



ILLINOIS VENOM

In-House Baseball Summer Travel Teams

Main Goals:

Learn how to play the game the way it's supposed to be played

Defense: Situational Play = What to do at every position in every situation	Safe effective pitching mechanics, using biomechanics: Optimum safety, accuracy & velocity	Winning is the cause and effect of all of this but NEVER the priority
Instincts: You know what to do, and when, at all times	Sportsmanship	Respect: coaches, teammates, umpires, opponents, & parents
Team Comradery	You get out of it what you put into it: work hard	Intelligence: Become the smartest players on the field

Specifically For:

- **In-house organization players: Must prove you play for an in-house league.**
- Players and families who would like the travel experience, but do not have the money and time for full time travel.
- Gaining access to & receiving **high level, expert instruction from qualified coaches & instructors.**
- Teaching players how to prepare both physically (proper warm-ups) & mentally: becoming the best prepared players on the field as well as the best players they can be.
- Getting the most out of every player, every game.
- **HAVING FUN** while learning (using the most modern and fun techniques in the industry) and while playing. When you play well you have fun.
- Major emphasis on pitcher safety including **strict rules and guidelines on pitch counts and rest;** including no pitching and catching in the same game.
- Creating teams that are built in a manner that increases their chances of success. This includes major emphasis on: **pitching, defense, catcher position, baseball instincts, knowledge, hitting**
- No father / mother head coaches. There is NO favoritism. The players earn their way.
- All Head Coaches (& some assistant coaches) are hired professionals. They are paid based not on their success in terms of wins, but their success with the players; using the above as their goals.
- Eliminating drama, which will not be tolerated, either from the players, parents or coaches.
- Contracts will be signed stating specific team rules for players, parents & coaches. Any breaking of these rules will result in being removed from the team immediately. Final decisions in these matters will be made by upper management / ownership.
- More laid back / no pressure setting. All that we ask is the players work hard on and off the field, respect the game and everyone around them. **The KEY is LEARNING!**

Teams

Ages: 8U 10U 12U

Players per team: 13-14 (This allows players to go on vacation and not be penalized)

Players are chosen based on the following:

- Skill Level
 - Baseball instincts and knowledge
 - Player Interviews
 - Parent Interviews
 - Personality
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Includes

- 4 Full fall outdoor practices
- 4 Full winter indoor practices
- 4 Winter indoor practices focusing on: pitching, catching, and hitting
- 4 Winter classroom sessions teaching the nuances of the game (including a booklet that shows each position and what that position does in every situation)
- 8-12 Full summer outdoor practices
- 5 Summer tournaments
- 1 of each: pants, shirt, hat, socks, and belt (and possibly more)
- **1/2 price on all one-one-one lessons on all facets of the game from November through the season**

Pitching	45 minutes	\$30
Hitting	30 minutes	\$20
Catching	30 minutes	\$20
Fielding	30 minutes	\$20

Price to Play: \$649

Players can seek and obtain their own personal sponsorships to help pay for the cost. All monies will go directly towards their playing fee.

Tryout Information

- Tentatively scheduled for the weekend of October 19th (Friday night/Saturday/Sunday).
- Tryout fee: \$10.
- If the weather is bad, we will conduct the tryouts inside at our Bolingbrook facility. 401 Remington Blvd. Bolingbrook, IL (Inside the Step Ahead Sports Building).
- Tryouts will be scored by the Illinois Venom staff. No parents will be involved with this process.
- If you are interested in trying out, to make things a bit easier for us, please contact us ahead of time via email coachpete@nationalschoolofbaseball.com.
- However, walk-ons are welcomed.
- Parents & players will be interviewed during this process. This will be a DRAMA FREE program.