

IMPORTANT POLICIES/ PROCEDURES

FEES

- Team fees are not refundable or a la carte.
- If a player quits or is asked to leave the team, he will not receive a refund.
- Injured players are still considered part of the team and are expected to pay all team fees.
- Payments should be made to Fielder's Choice.
- Full payments are preferred, but as always, we have set up a payment schedule.
- Down payments are due August 8.
- Players who are not current with team fees will not receive their uniform or participate in games, clinics, or practices until the balance is current.
- If adjustments need to be made to your payment plan, you must contact Alison Bryant immediately.
- Adjustments to the payment plan must be in writing.

Age Group	Total Fees	Players per team
8u	\$935	10
9u	\$935	11
10u & 11u	\$1300	12
12u, 13u, & 14u	\$1500	12
All High School Teams	\$2450* or \$2350*	13*

*Some high school teams may have 12 position players and 2 players who only pitch (PO). The price for a PO is \$1950. ***POs will not play in the field except to pitch.***

Budget Breakdown

8u & 9u	Per player
Coaching	\$200
Uniforms	\$100
Games	\$175
Equipment	\$10
Facility	\$450
	\$935

10u & 11u	Per player
Coaching	\$325
Uniforms	\$135
Games	\$220
Equipment	\$25
Facility	\$595
	\$1300

12u, 13u, & 14u	Per player
Coaching	\$350
Uniforms	\$180
Games	\$250
Equipment	\$20
Facility	\$700
	\$1500

High School – Showcase	Per player
Coaching	\$525
Uniforms	\$265
Games	\$510
Equipment	\$25
Facility	\$1125
	\$2450

High School – Tournament	Per player
Coaching	\$525
Uniforms	\$265
Games	\$410
Equipment	\$25
Facility	\$1125
	\$2350

High School PO	Per player
Coaching	\$400
Uniforms	\$215
Games	\$250
Equipment	\$10
Facility	\$1075
	\$1950

- **Coaching** includes the head coach, 1 assistant (for high school), and our salaried coaching staff.
- **Uniforms**
 - High School: 2 shirts, 2 pairs of pants, 2 hats, 1 belt, 1 pair of socks, 1 helmet, and 1 decal
 - HS PO: 2 shirts, 2 pairs of pants, 2 hats, 1 belt, and 1 pair of socks
 - 12u-14u: 2 shirts, 2 pairs of pants, 2 hats, 1 belt, 1 pair of socks, 1 helmet, and 1 decal
 - 10u & 11u: 2 shirts, 1 pair of pants, 1 hat, 1 belt, 1 pair of socks, 1 helmet, and 1 decal
 - 8u & 9u: 1 shirt, 1 pair of pants, 1 hat, 1 belt, 1 pair of socks, 1 helmet, and 1 decal
 - Extra uniform pieces may be purchased when uniforms are ordered. Extra pieces must be paid for before the order is placed.
- **Games** include team insurance that must be purchased for the year and for certain tournaments, tournament fees, registration fees, and additional miscellaneous fees teams are charged (i.e. mandatory gate fees, admin fees, etc.).
- **Equipment** includes game balls, practice balls and buckets, score books, and roster cards.

- **Facility** includes unlimited access to *both* facilities, 1 30-minute lesson with a Fielder's Choice instructor, skills clinics (youth), S & A (high school), team practices, and administrative fees.

FACILITY

- Gum, sunflower seeds, tobacco, and alcohol are NOT allowed in either facility (including in bags). Leave these items in the car during practices and clinics.
- Fielder's Choice Edgemoor and Clubhouse are open for players' use during these times:
 - Edgemoor (training season)
 - Monday – Friday 3:00pm – 8:00pm
 - Saturday 10:00am – 8:00pm
 - Sunday 12:00pm – 6:00pm
 - Clubhouse* (training season)
 - Monday – Friday 4:00pm – 9:00pm
 - Saturday 10:00am – 8:00pm
 - Sunday 12:00pm – 6:00pm

*Practices at the Clubhouse may be scheduled outside these times.
 - Summer Hours
 - Monday – Friday 10:00am – 8:00pm
 - Saturday 10:00am – 6:00pm
 - Sunday Closed
 - Fielder's Choice may change the hours due to camps, clinics, and special events.
- Fielder's Choice is closed on the following holidays:

○ New Year's Day	○ Labor Day
○ Easter Sunday	○ Thanksgiving
○ Memorial Day	○ Christmas Day
○ Independence Day	
- Fielder's Choice may close early on certain days. Notices of these closures will be posted on our website, social media, and in-store.
- Fielder's Choice has a lost and found at each facility. Any items left at the facilities will be put into the lost and found.
- Fielder's Choice is not responsible for personal items left at the facility.
- Any item left more than 30 days may be donated, thrown away, or used in the facility.
- Unlimited access to the facility is for the player only. Players may bring 1 bullpen catcher or 1 partner to throw soft/short toss.
- Access to the facilities is first come, first served. **Players cannot reserve space in advance.**
- All Aeros players **must** sign-in when they come into the facility. There is a sign-in book at the front desk of each location.

