



Ninth Inning Royals DeMarini Travel Baseball Program
Informational Packet

Culture and Philosophy

Ninth Inning Baseball™ was founded on the principles of providing baseball athletes an innovative and comfortable environment to learn and develop their skills. Within this organization every aspiring baseball player is welcome to learn, grow and assimilate into our baseball culture. As an owner or staff member, the philosophy of Ninth Inning is to make sure our students and families come first. Clients are not a number they are family and a core value here. Make each kid feel like one of the guys/girls and part of our clubhouse. High five, have fun and never forget why we love this game. This is not a job but a way of life!

Mission Statement

To empower, inspire and motivate athletes professionally through baseball education and its culture.

Vision Statement

To become the national leader in professional baseball instruction and competitive travel teams franchises.

Ninth Inning Baseball has founded, grown, and maintained our travel program on the premise of injecting all-encompassing instruction into the playing careers of our athletes. We believe wholeheartedly that growth and development does not come from the number of games that are played, but by the time spent by both the player and our staff concentrating on their individual game. As Professionals and teachers of the game, we are passionate about investing time in our players individually to ensure that they have the tools necessary to play at any level they desire. This passion to teach incorporates all phases of the growth and development process: skill instruction, mental approach, health and wellness, and strength, speed, and agility training.

About the Program:

The Ninth Inning Royals program consists of four pillars we believe lead to growth, development, and success.

1. Instruction
2. Strength/Health
3. Game Play
4. College Recruitment/Advisement

Instruction is the backbone of Ninth Inning baseball and we encourage all of our kids to invest their time in getting individual instruction with one of our staff members. If we grow as individuals, we grow as a team, and grow as an organization. Additionally, practices are designed to help hone the skills of



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individual players while working towards an understanding of the TEAM game and each player's role within that team. In order to accomplish this, Ninth Inning Baseball is looking for **COMMITTED** players and families that share the same desire for growth and development. If you cannot commit to this team and this process, this program is not for you.

As we have continued to grow as one of the top training facilities in the southeast, this year we have expanded our TEAM camps/clinics for the players in our organization. While private instruction is very important, we believe that offering position specific camps/clinics to our team members will continue to enhance our player development and ensure our kids are being taught the fundamentals early on and are able to build upon that foundation as they age up through the organization.

With the number of arm injuries increasing each year, the health of our players is a major concern and is not taken lightly. Proper preparation, maintenance, and knowledge of a player's body, proper technique, and discipline are an integral part to the maturation process of each player that desires to play at a higher level. With our wealth of knowledge in regards to properly preparing the body for on-field performance at the highest level, we are able to continually keep player's healthy and aware of how to take care of their bodies on an ongoing basis.

While not as important as instruction and staying healthy, game play is certainly an important piece to the puzzle for our player's to take what they've learned and apply it in action. Our program is a full year centered on player development and high-level game play experience, and each player will participate in both a FALL tournament schedule as well as a SPRING/SUMMER schedule.

From our College Placement/Advisement program, Ninth Inning (15U-18U Teams) has become fully integrated with SportsRecruits. This is a software platform that helps OUR young men play a more integral part in their own recruiting process. We have always spent countless hours on the phone promoting our players and getting them to the next level, but this allows our players the opportunity to be more proactive in marketing themselves to college coaches. This is to supplemental service to what we already do as an organization and provides a place to park their video, highlight reels and statistics from season prior.

What is Included:

Inclusions are always a very popular question for families. What do I get for my money? Below you will find a breakdown of the key features we utilize at Ninth Inning to produce value for our players and families.

- + Starting August 15th and running through July 15th, all our players have unlimited* access to cage time at the Ninth Inning Facility.
- + Access to age-specific TEAM camps/clinics held periodically throughout the year that focus on position-specific fundamentals as well as teaching the mental aspect of the game. We will be offering



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MORE of these in the 2019-2020 season, as they have been a valuable source of development for those who desire to focus on their skill set at specific positions on the field!

