CHEYENNE AMERICAN LEGION **POST 6** BASEBALL

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Cheyenne Post 6 Baseball would like to welcome you to player tryouts for the 2027 season. Our goal is to develop players both on and off the field. With that in mind, we would like to point out some of the changes that you and your player will begin to see with this next level of baseball. We are working to develop boys, who love baseball, into young men, who love baseball but also understand this game is very similar to life itself, in providing great success and the lessons of failure along the way.

Expectations for the upcoming season with Post 6:

- The field is bigger: 60'-6" from pitching rubber to home plate instead of 54' or 48', and 90' base path vs 80' or 70' base path. Pitchers are not able to throw as many pitches, and runners will get thrown out more often trying to steal. Infield base hits and even line drives to right may now turn into outs.
- Baseball bats must meet high school rules, which require a [drop] **-3 BBCOR**. This is a **significant difference** from the -9 or -10 players have been using up to now. Hits that normally may have made it to the outfield may not make it out of the infield.
- Arm safety will dictate the number of pitches thrown and will be a part of playing time consideration for both games before and after a pitcher start. Please note this can also be true for catchers.
- Arm safety, along with game schedules and injuries, requires a larger roster to play at this level. Expect the roster to be no less than 15 players, and that your player **will not** play every game. They will play fewer games but practice more. **Be patient** as they will show huge improvement over the course of the season.
- Practice only players will not travel regularly but may be asked to fill in if rostered player is unavailable. May earn roster position during the season but must meet all the same attendance requirements as rostered players except for game attendance.
- If more than 15 players are accepted through the tryout process, don't worry. Players will be evaluated during winter workouts and spring training and final rosters are not submitted to Legion until June so **rosters may** move around.
- Our coaches will strive to put players in the best position(s) for the **player to succeed** throughout the remainder of their careers. Due to the higher level of competition, positions are earned through performance in practice and game situations.
- Winter workouts will begin in late fall and players are expected to make at least one practice a week. We understand the players participate in other sports in the winter. In fact, we encourage multi-sport athletes. **Multi-sport athletes are better athletes, and we will work to accommodate schedules**.
- 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.
- One of the biggest concerns is communication. Players are **expected** to communicate to their parents as a part of learning to become responsible young men, communication will most often flow from the coaches to the players and a parent liaison. Players must accept responsibility for providing information to parents.

- Understand that schedules **can and will change**. Games and practices may be added or dropped throughout the season or times may change with little notice. Every effort will be made to give as much notice as possible.
- **Volunteer time will be required from all families during the upcoming season for all home games and tournaments. This will include tournament games that Post 6 teams are not playing in during a Post 6 Hosted tournament. We want every team to have the same experiences that we provide during our games which include: PA announcer, Scoreboard, music between innings and games. Along with this we need people to staff the gate even when Post 6 teams are not playing. Collecting fees at the gate help us to offset the cost of field rental and umpire fees that are not fully covered by the tournament fee teams pay.**
- Player fees for 2027 season will be $1,000 for designated practice players, $2,000 for 7th grade, $3,000 for 8th & 9th grade $4,000 sophomore and above. This fee is **non-refundable** unless you have obtained sponsors that contribute after these deadlines. In those situations, player fees paid out of pocket may be refunded.
    - $1,000 for practice players & 7th grade and $1,500 for all other grades due **November 15, 2026; and**
    - $500 7th grade, $750 8th & 9th grade, $1,250 Sophomore and above due **January 31, 2027; and**
    - $500 7th grade, $750 8th & 9th grade, $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**.