insurance you may have.

Contact Information

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**I understand and agree to abide by the policies set forth in this document, including the requirements for game day assistance, and hereby acknowledge I have received a copy of these policies for my records:**

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Parent / Guardian Signature Date

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Player Name (PRINT)