



Lutheran-Prairie Athlete/Parent Information

Welcome back to baseball, and to new players/parents, welcome to the Lutheran-Prairie family. We're all looking forward to a fun season—and fun should be what high school sports are all about.

Coaching staff

Jeff Wilson, head coach (jwilson@prairieschool.com; cell: 262-498-6300)
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Lee Jaramillo, varsity assistant (lee@northterra.com)
Bill Sweetman, JV coach (bill@bsweetmanins.com)
David Reske, JV coach (dreske@prairieschool.com)

Important dates

4/12 – 4/16: Pitchers/catchers practice (optional), Prairie Fieldhouse, 5:30-7:00
4/17: Simmons Field (Kenosha) cleanup (varsity/seniors/juniors), 10:00-noon
4/19: First full team practice; Prairie Fieldhouse, 5:30-7:15

Covid-19 rules and restrictions

- If a player is feeling ill or has a fever, he should NOT COME TO SCHOOL OR PRACTICE. Masks are mandatory indoors and while practicing outdoors at Prairie. Masks must be properly worn at all times.
- Only players are allowed inside the Prairie fieldhouse. Parents, please wait for your athlete in your car or outside. If you need to speak to a coach, we'll come outside and meet you.
- Games: Players on the field do not have to wear masks. Players in the dugout/bench area must maintain distancing and wear masks.
- Spectators: Each school/park has their own rules. We'll do our best to let families know ahead of time any specific rules, but plan to wear masks and maintain distancing.

Practice and game transportation

Covid has caused several issues with transportation that will affect baseball. To that end:

- Varsity players are responsible for their own transportation to all in-town games as well as all games in Kenosha (Simmons Field and Shoreland). Buses will cover other road games.
- JV players/parents are responsible for transportation from schools to home games at Haban Park. Buses will pick up for out-of-town games.

Player expectations/rules (*continued on next page*)

- Practices are mandatory. Player must contact the coach if player will miss practice.
- Players must treat teammates, coaches, umpires, teachers, and opponents with respect. Good sportsmanship is required at all times. Facilities must be kept clean.
- Use of alcohol, tobacco (including chewing tobacco and vaping equipment) or illegal substances is strictly prohibited. Each school's guidebook regarding conduct and penalties/infractions will be followed.
- Bullying, hazing, and harassing behavior (physical or verbal) toward teammates, classmates, or others is strictly prohibited and are grounds for immediate dismissal from the team.

- Players must attend a full day of school on the day of a practice or game to participate. If tardy for an excused reason (doctor appointment, college visit, etc.), see the AD.
- Players must be academically eligible per their school's requirements.

Notifications

Spring game and practice schedules can be a challenge because of the weather. Players will be texted if schedules change, and schools will make announcements.

Parents: Visit your school's Metro Classic site: (www.metroclassicwi.org/public/genie/449/school/9/). From there you'll see weekly schedules. On the right of the page is a tab that allows you to sign up for notifications. Do this and you'll receive texts/emails as soon as schedules change. This page also includes practice schedules. You can also follow LP Baseball's Twitter page (@LutheranPrairie) for updated practice and game information.

Uniform/equipment

- The team issues jerseys and pants. They must be kept clean and returned at the end of the season. Players *may* buy their own pants (any brand) — they must be gray with navy side piping (varsity) or black piping (JV). Caps will be provided for purchase (\$20).
- Players must supply (navy for varsity; black for JV): Socks (no visible logos); Baseball belt (adjustable/elastic); undershirts (long- and short-sleeve; no visible lettering or patterns). Arm compression sleeves, if worn, must be plain navy/black (no lettering/patterns).
- Practice: Players must wear pants, not shorts (baseball pants, sweatpants, or windpants); cap; and a shirt (no sleeveless; shirts may not have alcohol, tobacco, or political slogans or logos). Always have outdoor gear ready (long sleeves/jacket/sweatshirt/hoodie). Have dry shoes for practice indoors at Prairie, and non-spiked shoes to wear on artificial turf.
- Spikes: Many artificial-turf fields (including Horlick) don't allow steel spikes. Have both steel and turf shoes/plastic cleats with you.
- Bats: Must have BBCOR stamp, with a weight drop of -3 (no -5 or -7 bats allowed).
- Helmets: Players must supply their own. Varsity: These must be navy (preferred) or black. JV: Black or navy preferred. We'll provide an LP sticker for helmets.

Varsity/JV and playing time

Lutheran-Prairie is a no-cut program. However, there are no guarantees of being placed on varsity, of playing time, or lettering. Juniors and seniors are not guaranteed a varsity spot. Playing time is based on ability, game situations, positional needs, and attitude/effort.

Parent rules

- Parents are not allowed in dugout/bench areas or in areas where athletes are practicing, meeting, or warming up. At games, other than cheering or a simple greeting, please do not talk to or offer coaching advice to any player.
- Practices will end at their designated times (7:15 unless otherwise specified). Please pick up athletes promptly at the end of practice (Door 1 at the fieldhouse).
- At games, do not criticize umpires or players of either team, and be respectful of opponents and their parents/fans.
- Feel free to talk to or ask questions of the coaching staff. If you have a concern or grievance, we ask that you adhere to the 24-hour rule. If you request a formal meeting, the player and a minimum of two coaches will also attend. Playing time will not be discussed with parents, nor will other players' skills or situations.

Coaches Wilson, Schmidt, Jaramillo, Reske, and Sweetman