

Braves Tryout Process – 13U to 8U – For Families

As a travel baseball organization, the Sarnia Braves will constantly look for the best players to add to our OBA rostered teams. Players will tryout and compete to make the OBA Rep team for their age division. The Select team level system provides the Braves with an opportunity to develop players who need a little more time and instruction to develop their knowledge and skills - so they can strive to make the OBA Rep team the following year. We want our coaches to help grow players knowledge for the game and improve skills to help players realize the best they can be in their current season and become the best recruits for future teams.

We are implementing a new tryout process this year to enhance our goal of committing solid OBA rosters for play at provincial level baseball for our 8U to 13U teams. For 2021 we are planning for a Rookie (8and9U) and Mosquito (10and11U) Select teams.

The tryout process starts by going to the **Tryout Registration** area on the main page of the Sarnia Braves website. Select the appropriate age group for your player and follow the directions to register. There is a \$50 tryout fee for every player and we strongly encourage e-transfer to the Treasurer for payment. Then families should check the website and expect to be contacted by the Head Coach regarding tryout dates/times.

- 1) All players who register MUST tryout for the OBA Rep team first. To play on a Select team for the Sarnia Braves, you must have attended the OBA Rep tryout
- 2) OBA Rep team Coaches will evaluate the entire group of players (over approximately three tryouts sessions) and make cuts to form the OBA Rep team for that division
- 3) For players cut from the OBA Rep team, they will be asked to report to the Select team Head Coach for their next tryout. The Select Coaches will have (approximately two more tryouts) to make another cut for a reduced number for the Select team. The Select Head Coach can use discretion to list several more players (up to 20) after the Fall tryout, then make a final cut to complete the Select team roster in the spring. This will allow Select Coaches a chance to see the players more at indoor workouts in the winter. When the final cut is made, the target will be 12-14 players for the Select roster

We want to make players aware that if they do not make a roster this year – it does not mean there won't be a chance for them to make a roster in future years. One coaching analogy best describes this. Every year the Coaching staff is given a puzzle. The way to complete the puzzle is to find the pieces needed to finish it off. Sometimes pieces are lost, or move away, or opportunities develop - so each year the Coaching staff must look at all the pieces they need before selecting a team. Please encourage your player to come to tryouts and compete for positions with our teams.