

To: All Stony Point High School Baseball Tryouts
From: Coach Heath Walz

When: Tryouts will begin the first day the UIL allows baseball to practice after school. This year, that day is Friday, January 27th. They will begin at 4:30 after school. BE ON TIME. You will be expected to be there each day unless we tell you otherwise. If you must miss a tryout practice, call Coach Walz at 428-7229. If you do not call we will think that you have decided that baseball is not your priority and take you off our list of tryouts. If you do decide that baseball is not your thing, we recommend that you tell one of our coaches so that we can take your name off our list in the proper fashion.

Where: We will perform tryouts at Stony Point High School, primarily at the baseball field. Some of our tryout activities may be planned for some of the surrounding areas, but you will report to the field for the tryout. Please listen to announcements during the tryouts, as weather forces us to make changes and they will be announced if possible. On Friday, January 27th, we will meet on the blacktop behind the portables to run 60s.

How Long: Tryouts will last about 2 1/2 hours daily. We will try to have tryout players off the field by 7:00 on school nights, we will have a Saturday (1/28) tryout day also, and that time will be determined. As far as the number of days of tryouts, it may vary from player to player. Tryouts will last as long as it takes for our coaches to make a decision about the player's ability to fit into our program at this time. We will make every effort to give each player a fair chance to demonstrate his skills, desire, potential, etc. on the field at this time. Again weather may force our tryout plans to change. We will not make decisions based upon performance in summer ball or recommendations from summer coaches.

Uniform: You should come to tryouts dressed like a baseball player. That means wearing baseball pants, cleats, a baseball hat, and a long sleeve undershirt. In addition to your cleats, you should bring flat soled shoes in which you could participate in an activity on the blacktop or track. We will not complain about the color of these items until we have handed them out to you. We will not hand these items out until you have made one of our teams. If you do not have one or any of these items, do not buy them just to try out. We will allow you to tryout as long as what you are wearing is safe. The items we mentioned above are those that most baseball players have, even if they are from last year or last summer.

Equipment: You are responsible for your glove, hat, and cleats. We will provide baseballs, bats, catcher's gear, and helmets. You may use your own bat as long as it meets national high school federation standards. Be sure your name is clearly marked on all of your equipment. We do not recommend that you go out and buy new equipment prior to making one of the teams.

Physicals: **ALL PLAYERS MUST HAVE A PHYSICAL AND OTHER REQUIRED PAPERWORK ON FILE BEFORE THEY WILL BE ALLOWED TO TRYOUT.** You may obtain these papers from our trainers, Coach Kneuper or Coach Bowman. Again, these papers and a completed physical must be on file with Coach Kneuper **BEFORE** you can tryout. You can reach Coach "K" at 428-7204.