

**COREAthletes.net**  
**Raleigh Hawks Boys MS, JV, Varsity Baseball**  
**2020 Team Registration**

**RALEIGH HAWKS BASEBALL**

Now in our 17th year of middle school and 13th year as a varsity baseball club, the Raleigh Hawks provide an outlet for homeschool,\* middle school and high school boys to compete with local schools in our area. Runners-up at the CAASC State Championships in 2019, the Varsity Hawks hope to have a strong showing again this year. Our foundation has been hard work, prayer and dedication to Christian character. Hawks' team leadership and coaching is provided by homeschool dads who are concerned with building young men who grow in holiness, confidence, skill, maturity and trust in the Lord. We believe that when we focus on these principles, God will provide us with the necessary tools, talents and abilities to be a competitive program.

**Hawks pre-season practices and costs.** If you are selected onto the team, preseason practices will run every Tuesday and Saturday at Wilder Grove (4204 Willow Oak Rd.) or East Clayton Community Park 1774 Glen Laurel Rd, Clayton, beginning Tuesday, January 21, and running through Tuesday, Feb. 28. Tuesday practice times are 3:30 to 5:30 and Saturday practice times are Noon to 2:00 at Wilder's Grove or 2:30 to 4:30 at Pro 3:5 if necessary. Team registration forms with payment info will be provided by the tryouts.

**Cost for pre-season practices are** \$80 per player, or 2 payments of \$40; one in Jan. and one in Feb. There is also a \$15 liability fee per player. Hawks players participating on the Raleigh Hawks basketball team receive a 50% discount on pre-season practice costs.

**Tryout results will be emailed Monday, January 20.** Commitments to the Hawks for the 2020 season must be made by Saturday, January 25, to hold your spot on the team. This will be done by paying your \$40 Jan. practice fee, \$15 liability fee and, if a new player, your practice jersey (\$28), team jerseys (\$115) and team cap (\$25) fees. Do not pay your preseason costs until selected onto the team. Team registration forms with payment info will be sent to those who register for the tryouts on-line.

**If you CANNOT make the Jan. 18 tryout date**, you may tryout at the practice on Tuesday, January 21. If you are a returning player from 2019 and CANNOT make the tryout date, you can ask to be selected from your performance in 2019. Players may tryout after the Jan. 21 practice only if there are still spots open on the roster. An updated roster will be posted after Saturday, Jan. 25, when team commitments are confirmed and later on if new players are added to open spots.

\*There are a limited amount of slots open for non-homeschool athletes on each team. Those slots will be selected based ON players skill level and ability to commit to games and tournaments.

\*Payers must NOT be listed on another school roster or homeschool roster in order to be eligible for the 2020 season. Players on travel teams during the school season must clear participation with the Hawks head coach before joining the team. MS players should have previous game competition experience. MS dimensions are 90ft. bases and 60-6 pitching. We will look at 6th graders but most of our competition is 7th and 8th. By CAASC rules, we are permitted only 4 non-homeschool players per team. Varsity player may not come from a school that offers baseball unless accepted under a special "hardship" clearance from the CAASC Board.

NOTE 1: Any selected player who does not return his payment form by Saturday, Jan. 25, will be considered as not committed to playing on the team.

Note 2: Practices cancelled on Tuesdays will be made up the immediate Thursday following the cancellation. If the weather on the upcoming Saturday looks to be too frigid or wet to practice outside, we will practice inside at Pro 3:5 from 2:30 to 4:30. If that is the case, an additional charge of \$10 per player will be charged at the facility.

Note 3: **By Feb. 1 all players selected to the team will need to get a sports physical, fill out the concussion awareness form and, if a new player, provide a copy of their birth certificate.** Sports physical forms and concussion forms are located under the BASEBALL menu.

#### **Regular Season Information and costs:**

The regular season begins March 2nd and runs through May 11. Practices are held at Wilder's Grove in Raleigh or East Clayton Community Park on any given day Monday to Saturday, depending on the game schedule for that particular week. Games and practices are mandatory.

Following costs are estimates and could change due to team size. Three installment fees of \$165 for JV/VAR and \$150 for MS (\$90 for siblings at either level) should be paid in March, April and May. These fees cover regular season games and practices but do NOT cover uniform costs or tournament and travel fees. Indoor practices will usually also have an additional \$10 fee per player.

#### **Season ending tournament**

Please keep your weekends open for a late April to mid-May tournament. Post season tournaments are mandatory. Details to come and a tournament deposit may be required. If you think your son will not be able to participate in tournaments from April 27 through May 18, please let us know BEFORE you tryout for the Hawks this season.

