

Sycamore Baseball and Softball Organization

SBSA Training Center - Champions Instructor Lessons

General Information, Scheduling, and Payment

The following document summarizes the procedures that must be followed to successfully schedule and pay for a Champions instructor-led lesson for an individual, small group, or team. In addition to scheduling and payment information, general information will be provided about lessons with Champions.

General Information

Champions Baseball Academy is widely known around the Cincinnati area for providing quality instruction by high quality instructors. Champions' instructors are highly trained professionals that have either played collegiately or at the pro level and offer a variety of skills and experiences to share with your ball player.

Due to the closing of their Sharonville facility on Kemper Rd, which was in close proximity to the Sycamore School District, SBSA and Champions have put together an agreement to provide SBSA-registered players quality instruction in their own back yard at slightly discounted rates. Champions still operates a facility on US 50 in Milford for those families that are not available on Monday evenings.

The following Champions instructors will be available to teach individual, small group, and team lessons to your SBSA player at the SBSA Training Center on Monday evenings during February through April: Mike Bricker (Hitting and Pitching), Rocky Curnayn (Catching and Hitting), Jeff Hautman (Pitching), and Jay Johnson (Hitting and Fielding). Mike Bricker has worked as a scout for both the Chicago Cubs and Chicago White Sox organizations. Jeff Hautman played for the Boston Red Sox while Jay Johnson played for the Milwaukee Brewers. Rocky Curnayn, out of Moeller High School, played college baseball before playing for the Florence Freedom.

Rates are as follows: Individual Lesson (\$40 - 30 minutes); Small Group Lesson (\$25 per player - 60 minutes); Team Lesson (\$200 per team - 60 minutes). Small Groups must consist of a minimum of 4 and a maximum of 6 players.

More information about Champions Baseball Academy including instructor bios can be found on their web site at: <http://www.championsbaseball.net>

Scheduling a Lesson

The following procedures should be followed to schedule a lesson with a Champions instructor at the SBSA Training Center. All scheduling must take place on-line at <http://www.sycamorebaseball.com>. DO NOT contact Champions directly!!

Lessons will take place on Monday nights from 3 - 10 during the months of February, March, and April. Lessons for the following Monday MUST be booked by Saturday at 12:00 p.m.

1. First, determine what size (individual, small group, or team) and type (hitting, pitching, catching, fielding) of lesson you are interested in.
2. Check the schedule published on the SBSA web site to determine what dates and times are available for this type of lesson. You can find the schedule by navigating to the *Training* tab located on the top of the web site and navigating to the *Important Documents* menu. Choose the link titled *Champions Instructor Lessons Schedule*. You can also find the schedule at this web link: [Champions Instructor Lessons Schedule](#)
3. When you have found an open slot that you would like to schedule for a lesson, you must fill out an on-line request form that is available on the *Training* menu by choosing the *Champions Instructor Lesson Request* menu option. You can also find the request form at this web link: [Champions Instructor Lesson Request Form](#)
4. Fill out all information on the request form as completely as possible. If you are scheduling a lesson for a small group, you MUST include the names of all players that will be attending the lesson. Here are a few extra helpful tips:
 - a. The times listed are those that are generally available for the type of lesson you chose on the top of the form. That time might have already been booked by someone else which is why you need to check the schedule before you fill out the form. Our web site is not a custom-built web site and has limitations.
 - b. The person whose name you list as the contact person for the lesson MUST be the person who checks in your player, group, or team at the Blue Ash Recreation Center on lesson day.
 - c. If requesting a small group lesson, please fill out all player names or the request will be rejected. A minimum of 4 and a maximum of 6 players must be specified.
5. When you have successfully filled out all information, you should receive a confirmation email. If you did not receive a confirmation email, assume that your request was NOT received and try again. If on the second try you still do not receive a confirmation email, you can send an email to our SBSA Training Center Scheduling Coordinator Doug Backus at dbackus@cinci.rr.com.
6. Once SBSA receives your scheduling request, we will confirm the time slot requested is available and if so, send an email confirming that the slot has been booked for you. At that time, you may make payment as specified in the section below. If the time slot was already booked, you will also be notified via email.

Paying for a Lesson

The following procedures must be followed when paying for a Champions instructor-led lesson.

1. If the time slot you requested is available, you will receive an email that contains the following information:
 - a. Date, Time, and Type of lesson requested
 - b. A link to an on-line payment form
 - c. A PDF attachment that specifies the Rules of Use for the SBSA Training Center.
2. You will have one week from the time you receive this email to make an on-line payment for your lesson. If SBSA does not receive an on-line payment within one week of booking or by the Sunday before the week of your lesson (whichever comes first), the lesson will be cancelled.
3. If you booked a small group or team lesson, the person booking the lesson is responsible for making one payment. How you collect money from your team or other members of your small group is up to you.

Cancellation Policy

Due to unforeseen circumstances, it might be necessary to cancel a lesson. The following general rules apply.

For the following circumstances, you may request a full refund or schedule a make-up lesson by filling out an on-line request form that is available on the *Training* menu by choosing the *Champions Lesson Cancellation Form* menu option. You can also find the request form at this web link: [Champions Lesson Cancellation Form](#)

1. You may cancel a lesson for any reason by Sunday at 12:00 p.m. for a lesson that takes place the next day (Monday).
2. If the Blue Ash Recreation Center is closed due to inclement weather or any other reason, SBSA will contact you and ask if you would like to receive a refund or reschedule your lesson.
3. If the Champions instructor is unable to make your lesson for any reason, you will be contacted and may choose a refund or to reschedule your lesson.