- Aeros lesson prices are \$30 per half hour and for the *player only*. Siblings and other family members will be charged regular lesson fees (\$35 per half hour)
- Regular rental pricing applies to players who wish to bring in an outside instructor for lessons. For a list of Fielder's Choice instructors, please visit our website or see any of our staff members.
- New Year's Camp, Spring Break Camp, Beat the Heat, and other Fielder's Choice camps are not included in players' fees.
- Players receive 50% off Fielder's Choice camps.
- No discounts are given for specialty camps put on by outside organizations (i.e. Newman University, The Force, etc.).

COMMUNICATION

- Fielder's Choice will communicate with parents via email. Please make sure you provide us with an email you check often.
- We will send emails from noreply@snapretail.com, postmaster@esoftplanner.com, and @fielderschoicewichita.com
- It is your responsibility to ensure your email settings are configured to accept messages from these addresses.
- Fielder's Choice will send you reminder emails about practices scheduled for the Clubhouse.
- Parents are responsible for adding their numbers to the Westurban and SWBC rain out text lists. Signing up for text alerts allows you to be notified directly if your child's game is rained out.

GAMES

- Fall ball is optional. If you would like to play fall ball (youth or high school), please indicate that when you register for tryouts. Fees are \$150 to cover the coach, games, practices, jersey and hat (youth only – it's included in high school fees). All players (high school & youth) will provide their own white pants. We will combine age groups/ teams based on the number of participants. Coaches for fall ball will not necessarily be the players' summer on-field coach. High school players who also play football should carefully consider how playing fall ball and football concurrently will affect them physically and mentally. We don't want anyone injuring themselves or burning out!
- 8u – 11u will play league at either Westurban or Southwest Boys Club and tournaments (the number of tournaments will depend on the remainder of the budget not used for league). The choice of league will be made by the coach, Matt Jordan, Tommy Bryant, and Aaron Cress. The decision will be based on players' skill level and ability to compete.



- 12u – 14u will have a mix of playing schedules. One team in each age group will play tournaments, and the other will play in league and 3-4 tournaments. Tournament teams will play up to 3 out of town tournaments. A tournament is considered out of town if a hotel stay is required. The decision on which league to play in will be based on players' skill level and ability to compete.
- High School teams will play tournaments only. The number and quality of tournaments will be based on the team's skill level and ability to compete. We strive for every high school team to compete effectively in showcase tournaments, but every team may not be ready for that level of play. Teams we believe need to develop more before attending a showcase will play in USSSA and NBC tournaments.
- *We will not take any teams to the Omaha tournaments this year. Everyone in the Aeros program (youth and high school) will take at least one of those weekends off for families who wish to attend the College World Series. The CWS will be June 14, 2019 – June 26, 2019.*
- Occasionally, there may be a need to add a player for a game or a tournament. We will make every effort to borrow a player within our organization. If we cannot fill the vacancy with a Fielder's Choice player, we will fill the spot with an outside player. Guest players will be used as the coach deems necessary for the team to compete effectively.
- If a Fielder's Choice player wishes to guest player for another team, their Fielder's Choice coach must give permission. A Fielder's Choice player may not guest play for another team if they are competing in a game or tournament against the Aeros.
- Injured players will be considered part of the team and will be expected to continue to attend practices and games if they are physically able, even if they are not able to participate/ play.
- Tommy Bryant, Aaron Cress, Matt Jordan, and the team's head coach will decide on tournaments. Parents will be given a schedule of the tournaments in January. While we may have to make changes due to circumstances beyond our control, **there will be no tournaments added to the schedule once it has been handed out.**
- If a tournament is completely canceled due to weather or other circumstances, we will do our best to find another tournament for players to participate in.
- You must contact your coach directly if your player will miss a practice or a game.
- **All games are mandatory.** The success of the team depends on all the players on the roster. When someone is missing, it hurts the team. Vacations, work schedules, birthday/ graduation parties, and other sports are not excusable reasons to miss a game. Players who miss a game without notifying their coach will sit the following game. A player who neglects to notify the coach about missing a game more than once may be removed from the roster.

TRAINING SEASON SCHEDULE

- General

A calendar of events will be available at fielderschoicewichita.com. The schedule below may change.

- Skills Clinics

Youth players will begin skills clinics **September 7**. They will last for 8 weeks. We may extend them if there is enough interest and good attendance. They will be held **Mondays 5:00pm – 9:00pm and Fridays 6:00pm – 8:30pm at the Clubhouse**. Mondays will be more structured than Fridays. Skills clinics are designed to give players time with our coaches to work on skills before they begin practicing with their teams. Players will be divided by age groups, not teams for these workouts. This is an important time for skill development and all players should attend at least *one session per week*.

