



CHAMPLAIN VALLEY REDHAWKS BASEBALL

Team Selection Process & Rubric

1. Individual Toughness
 - a. Players who love to compete against the best teams and in the most stressful situations achieve at higher rates.
2. Coachability
 - a. The ability to work together as one single team. Taking the "Me First" attitude out of the team concept.
3. Pitching
 - a. The quality and depth of a pitching staff will directly relate to team success. Keep a left-handed pitcher, they are at a premium.
4. Hitters
 - a. The team that scores the most runs win. Hit for an average or hit for power, it doesn't matter; just "hit," Left handed hitters are valuable.
5. Catchers
 - a. Keep at least three catchers per level. Develop baseball knowledge, receiving skills and defensive abilities, especially throwing techniques. Catchers who can play a second position are a valuable asset.
6. Speed
 - a. Find it, develop it, use it. You can coach skills, you cannot coach raw speed.
7. Field Groundballs
 - a. Keep players who can field groundballs or have the ability to learn the skills of fielding groundballs.
8. Tie goes to the Coach
 - a. Ties always go to the Coach.

Not being selected as one of the players for any team is a very uncomfortable situation for players, parents and coaches alike. It brings negativity and hurt into the environment that should be positive and uplifting. It is easy to say that no one can grow through the experience. Although true in most cases, the fact still remains that it hurts all that are involved. Perhaps by knowing the process, players and parents can better understand the whys of being and not being selected.

Please note all CVU Baseball Coaches use the same approach and rubric when selecting players.