- + For 10-14U, players will receive a free 5-pack of ½ hour lessons as a part of their team fees for the season.
- + For 15-18U, players will receive their own personal SportsRecruits profile page that allows them access to communicate and interact with college coaches all over the country. Player videos can be uploaded and followed via their profile pages to allow college coaches and scouts to follow and track potential prospects within the Ninth Inning Baseball organization.
- + **The 2018-2019 season was the resurgence of our yearly strength program. Based off the successful growth and analytical data captured over the course of the year, we have decided to split the program into two different seasons—an Off-Season Program (August-December), and an In-Season Program (January-July). ONLY Ninth Inning team members will have access to this program. You can do one or both of the programs, but the cost will be \$350 for the Off-Season Program and \$450 for the for the In-Season Program.**
- + All gear that isn't included in the uniform package that is ordered through the Wilson/Better Baseball Order My Gear Store (OMG)
- + Tournament fees, Insurance, umpires, field rental, facility upkeep, cage time, program resources, and coach's salaries.
- + For ALL teams, team equipment needs such as baseballs, line-up cards, catcher's gear, training tools, etc.
- + Payments are broken into 9 monthly installments for our 10U-13U teams and 10 monthly installments for out 14U-18U teams.

Coaching Staff:

+ Paid Coaching Staff includes:

Heath Honeycutt	Jay Phelps	Walter Dunn	Branford Broden
Justin Edwards	Dave Bartek	Brandon Springer	Colin Trahan
Wes Borden	Shane McGill	Donnie Hayes	Ryan Lark
Vic Radcliff	Felix Luzon	Mitch King	Ryan Brennan
Eduardo Torres	Vincent Byams	Stuart Slavin	Isaac Perry
Blaine Smith	Andre Mastrogiacomo	Pete Bartlewski	Mark Nelson
Robert Iglesias	Isaac Haynes	Kevan Dorsey	

What to expect:

+ At Ninth Inning you can expect to play a 2-3 tournament fall season and an 8-10 tournament Spring/Summer season (weather permitting). Ninth Inning encourages participation in other sports with the understanding that the Royals Program is a year-round program based on growth and development. Believing in the concept of a FULL program, we will compete in a fall tournament schedule and we



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expect all of our players to participate, as they are able. This is truly the only way to learn about each other, our strengths, and our weaknesses so that we can take the off-season to work on our deficiencies and hone our skills to be the best team we can be in the spring/summer. In addition to the tournament

schedule and strength program, players can expect to practice 1-2 times per week utilizing the indoor facility as well as outdoor practice fields at our home fields at **Chamblee High School, Peachtree Corners Baptist, Peachtree Middle (new DSB fields), Cross Keys High School, Druid Hills High School, and Norcross High School**. As we continue our partnerships with our rental facilities, we plan to utilize these facilities for additional practices opportunities when available over the course of the season to maximize that on-field development!

+There will be limited throwing for our players in November and December as we believe it is imperative based on all the research available that our athlete's need time to give their arms a rest.

+For 10U-12U age groups, tournament play will begin late February and at this time we expect all players to be at every practice and every tournament game.

+For 13U and 14U, tournament play will begin Mid-April to allow our players time to compete with their middle school teams. Once the NI tournament schedule begins, you are required to be at all practices and games.

+For 15U-17U, once high school baseball begins all mandatory practices will cease for the Ninth Inning team until the conclusion of the high school season. Tournament play for these age groups will begin mid-May and carry through the duration of the summer. These are rigorous age groups and athletes can expect a practice or a workout EVERY day.

Pricing:

***We do provide a 20% discount to families with multiple players in the organization!**

10U-13U = \$360.55/Month each Month August-April

14U-17U = \$380/Month each Month August-May

18U = \$250/Month each Month August-May

Pitcher Only = \$150/Month each Month August-May

A La Carte Items:

Video for SportsRecruits profile: \$150 /Position Players
\$75/Pitcher's Only