



About the Club

Purpose

The Marietta Extra Inning Club is an incorporated nonprofit organization established for the purpose of supporting the baseball teams of Marietta High School through donations, fundraisers and volunteer work.

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Fundraisers



The average annual cost per player is significant – between \$1,700 and \$2,000 per player. In order to offset this cost and build the baseball program, the Marietta Extra Inning Club sponsors fundraisers annually. These include:

- Raffles
- Pancake (“Batter Up”) Breakfast
- Selling poinsettias for the holidays (November-December)
- Selling business ads and sponsorships for the program (December-February)
- Sponsorship letter to friends and family requesting donations. Each player is asked to send 20 letters (Oct.)
- Host a summer tournament (June)

These events, coupled with the concession proceeds and spirit wear sales comprise the revenue for the Club’s annual budget. The money from these fundraisers pays for uniforms, baseball and field equipment, field supplies, and field and facility maintenance and upgrades. The school’s funds pay for the umpires at all home games in the spring season.

Additional or other fundraisers may be decided upon by the Club membership. If you prefer to make a donation for your player rather than participate in the fundraisers, you may make arrangements with the Treasurer.

Player Package

Each player making the team (varsity or JV) will be assessed a fee of \$350 to offset the cost of uniforms, hats, and practice gear. The fee is due at the First Pitch Banquet held in February. Player gear will be handed out at that time. Financial hardship requests are to be made to the MEIC Board for consideration.

Budget

The annual budget is submitted for approval usually at a fall booster club meeting and is approved by majority vote of those in attendance. The Treasurer at various Booster Club meetings provides periodic updates. Major expenses are submitted to the Board Members for approval prior to expenditure.

Volunteering

Volunteer effort is crucial to the success of the Club and the baseball team. There are many opportunities to volunteer in numerous capacities. Typical tasks include:

- Fundraiser Head/Participate in fundraisers
- Plan First Pitch Dinner (before season start) and Awards Banquet (after season end)
- Field and facility work day (prior to season start)
- Work in concession stand (throughout season) – all families will be assigned concession duty
- Announce the games, keep the scorebook or scoreboard, or play music in pressbox (throughout season)
- Sell ads and layout program (winter)
- Tournament duty (summer)
- Pre-game meals

All families are strongly encouraged to volunteer in some capacity. If you are especially interested in a particular task or have special talents you would like to use, contact the Club President. See the Volunteer Guide.

First Pitch Dinner

This is a gathering of all the varsity and junior varsity players, coaches, parents, and siblings prior to the beginning of the spring season. The Club provides the meal for the players. This is a time for those associated with the baseball program to get to know one another and to wish our teams' success in the coming season. All players and coaches are introduced. Spirit wear is on display and orders are taken. Also, at this time players and families receive important season information.



Awards Banquet

This is a gathering of the varsity and junior varsity players, coaches, parents, and siblings after the end of the spring season. The Club provides the meal to the players. It is a time to recognize the hard work of the teams and individual achievements. Letter jackets are awarded to first-year lettering varsity players, that are not seniors.



Board Nominations and Terms

The term for each officer position is one year, beginning in June and ending in May. There is no limit to the number of terms any person can serve. Nominations are held in April of

each year, and the slate is voted on at the Awards Banquet. If you are interested in being on the Board or nominating someone else, contact the Election Chair.

Baseball Staff

Head Varsity Coach: Chris Michaels

Varsity Assistant Coach: Steve Thompson

Varsity Assistant Coach: Jon Aardema

Head Junior Varsity Coach: Col. James Wilson

Junior Varsity Assistant Coach: tbd

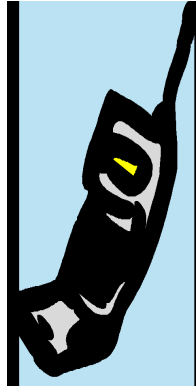
Communication

Website

The URL for the team website is www.MariettaBaseball.com. The website contains the team rosters, game schedules, game scores and highlights, and driving directions to games.

Calling Post

The primary method of communication for Club business is Calling Post. This is a system where a message is recorded and automatically sent to all the phone numbers in an established directory. Please make sure that the Communications Director has the best phone number and e-mail address to contact you. Sometimes calls are made on short notice, such as in the case of inclement weather. If you do not answer the phone when the Calling Post message is sent and you have a voicemail system, a message will be left.



General Information

Game Day Schedule

On game days the players will need to bring their uniforms and all gear with them to school. They will warm-up and change into their uniforms at the school. If the game is at home, they will also get the field ready for play and do field maintenance after the game.

