



# 2019

## Elite Academy Baseball (High School Summer Program)

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**EAB was created to enhance opportunities for young baseball players in the greater West Texas areas. Our goals have always been to develop baseball players and give them the foundation they need to pursue their baseball dreams. Our high school program takes this foundation to the next level. Our high school program teaches players what it takes to play at the college level. Our program will cover items such as the mental and physical side of the game, recruiting, importance of classroom performance, off field conduct and decision making. We will place our teams in tournaments where they can display their skills in front of college recruiters and professional scouts. While it is always important to win, we want to insure, that our players are reaching their goals through hard work and class. There is always an easy way to cut corners, but we are determined to teach our players to always take the right path and create good habits.**

## Elite- BIG TEN

1. Acceptance of Responsibility - Winners and losers part company here
2. Loyalty
3. Class - Winning and losing
4. Mission Statement - Control what you can control - On and off the field
  - Attitude - Effort - Preparation
5. Synergism - Team chemistry - The total is greater than the sum of its parts
6. Heightened Program Awareness - Every person in and around program matters
7. Transferable Trust - Confidence
8. Everything Counts
9. Body Language - That says you do or do not belong
10. Continuous improvement, every day, in small increments

## **TEAM GUIDELINES** **(For Players and Parents)**

- “BUY IN” to the Elite Way!
- Trust Your Coaches
- Be at EVERY Practice
- Come with a Good Attitude
- Be Positive
- Bring Your Best Effort
- Be Prepared
- Be Flexible
- Be Supportive
- Be Respectful
- No Whining
- Come with Solutions, Not Problems
- Be Courteous
- Follow Through
- Be Involved
- **If you are an Elite player, Elite baseball is your 1st priority.**

### **Off the Field.....**

- Make good decisions and use good judgement
- Do not break the house rules or hotel rules - Act as if you were at your grandmother’s house
- Violations of any guidelines and/or rules may result in the following depending on flagrancy and number of offenses: Removal from game, don’t start, don’t play, suspension, or cut.

- Parents - If you have any issues, please come directly to the coaching staff. We can handle your problems quicker and easier if you bring it to our attention as soon as possible - no matter how big or how small!

## *Elite – Membership Program*

### **COSTS** **...and what's included**

#### **Elite Summer Baseball Fees**

Elite Fee: Announced at Parent Meeting

Fundraising!!!!

Fundraiser Money due March 31<sup>st</sup>

#### **What does the Elite Fee cover?**

- Field fees, website fees, equipment, facility rentals, and administration fees
- Insurance provided via Wilson Sports Insurance Services

#### **Elite Coaches**

Ronnie Gaines.....17u  
 Beau Kiser.....16u  
 Jonathan Paez.....15u  
 Shawn Box.....15u  
 Cal Fugett.....15u  
 Billy Hart.....15u  
 Jason Graham.....Assistant

#### **Elite Uniforms, Apparel and Equipment**

- <http://www.eliteacademybaseball.com/online-store> (Marucci Website)
- Players are responsible for WHITE pants with black pin stripe and WHITE socks (if wearing stirrups)
- Please wear BLACK sleeves. Stirrups are allowed and encouraged!

#### **Team Bonding**

- ‘Family’, ‘Best Friends’ and ‘Brothers’ are all terms that our players use when they are involved in the EAB program. Having talented players isn’t the only thing a team needs to win championships. Playing together and playing for each other are just as important. We will try to implement team outings and bonding days where the entire team will enjoy

time with their teammates outside the lines. Any parent help in this area would be greatly appreciated!

## FAQ'S

### **Q: How many kids per team?**

A: Elite teams typically carry a roster of 10-14 players. We will carry additional members if that additional member is a P.O. (pitcher only). P.O. players will not play a position or hit during a tournament unless required.

### **Q: How are additional players, add-on/fill-in players picked and what is their role on the team?**

A: Sometimes players are unable to attend tournaments due to extenuating circumstances. Our staff will be responsible for picking up players to fill that void. That player will be put in a position where he is going to be able to help the team the most. He may be the starting shortstop, 3-hole hitter, additional outfielder or relief pitcher. We'll communicate with the team what everyone's role is during the season and make sure everyone is on the same page regarding additional players. Extra players or add-ons are typically picked from tryouts, teams or lesson referrals.

### **Q: How is playing time determined?**

A: Tournaments are usually 3-5 days with at least a 5-game guarantee. (ex. 1 game on Wed/Thur/Fri/Sat and Sun). On single elimination days, the coach may opt to play only 9 or 10 players.

### **Q: What if I play another sport?**

A: If you play other sports that are going to interfere with your commitment to EAB, please take that into consideration before trying out for the team.

### **Q: What if I am picked as a pitcher only?**

A: You can tryout as a pitcher only and/or you might be chosen as a pitcher only. If you are in one of these two scenarios, you will receive lessons to compensate offensive playing time. Each player will be a case by case basis.

### **Q: How many tournaments do we go to this year?**

A: The Elite teams will play in 5-6 tournaments this season.

### **Q: What happens if a tournament gets rained out or cancelled?**

A: If weather is an issue for a tournament, players playing in less than ½ of the guaranteed games will receive your portion of the tournament fee back. We will discuss this more at the parent meeting.

### **Q: Will there be chaperones at the hotel?**

A: Yes. Each team will have a chaperone on the road – either a coach or a parent to do bed check, etc. All players are expected to follow the guidelines and rules which will be covered in depth at the parent meeting.

### **Q: When do we need to arrive at the hotel for the tournament?**

A: You will receive an itinerary for each tournament the week leading up to the tournament. Usually, out of town tournaments will involve a pre-tournament walk through practice a few hours prior to game 1.

### **Q: Does my son get to keep his uniform?**

A: Yes.

### **Q: Who should I contact and how should I contact them if I have any questions regarding travel or tournament details?**

A: Ronnie Gaines is best reached by email at [wtebaseball@gmail.com](mailto:wtebaseball@gmail.com) or by cell phone at (254) 721-6022.

# Important Information:

## Dates:

- January 31, 2019- Register/ Payment Deadline (Pay Online) Website
- February 1, 2019- Raffle Sale Starts
- March 15, 2019- Uniform Order Deadline
- March 31, 2019- Raffle Sales Deadline
- April 6, 2019- Raffle Drawing (Facebook Live)
- May 18-19, 2019- Spring Training (All Teams Together) Location: TBA
- June 1, 2019- Inner-squad Games
- June 6 2019- First tournament