# Illinois Travel Baseball Club

## **2020-21 Program Summary**



## **Club Membership & Summer Season**

\$3,000

What's Included?

#### Facility Membership: Year-round

- Access to practice and training at **three** facilities in the suburbs. Players have the option to choose their 'home base' for the fall & winter months.
  - Play Ball USA Team Training Center (Headquarters Mount Prospect)
  - Play Ball USA Player Dev. Center (Formerly The Ballpark Mount Prospect)
  - o Johansen Baseball in South Elgin
- Year round membership to both Play Ball USA locations in Mount Prospect. Includes daily 30-minute cage, turf and mound rentals, subject to availability.

#### Winter Practice: November 9 - March 28

- Sixteen weeks of traditional team practice scheduled once per weekend from the beginning of November until the spring season begins. 20 week period with 4 off weeks.
- Practices are offered at both Play Ball USA & Johansen Baseball and are scheduled by age group.
- Three assessment days built into the practice schedule to collect 'combine' data (running, throwing, hitting, pitching).

#### Spring Season: March 29 - May 2

Due to the IHSA's modified athletics calendar for the 20-21 academic year, high school baseball will now be played from May 3 - June 26. We believe in the importance of high school athletics, so we've adjusted our 20-21 layout to include a 4-week spring prior to the IHSA season and a 5-week summer that will begin when high school baseball is complete.

- Four weeks of spring baseball prior to the IHSA season.
  - o Professional coaching & instruction Head Coach & Assistant
  - o 10-12+ game schedule
  - Tournaments, round robins, or spring league (TBA)
  - Weekly practice & training

Another notable adjustment to the IHSA's athletics calendar is the shuffle of fall sports to the spring, which means that ITB members who participate in football and soccer with their high schools will be in-season during our 4-week spring period. Our affected football and soccer athletes will receive a 4-week session of fall baseball in place of the 4-week spring season.

#### **Summer Season:** June 28 - August 8

- Professional coaching & instruction Head Coach & Assistant
- Five weeks of summer baseball
  - 5 Tournaments/Events
  - 1 team practice per week
  - o 14-15 *committed* players per team
- Preparation for the next level +1
  - Players are rostered to foster growth
  - Teams are assigned following the winter training season
- Access to the most coveted local, regional and national tournaments & events
  - Chicago Scouts Association Club Member
  - Midwest Premier Club Member
  - o Marucci Founders' Club Club Member
  - Program 15 Future Stars Series Club Member
  - o Prep Baseball Report, Perfect Game, Bullpen, Crossroads
- Team Travel Additional
  - Players travel & lodge together for overnight trips. Hotel accommodations, team meals, and team van transportation.

Blast Motion: Blast Connect Subscription - Included | Sensor: One time fee for new members.

 Members receive a yearly subscription to the club's Blast Connect player management platform. Blast Connect allows the club to access, analyze and track swing data pulled from every member's Blast Bat Sensor. The Blast Bat Sensor captures swing metrics and 3D animations for every swing taken both inside and outside of practice.

### **Recruiting Tools:**

- NCSA Team Edition Recruiting profile through Next College Student Athlete with membership to the club's NCSA Team Edition Database. Team Edition is a recruiting software that allows the club to track and guide each athlete's recruiting activity.
- **Fieldlevel** Recruiting profile and membership to the club's Fieldlevel database. Fieldlevel is a coach-to-coach network that allows the club to evaluate and promote members in an easy to use software.
- **Video & Data** Periodic collection through the fall, winter and summer months using Blast Motion, HitTrax, Pocket Radar Smart Coach & Rapsodo.
- YouTube Playlists Individual player playlists on the Illinois Indians YouTube page.
- **Education** Year-round promotion, education & guidance provided by club staff, four of whom currently coach at the collegiate level.
- Academic Progress Reports Monthly reports submitted to club staff.

#### **Uniforms & Equipment:**

- Marucci Founders' Club Member Access to discounted bats, gloves, equipment, apparel and uniform items through the club's Marucci team store, year-round.
- **New Balance Footwear** Access to discounted cleats, turfs and running shoes.
- Included Item Game Hat. Additional uniform items will be required for new players and on an as needed basis for returners.

Fall Season: August 31 - October 25 \*\*Registration Period: August 11-25\*\*

The 2020 fall season is structured into two 4-week segments over an 8-week period in September and October. All ITB members have the option to participate in the full 8-week program or a 4-week session of their choice. It's also important to note that our fall program is optional to all members.

Fall Session #1: \$1,000 | 8/31-9/27 | 4 Weeks
 Fall Session #2: \$1,000 | 9/28-10/25 | 4 Weeks
 Full Program: \$1,750 | 8/31-10/25 | 8 Weeks

#### Fall Session #1 or #2:

- Four weeks of practices & training 90 minutes sessions, 2x per week
  - Indoor training | Tuesday/Thursday | 1x per week
  - Outdoor training | Wednesday | 1x per week
  - o Locations: Play Ball USA, Heritage Park, Johansen Baseball, Trout (tentative)
- Four weekend events 10-12+ games
  - 3 gameplay focused events. Tournaments & round robin events through Chicago Scouts Association, Perfect Game, Midwest Premier and local tournament providers.
  - 1 showcase, scrimmage & video focused event through Program 15 or Prep Baseball Report.
- Players will receive a Fall jersey & game hat.

#### **Full Program:**

Includes BOTH fall sessions for a total of 8 weeks of baseball.

#### Spring Athletes: Football & Soccer

- Due to the modified IHSA athletics calendar, football & soccer players will be in-season
  with their respective high schools during our 4-week spring season. ITB members who
  are affected will receive four weeks of fall baseball as a substitute for the spring
  season.
- Spring athletes have the opportunity to participate in the full 8-week program or the 4-week session of their choice.

• Fall Session #1 or #2: \$50 - Fall Jersey & Hat

• Full Program: \$1,000

Winter Season: November 9 - March 28

• In addition to the included weekly team practice, members have the option to participate in a number of different individual and group training programs at Play Ball USA and Johansen Baseball.

## **Training Options:**

- Small Group Skill Training | Hitting, Pitching, Infield, Catching, Outfield
  - o 45-60 minute sessions | 1-5x per week
- Play Ball USA Programs | Aces Academy Pitching, Velocity, Power Hitters
  - o 90 minute sessions | 2x per week
- Johansen Baseball | Hitting, Pitching, Throwing, Lifting
  - o 45-90 minute sessions | 2-5x per week
- Tom Nelson Training | Strength & Speed
  - o 60 minute sessions | 2-3x per week

#### **Winter National Events:**

- MLK Weekend January: Houston, Texas
- President's Day Weekend February: Phoenix, Arizona

<sup>\*\*</sup>Additional programs, details and registration will be presented in October\*\*

<sup>\*\*</sup>TBD given the current travel restrictions & climate\*\*