

Irish Baseball Academy 2023-24

Dear all,

Trials for the 2023-24 Academy, for U10, U12, U15, U18, U23 & Senior development squads, will be held between 7th to 12^h November.

Further information on the programme, including eligibility, timings and costs are captured on the <u>www.baseballireland.com</u> website.

Trials can be booked at https://www.klubfunder.com/Clubs/Baseball%20Ireland



Irish Baseball Academy

Overview

The overall aim of the Academy programme is to develop a National Team squad at all age levels. A group of up to 20 players per age group will be selected at the beginning of each season to benefit from over 40 dedicated sessions of individual and group trainings, as well as games. Typically, the Academy will run over a period of 11 months, from November to September each year. Academy players are expected to participate in the majority of training sessions to be considered for National Team selection.

Programme Phases

The 2022-23 Academy season will commence in November, 2023 for all age groups. The Academy will be run in a number of phases:

- Phase 1 (November) open trials* and introduction
- Phase 2 (December, January, February) early development work
- Phase 3 (March, April, May) intensive development
- Phase 4 (June, July, August) game practise and tournaments
- Phase 5 (September) review and 2023-24 development planning

* The squad of 20 players per age group will selected by the Academy Development Coach, Frank Andrews, following trials.



Trial dates in November

- U10 Sunday 12th, 10.30 to 12noon
- U12 Saturday 11th, 10 to 12noon
- U15 Wednesday 8th, 6 to 8pm & Saturday 11th, 12 to 2pm
- U18 Tuesday 7th & Thursday 9th, 6 to 8pm & Sunday 12th, 2 to 4pm
- U23 Tuesday 7th & Thursday 9th, 8 to 10pm & Sunday 12th, 12 to 2pm
- Senior Wednesday 8th, 8 to 10pm & Saturday 11th, 2 to 4pm

Weekly time slots for each age group will be as follows:

- U10 Sunday, 10.30 to 12noon
- U12 Saturday, 10 to 12noon
- U15 Wednesday, 6 to 8pm & Saturday, 12 to 2pm
- U18 Tuesday & Thursday, 6 to 8pm & Sunday, 2 to 4pm
- U23 Tuesday & Thursday, 8 to 10pm & Sunday, 12 to 2pm
- Senior Wednesday, 8 to 10pm & Saturday, 2 to 4pm





Eligibility

For European and other tournaments each player must be aged 10, 12, 15, 18, 23 respectively, or under **for the year of the tournament**. The following age ranges apply for the 2022-23 Academy squads.*

- U10 Birth year 2014, 2015 (i.e. turning 9 or 10 in 2024)
- U12 Birth year 2012, 2013 (i.e. turning 11 or 12 in 2024)
- U15 Birth year 2009, 2010, 2011 (i.e. turning 13, 14 or 15 in 2024)
- U18 Birth year 2006, 2007, 2008 (i.e. turning 16, 17 or 18 in 2024)
- U23 Birth year 2001, 2002, 2003, 2004, 2005 (i.e. turning 19, 20, 21, 22 or 23 in 2024)

* In exceptional circumstances, a player younger than the age category may participate based on playing ability. The Development Coach will have final decision on player selection.

All players require an Irish passport to be considered for the National Team but not to participate in the Academy and Academy competitions.





Costs

<u>Academy trials</u> Cost for the trials is €15 per session

Academy 11 month programme

- U12 €300
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- U15 €450
- U18 €600 (includes access to gym)
- U23 €600 (includes access to gym)
- Senior €600 (includes access to gym)



Note 1: Applications for funding support are available through the Baseball Ireland scholarship scheme. For more information, contact the Academy Director, John Dillon <u>jbdillon@gmail.com</u> Note 2: One-off or monthly payment option available.