



Parent Meeting FAQ

1. What is the practice commitment by season? (Winter Spring Summer Fall)
 - a) There will be 7-8 weeks of Fall Training (individual Defense + Hitting Development) Then Team Practices will begin after Thanksgiving and go until HS tryouts. All on Sundays.
2. What things are mandatory and/or optional?
 - a) Winter Arm Care, Ks Membership, Recruiting Service, Team Practices/Training Sessions, Coach Fees, Tournament Fees, Uniforms all Mandatory. Strength and Agility Mandatory IF not in another sport season.
3. Do you support multi-sport athletes?
 - a) 100% YES!!! We are strong believers in developing the well-rounded athlete...especially at the Freshman level. We have several multi-sport players on our current 2026/27/28 teams. We work around their schedules and prior commitments.
4. How is Rhino-Ks different than Rhino Central IL (BNBA)
 - a) Rhino Ks- Players that are ready to compete at a very high level right now. Playing baseball in college is the goal. Larger tournaments, potentially more travel, bigger discounts on all K's services. All in with us, full service. VIP Facility Access and scheduling to all things K's.
 - b) Rhino Central IL- More Regional tournaments- All services and Membership are a la carte/optional. More Local/Regional tournaments. Several Overnights still, but no national tournaments. I
5. Do you guarantee playing time?
 - a) Yes and No. Yes we guarantee time. We keep a small roster. If you're on the team we expect you to make a significant contribution. Will it all be 100% even? Most likely not. All players will get exposure and play meaningful games/innings.
6. How do you decide which tournaments to enter?
 - a) Our Partnership with Rhino gives us unfettered access to most any tournament we want to go to. However, we let the talent level of our team and desires of the team drive which tournaments we ultimately end up going to. Also given the new NCAA recruiting rules we are re-evaluating which tournaments make the most sense from an exposure and economic standpoint.
7. I already have my own hitting/pitching coach. Is that supported?
 - a) Sure. We would want to know what is being taught so its not conflicting ideologies to what we teach...which might cause confusion and a less than optimal learning environment for the athlete
8. I have my own workout routine. Is that supported?
 - a) If you're not in a sport season, its an expectation that you'll do your lifting with K's. If you want to do extra work on your own in addition to and talk through it with a K's Strength Coach, that would be fine. We work with/around HS lifting requirements as well.
9. How/when should vacations or family events be planned?

- a) During the off season, go as you wish. During the summer its an expectation that you'll be at every tournament unless there's a life event like a funeral or wedding; which should be communicated in as much advance as possible to the coach.

10. What do you hope to have accomplished after year 1,2,3?

- a) Our goal is to be able to provide a year around training and playing experience that is second to none, right here in central IL. B-N has an incredibly rich baseball history and has been a hot bed for talent for years. K's has proven our track record with training the athletes we've worked with for the last 10+ years...but athletes have had to leave town to get the summer ball experience they wanted. We feel like there's no need for that burden. We can teach the game at a very high level, and now we can provide that summer ball exposure and help these players reach their max potential and ultimately achieve their goals of playing in college and potentially beyond.

11. Can you explain to me the goal of the lifting program and the Arm Care Program and the commitment both of those require?

- a) Arm Care- In person 1x week 90min, Expected to get 2 additional days of work in on their own.
- b) Strength and Agility-
 - 1. Off season- 4x week lifting, 1x week Speed session
 - 2. In season- 2x week Lifting, 1x week Active Recovery/Yoga
- c) Goals of both- Better movement quality, Stronger, More explosive, stable yet mobile joints that create a healthy and explosive body

12. Will I be playing multiple positions?

- a) In most every case, especially at the 15/16u levels, players will play multiple positions

13. Can the games be viewed or tracked?

- a) We intend on having Game Changer with video streamed

14. Is there a fundraising requirement?

- a) No. But if you're able to obtain sponsorships through your work or otherwise thats great! Any would be fundraisers need to be coordinated through Josh prior.

15. Will I have access to the data/video/statistics gathered throughout my time with Rhinos?

- a) Yes. We will collect TrackMan and PitchAI data, as well as some internal advanced stats that go beyond the normal stats.

16. Does the fee include hotels and team meals during tournaments?

- a) No. Parent/player hotels and meals are on own and in addition to team fees.

17. How will dues be collected?

- a) Upon accepting your invite, Rhino and Ks will separately collect CC info (Tournaments, Coaching fees, Per Diem and Affiliate fee goes to Rhino...Ks Membership and services all go through Ks).
 - 1. Rhino will send a link with contract and collect initial non refundable partial payment (~\$500). The remainder will be finalized after all tournaments and hotels are set with the remaining amount due in 3 installments Jan, Feb and March.
 - 2. Upon acceptance, Ks will collect CC info and determine what other sports will be played vs lifting. Will calculate entire amount and prorate over 11 months with final payment July 1.

18. What if my son changes his mind and doesn't want to play after saying yes?

- a) Unfortunately, if a player backs out that would alter the cost structure set forth at the onset as all tournaments, coach fees etc are split by the number of players. If a player backs out/changes his mind after committing, the player/family is responsible for their portion until a replacement player is secured so as to not unfairly put the financial burden onto the other families that have fulfilled their commitments.

19. Who is picking the teams?

- a) It will be a combination of K's Owner, Josh Kauten, The team's Head and Assistant Coach as well as feedback from local baseball experts such as Dave Seifert (ex Phillies Scout and D1 Baseball/PBR National Scouting Director) and Jeff Stewart (ex Rays and Padres Scout, former ISU Head Coach)

20. I won't be available for tryouts. Is there an alternate makeup date?

- a) Individual/small group tryouts can be arranged prior to the tryout date. Video of the player with any stats/metrics may be required prior to scheduling an individual tryout.