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**Player Registration & Payment Due Jan. 25, 2020**

Name \_\_\_\_\_ Age \_\_\_\_\_ Grade \_\_\_\_\_ Date of Birth \_\_\_\_\_

Jersey Size (circle one): Youth M L Adult S M L XL XXL

Cap Size new players: ☐ Youth 6/ 3/8 – 6-7/8, ☐ S/M 67/8 to 7/3/8. ☐ L/XL 7/38 to 8

Practice Jersey (required if not previously purchased) Youth M L Adult S M L XL XXL

Any health problems? \_\_\_\_\_ Please explain: \_\_\_\_\_

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Cap Size new players: ☐ Youth 6/ 3/8 – 6-7/8, ☐ S/M 67/8 to 7/3/8. ☐ L/XL 7/38 to 8

Practice Jersey (required if not previously purchased) Youth M L Adult S M L XL XXL

Any health problems? \_\_\_\_\_ Please explain: \_\_\_\_\_

**Registration fees:**

**Pre-season practice costs Jan and Feb, \$80 or 2 payments of \$40 (Jan. & Feb)**

\$80, \$50 additional player. 50% discount for Raleigh Hawks Basketball players

Liability Fee: \$15 per player

All new players: Team jerseys, red and grey (no pants) \$115

Replacement jerseys \$60 each

Team Cap (all new players) \$25

Practice Jersey, \$28 each, required for new players (returning players should also order jerseys if the number on back is not readable)

**Total Due:**

**Total Paid: Minimum \$100 for new players ordering jerseys.**

**Balance Due**

Mail payments to: COREAthletes • 4960 Harbour Towne Dr. Raleigh 27604

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Fill in below information if you did NOT register on line.

Parents/Guardian Names \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_ City \_\_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_

Home phone \_\_\_\_\_ Work \_\_\_\_\_ Cell \_\_\_\_\_ E-mail \_\_\_\_\_

School or Homeschool Name \_\_\_\_\_ County \_\_\_\_\_

If homeschooled please list your registered non-public education # \_\_\_\_\_

# Hawks Coaching Policies

The Hawks are not an everyone-plays-every-game program. Payments and team fees do not constitute any guarantee of play time during league or tournament games. Coaches reserve the sole right to start, substitute or pinch-hit players to best accomplish what is needed for the team to succeed at that particular time in the game.

We understand the need for all players to benefit from game experience--and do substitute accordingly whenever possible. However, in close contests, with equal or superior opponents, players are not substituted for that purpose but, rather, to strengthen the team's opportunity to win.

The Hawks' program is designed to bring our boys to a higher level in their personal play and to develop the Christian male characteristics of leadership, excellence, courage, dedication and loyalty. Even with limited play time, we hope these characteristics are inspired through the hard work and fellowship with the team in practices and at games. We feel that having a spot in the line-up is not only a fair reward for those who have excelled most in these areas but also motivates others to emulate the character and develop the skills needed to earn recognition as a needed participant for the team's success.

**Because these are school games, only 9 players at a time can be in the line-up (there is no continuous batting order). If playing opportunities are the main concern for your son and you or he would not be happy with the experience of being a member of the Hawks should he not get consistent, regular times at bat or in the field, you may want to reconsider your participation in our program.**

# The Christian Community Right of Release Policy

We believe that any organization dedicated to benefitting homeschool families should be careful not to implement rules and regulations that would curtail the rights of parents to choose what is best for their children's education before the Lord. This certainly would include not having rules binding a player to an athletic team against the desires of the parents or the will of the child. If parents are required to pay for their children's athletic opportunities, then they should have priority for selection of those programs, especially if they deem one as being counter productive to that child's goals and expectations. Just as a homeschool parent would remove a child from a academic class that was not meeting the parent's expectations, so should the same freedom be giving parents who no longer think an athletic program is beneficial for their child.

Therefore, any participant in any of the Christian Community programs, including the Raleigh Hawks and Raleigh Seahawks sports teams, will be given, upon verbal or written request, a written release from his or her commitment to that program. This specifically applies to situations where other homeschool organizations require a release in order to allow participation with another team.

Though we would ask players requesting a release, to do so at the end of the season rather than during the season, the Christian Community guaranteed right of release will not be denied.\*

We suggest all parents be careful when trying out for other homeschool programs to first know their policies of participation and release BEFORE attending the tryouts or signing any agreements. In some cases, after you attend a tryout, the policies can be binding even if you have not been made aware of the restrictions and penalties.



Matt Finneran  
Pastor  
The Christian Community

\*There may be unpaid financial obligations that the parents must fulfill before attaining the release.

## Raleigh Hawks 2020 Baseball

### Participation Letter

All Players and Parents participating with Raleigh Hawks Baseball are required to sign and submit this Commitment Letter to the Raleigh Hawks to be accepted onto the team. The commitment is for the 20120 season.

While we understand that homeschoolers have other commitments and may participate with other teams, players must make all reasonable efforts to attend the practice sessions and games. If you have any specific questions about this portion of the commitment please address them with the coaching staff before signing this letter.

#### Players

- I will give 100% effort in all of my training, practices and games
- I will be respectful of my coaches, teammates, parents, siblings, fans, umpires, opponents, equipment and facilities at all times.
- I will make an effort to put Christ first in my attitude toward my teammates and will be supportive of their efforts as brothers in Christ.

#### Parents

- I will be positive and supportive of my child and his teammates. I understand that they are making a significant commitment to the Raleigh Hawks and I will support that commitment in a positive way.
- I will respect the coach's decisions with regard to my son's development and participation as a baseball player. I will not talk critically about the coaches behind their backs or engage the other parents in such discussions. I will address concerns directly with the coach or coaches I may have issue with.
- I will not talk to or treat other players on the team negatively based upon their play, effort, etc.

I have read and understand the above:

Player \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

Parent \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

Parent \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_