

NORTH SHORE
BASEBALL CLUB

25/26 SEASON

North Shore

Parent/Player Handbook

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WELCOME TO THE NSCB 25/26 SEASON!



Dear Parents and Players,

On behalf of the North Shore Baseball Club Committee, we're excited to welcome you to the 25/26 season! This Parent/Player Guide includes key information to help you navigate the upcoming season—what to expect, who to contact, and how we work together to make this a great experience for all our families.

Our club is proud to continue offering a fun, supportive, and high-quality program for our players. We are a 100% volunteer-run organisation, committed to creating a safe and inclusive space where children can build skills, gain confidence, and enjoy the game of baseball. We believe baseball teaches life lessons such as teamwork, sportsmanship, perseverance, respect, and courage. These are traits that shape great players and great people.

Whether you're a returning family or joining us for the first time, we're so glad to have you with us this season.

Let's play ball!

EXEC & COMMITTEE MEMBERS

We're so glad to have you and your player on board for the 25/26 season ahead. This guide includes key contact details for our Club President, Vice President, Secretary, and other committee members.

Our club is **100% volunteer-run**. Every coach, coordinator, and committee member gives their time to help our players grow, play, and thrive. We ask that you keep this in mind throughout the season and approach all communication with kindness, respect, and patience.

Your support is what helps our club continue to flourish. Thank you for being part of the North Shore team!

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CORE VALUES

Service

As an all-volunteer club, parents and players all strive to put more into the club than we get out of it. We contribute to management, coaching, maintenance, fundraising, and community outreach with enthusiasm and accountability. We pay it forward. We don't leave work for others that we can do ourselves. And we do it all to serve the players – coaches evaluate and assign players in an unbiased manner and encourage all players to develop and take on new challenges.

Hustle

Hustle is about playing baseball in an alert and energetic manner. On the diamond, whether playing or practicing, we hustle because it respects those working to help us (coaches, scorers, umpires, supporters), because it respects the opposition, because it can be the winning edge, and because it's baseball the right way. No matter the score, inning or number of outs, our players always give their best. Hustle is also about tenacity and self-control in the face of big challenges and frustrating scorelines. We never play angry and we don't get down on ourselves or our teammates.

Respect

We work and play with respect toward coaches, teammates, opponents, umpires, supporters, facilities, and equipment. We acknowledge the service of others. We respect the time of others. We respect our grounds and equipment so they're ready for us when we need them and because this respects those providing them for us (ratepayers, sponsors, the club, family). We respect our opponents because without them we cannot play – we show good sportsmanship, we don't stop hustling if we're behind, and when we win we display grace and humility.

INFORMATION & FAQs

Junior Grades (Cubs-16U)

WHAT GEAR/CLOTHES ARE PROVIDED?

Cubs players receive a shirt and cap that are yours to keep. Grades 10U and up will need to purchase a North Shore Baseball hat and grey baseball pants. These can be purchase from our Club Shop or from The Dugout or The Fieldhouse.

North Shore will provide a club jersey that must be returned at the end of the season. Custom jerseys can be ordered upon registration. Belt and baseball socks are optional but must be black if worn. Cleats can be worn if preferred but good tread running shoes are suitable for our younger grade players. Most players will have their own fielding glove but players can borrow one if needed.

WHAT ABOUT BASEBALL BATS?

If you don't own your own bat, we have team bats your child can use. If you'd like to purchase a bat, detailed information on approved bats can be found in the Little League Rules Handbook. All bats must display the USA Baseball logo (see below).



HOW MUCH TIME COMMITMENT IS REQUIRED?

Teams will practice once or twice a week depending on age, with Saturday games across Auckland. Addresses of all Auckland baseball field locations can be found HERE.



SEASON DATES & TRAINING TIMES?

Training for all teams begins the week of 06/10/25. Games will begin 01/11/25. There will be a Christmas break from mid-December to mid-January. The season will end in March with the exact date depending on your age group. Official draw (game schedule) will be released before the season begins. Training time and location details can be found here: <https://nscbaseball.co.nz/summer-training/>

WHAT TIME ARE SATURDAY GAMES PLAYED?

10U Minor League – 9:30am *(8:30am arrival for warm-ups)*

12U Major League – 2:00pm *(1:00pm arrival for warm-ups)*

13U Intermediate League – 9:30am *(8:30am arrival for warm-ups)*

14U Junior League – 2:00pm *(1:00pm arrival for warm-ups)*

16U Senior League – 9:30am *(8:30 arrival for warm-ups)*

HOW CAN I HELP OUT AS A PARENT?

Our Club is 100% Volunteer run and we simply couldn't do it without the support of our amazing parent community!

Some opportunities for volunteering are:

- **Coaching (Head, Assistant, Dugout)**
- **Team Manager**
- **Groundskeeper**
- **Umpire**
- **Scorekeeper**

Don't worry if you don't have a huge understanding of the rules of baseball — many of our volunteers start with little or no knowledge of the game. We provide support if you are willing to take on any of these roles.

Volunteering is a great chance to learn as you go, share the experience with your child, and be part of a fun, supportive community. If you're keen to volunteer, email admin@nscbaseball.co.nz for more information.

If you're interested to learn more about umpiring, sign up to the **NZBUA's FREE Intro to Umpiring online session** on Thursday 9th October 7-9PM, online via Teams.

Sign up here to register your interest:

[NZBUA Intro to Umpiring EOI Form](#)



PARENT RESPONSIBILITY

Remember:

- It's a game — it's meant to be fun!
- Coaches and umpires are volunteers doing their best.
- Let players play, let coaches coach, and let officials officiate.
- Volunteer! Your participation can enhance the overall enjoyment for your child(ren).

Be:

- On time, to the best of your ability.
- Positive, encouraging, and supportive to players, coaches and officials of both teams.
- A good example, always abiding by the Baseball New Zealand Parent Code of Conduct

AUCKLAND BASEBALL DIAMOND LOCATIONS

Club	Address & Field Location
Bayside Westhaven Baseball Club	Crossfield Reserve — 83 Crossfield Road, Glendowie
Central City Baseball Club	War Memorial Park — 13 May Road, Mt Roskill/Wesley
Howick-Pakuranga Hawks Baseball Club	Lloyd Elsmore Park — 138 Cascades Road, Pakuranga
North Shore City Baseball Club	Stafford Park — Denby Lane (off Stafford Road), Northcote Point Albany Domain — 575 Albany Highway, Albany Unsworth Heights — 60 Caribbean Drive, Unsworth Heights Te Kori Scott Point — Hobsonville Point
Orewa Sharks Club	Victor Eaves Park , 122 West Hoe Road, Orewa, Auckland
Waitakere Bears Baseball Club	Starling Park (Ranui/Glen Rd area), Glen Road, West Auckland
West City Baseball Club	McLeod Park , Te Atatu South, Auckland



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