- Speed & Agility

Speed & Agility with Jeff is included in the fees for high school Aeros. Classes begin on September 5. Classes **September – November will be on Mondays and Wednesdays 4:00pm – 5:00pm, 6:00pm – 7:00pm, and 8:00pm – 9:00pm**. Players can attend any session, but they need to sign up, so Jeff knows how many players he'll have. Kids who can drive themselves are encouraged to attend the early class (4:00pm – 5:00pm). **S & A classes will be incorporated into practices December - February**. One-on-one sessions with Jeff are available at a discounted rate for Aeros.

- Rain Delay

High School Players: Rain Delay will be held every other week on **Sunday** evenings **6:00pm – 7:00pm** at the Edgemoor facility beginning **September 9 until the end of February**.

Youth Players: Rain Delay will be held every other week on **Sunday** evenings **6:00pm – 7:00pm** at the Edgemoor facility beginning **September 16 until the end of March**.

All Players: Everyone will be able to come **May – July** on **Mondays 5:00pm – 6:00pm and Fridays 6:00pm – 7:00pm** to discuss game situations they've been in during the season.

- Youth Practices

Fall ball practice will begin in August for kids who wish to play. Specific schedules will be given after tryouts. Youth practices will begin in January. There will not be any formal practices before January 1. Players are expected to take advantage of their unlimited access to the training facilities during the time between skills clinics and team practices.

Each team will practice twice per week – one weekend day, one weeknight. 8u & 9u teams will practice once a week. Specific times will be decided after tryouts. Matt, Jeff, or Tommy will be involved in each indoor youth practice. Outside practices will be determined by the coach, player availability, and game schedule.

- High School Practice

High school players will begin practice in August for fall ball. All high school Aeros players are invited to these practices, regardless if they participate in fall ball games. Players will continue practice (and game play) until the end of the fall season (October). They will take the entire month of November off. There are no formal practices during November. High school players should take advantage of their access to the training facilities in November. Clinics and practices will resume in December. **Wednesday 5:00pm – 9:00pm and Sunday 1:30pm – 5:30pm** at the Clubhouse will be dedicated to high school Aeros. Outdoor practices will be scheduled by Matt, Aaron, and the high school head coaches.

ATTENDANCE

- Attendance at youth skills clinics is not required but is highly encouraged. Players who come to skills clinics develop their skills and perform on the field better than their teammates who do not attend regularly. We encourage youth players to attend at least one session per week.
- Attending Speed & Agility with Jeff is not mandatory for high school players. However, it is **highly encouraged**. Kids who participate in at least one session a week perform better on the field and improve as athletes overall.
- Attendance at high school fall ball practice is required for players who are participating in fall ball games. Aeros who do not play fall ball are invited to attend practice.
- Attending Rain Delay will improve your player's understanding of the game and get them mentally ready for the season. It's not required, but we want to encourage all Aeros to come at least once a month.
- **Winter practices are mandatory for everyone.** We understand kids get sick, have family commitments, school obligations, etc. However, when players do not show up to team practice, it hurts the team and leads to poor performance on the field. Players who excessively miss practice (with or without notifying the coach) and do not perform well on the field, will miss out on playing time. Our first goal will always be to develop players into confident athletes. We work hard to do that and have success when the players are there and willing to put in the effort to learn.

UNIFORMS

- Uniforms will be ordered from Play It Again Sports.
- A schedule of player fittings (by team) will be given out at the first practice in December for high school Aeros and January for youth Aeros.
- Any parent wishing to order extra uniform pieces will need to pay for them before the order is placed.
- Parents must sign off on all sizing and/ or spelling before the order is placed.

- Uniforms will be delivered to Fielder's Choice and given to the coach to hand out at practice.

FAN GEAR

- A fan gear store will be set up through Play It Again Sports.
- It will be open several times throughout the off-season.
- Parents will be notified when orders are available for pick-up at Play It Again Sports. They will not be shipped to Fielder's Choice.

MISC.

- Copies of birth certificates must be emailed or delivered to Fielder's Choice by August 15 (or within 1 week of joining the team)
- A copy of a driver's license is an acceptable alternative to a birth certificate.
- Each player must submit a new player packet and copy of his birth certificate every year.
- Player files are destroyed at the end of every season.
- Your coach will be given a packet with birth certificates and emergency contact information for every player on the team's roster before the season begins. To protect privacy, parents and players are not allowed to have this packet in their possession.
- Your coach may have additional team rules that parents, and players must follow. If you believe those rules conflict with Fielder's Choice's rules or values, please speak with your coach, Matt, Tommy, or Alison.
- All high school players must submit their grades in mid-October and at the end of December.
- Players with a GPA lower than 2.8 will spend 1 hour of practice per week studying at the Clubhouse. This time is considered part of practice and is mandatory.

I have read the policies. I understand and agree to all the policies.

PLAYER: _____

DATE: _____

PARENT 1: _____

DATE: _____

PARENT 2: _____

DATE: _____