The school system provides a bus to transport the team and coaches to away games. The players arrive approximately one hour before game time. Game time is usually 5:55 p.m. All players are required to ride the team bus to and from the game. Parents can pick players up at the parking lot closest to the baseball field at Marietta High School upon arrival of the bus.

Game days are long days for the players. They might want to bring a snack to school or bring money for the vending machines. Funds permitting, for all away games, the Club provides a pre or post game meal.

Lockers

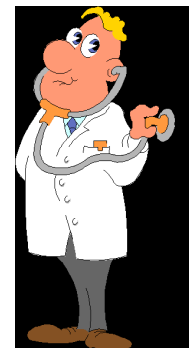
Each player is supplied a locker in the Field House, located directly behind the school. The locker can be used to store backpacks and school clothes while the player practices or plays. Since other school athletes use these lockers, they are not permanently assigned, and contents need to be removed daily. In order to protect personal belongings, each player is advised to use a combination lock on the locker when storing items. Coaches are to be provided the combination by the player in the event that an emergency entry is required.

Off Season

According to Georgia High School Association rules, the official off-season for baseball is mid-July through the second week in February. However, players are encouraged to participate in activities that will keep them in good physical condition and sharpen their skills. **Conditioning:** The coaches conduct fall and winter agility workouts, and weightlifting. **Two-on-Ones:** Coaches will conduct fieldwork with 2 players at a time in the fall. See Coach for schedules and to sign up.

Physical

According to Georgia High School Association rules, each player must have a physical examination and the required form



signed by a physician indicating the player is in acceptable condition to play sports. The form must be turned in prior to participating in tryouts or practices and must be dated within the year.

A physician comes to Marietta High School one day after school in late spring and performs physicals for all student athletes who attend. The cost is \$10. The required form signed by a private physician or from the county health center is also acceptable.

Pictures

A volunteer or student photographer takes individual and team pictures prior to the beginning of the spring season after the uniforms have been distributed. The pictures are used for the baseball program and the high school yearbook.

Practices

Practices are called at the discretion of the coaches. Typically, practices are held daily Mon.-Fri. prior to the beginning of the season. After the season begins, practices will dependant on game schedules. Practices usually last two-three hours but can go longer. Players perform much of the field maintenance and may spend some practice time working on the fields.

Price of Games

The admission price to high school games in the 5A region is \$4 for adults and \$2 for children. The athletic department receives these funds not the Club with the exception of the summer wooden bat tournament. Prices may be higher for tournaments, particularly during the summer.

Seasons

There are three baseball seasons:

Spring

(mid-February through the end of school)

This is the primary baseball season. There are two teams—varsity and junior varsity. Tryouts are held to determine who plays and on what team. Some players may play on both teams.

Note: Do not schedule vacation during **Winter Break**. Attendance to practice during winter break is mandatory. Often practice and games are scheduled during **Spring Break**. Confirm schedule with the coach prior to making plans.

Summer

(end of school through early-July)

There is one team comprised of players in all grades. Tryouts are not held for this team. The team typically plays 25–30 games, but there is much more flexibility in the summer schedule. Player vacations are accommodated. Many of the games are in tournaments, so the play may be at any time of day on any day of the week. There is a cost to play on this team to pay for tournament fees, uniforms, coaches' fees, and balls and equipment. Inquire with the head coach for more information.

Fall

(beginning of school through mid-November)

Dependent upon the number of players available to participate there may be a fall baseball team. This team would be comprised of players in all grades. There are no tryouts for this team. Since this team plays in the off-season, the high school coaches are not permitted to coach.



Uniforms and Equipment

Each player on the varsity and junior varsity will be supplied two uniforms - white for home games and gray for away games. The uniform consists of a hat, shirt, undershirt, pants, belt, and socks. The player needs to supply cleats and any undergarments. Players on the summer and/or fall teams receive a shirt only. If it is their first season with the team, they also receive a hat.

The shirt, pants, and belt are turned in at the end of the season to be re-used. This reduces uniform expense. Please keep the uniforms well laundered and in good repair throughout the season.

As for equipment, the team supplies catcher's gear and balls. Players supply their own bats. The regulation bat must have a high school BESR (Bat Exit Speed Rate) rating. When playing in wooden bat tournaments, the team supplies the bats, but players may want to bring their own. Players supply their own gloves, bat bags, and other accessories.

Adopt an Underclassman

In 2006 a new program was initiated which was developed to build camaraderie between classmen. Upperclassman will serve as a big brother and confident to another member of the team.

