

**Mustangs**



**Baseball**

**HIGH SCHOOL 2024**

## **ABOUT BVCHEA**

Brazos Valley Christian Home Educators Association, an IRS 501 (c)(3) non-profit corporation, was founded in 1991 to provide Christian homeschool students with various academic, athletic, and social events. We currently offer 6-Man Football, Volleyball, Cheerleading, Baseball, and Softball. We partner with Cornerstone Christian Academy to offer basketball (boys & girls) and track (boys & girls). We partner with other local homeschool groups to provide a fall dance, spring prom, and graduation.

To learn more about BVCHEA, visit our website at [www.bvchea.org](http://www.bvchea.org).

## **ABOUT MUSTANGS BASEBALL**

Mustangs Baseball encourages boys to develop their baseball skills as well as their Christian virtues. Our goal as coaches is to build character in these players. If we do our jobs well, they will learn something about baseball along the way. We believe in the one, true and living God, and we will strive to keep His principles at the forefront of our coaching. We pray with our team regularly and encourage the young men to lead prayers themselves. We are volunteering our time to help these young men and we desire to be a positive influence in their lives.

### **COACHING STAFF**

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## **ABOUT TAIAO**

BVCHEA Athletics compete under the Texas Association of Independent Athletic Organizations (TAIAO). TAIAO Baseball hosts a State Tournament at the end of the season.

TAIAO rules regarding player eligibility will be enforced across all sports. According to TAIAO rules, a player who is 14 as of May 31st must play for a Varsity team. A player is allowed 4 consecutive years of eligibility at the high school level. A player cannot turn 19 years of age before May 31st of the participating school year without a valid approved exception.

For more information and to download the General Rules, visit <https://www.taiao.org/>.

# **VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES**

Parent volunteers make our athletic programs successful. Please review the various volunteer opportunities and let us know where you are able to help!

## **GAME DAY**

assist with game crew: scoreboard / books / stats  
provide player drinks & snacks

## **SOCIAL MEDIA**

update Facebook with game schedule/results and team events  
create photo posts for Instagram / create Sponsor Thank You posts for Facebook

## **FUNDRAISING & SPONSORSHIPS**

organize fundraising events / solicit business sponsors

# **COMMUNICATION**

Follow us on Facebook! Get updates and information through GroupMe. Friendly reminder: before posting a question on GroupMe, scroll up to see if that question has been answered!

**BVCHEA website:** [www.bvchea.org](http://www.bvchea.org)  
registration, online payment & donations

**GroupMe Mustangs Baseball 2024:** Communication from coaches to parents & players regarding practices and games. Questions specifically directed at coaches can be posted here. General questions for families should be posted in Mustang Moms.

**GroupMe Mustang Moms:** Communication between parents regarding rides to tournaments, dinner after games, borrowing gear, etc. This is the place for chatting. Dads are welcome!

**GroupMe Mustangs BCS Carpool:** Communication for families wanting to participate in carpool to practice & games.

**Facebook:** BVCHEA page & Brazos Valley Mustangs Athletics group  
game schedule & results, team events, sponsor recognition

## **BVCHEA BOARD MEMBERS FOR VOLLEYBALL**

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# BRAZOS VALLEY MUSTANGS BASEBALL

## PARENT EXPECTATIONS

1. I am committed to getting my player to practices and games. I understand that practice time is important for players to develop individual skills as well as team skills. I understand that coaches are volunteering their time to give my son the opportunity to play baseball. I will encourage my son to practice at home.
2. If I have a grievance, I agree to wait 24 hours before sending a text or email. After 24 hours, I can address my concern with a coach or with Joe & Katy Karasek, BVCHEA board members who serve as liaisons between the team and the organization. I will not address my concern in front of the players.
3. I will conduct myself respectfully towards Mustangs coaches and players as well as the opposing team's coaches, players, parents, and the officials. I will not boo. I will not criticize the umpires. If clarification on a call is needed, the coach will handle it. I will not coach from the stands. I will model a positive attitude for my player. I understand that BVCHEA is a Christian organization, and I will strive for virtue in my behavior and in my communication.

## PLAYER EXPECTATIONS

BVCHEA claims Christ in its name! Players are expected to demonstrate maturity, self-control, and a Christ-like character on and off the field. A competitive spirit is important for an athlete, but not as important as acting honorably at all times.

1. I will hold myself to a higher standard. I will control my emotions. I will work hard to have a positive attitude toward my teammates and myself. I will not insult or criticize my teammates or opponents.
2. I will have a coachable attitude. I will show a willingness to learn and improve. I will show respect and gratitude to my coaches for their dedication to the team. I understand that a good attitude will earn extra reps and possibly more playing time; a bad attitude will earn time on the bench and/or extra conditioning.
3. I will give my best effort at all practices and games. I will arrive 15 minutes before practice so I am dressed and ready when practice begins. I will arrive at the expected time before a game or tournament (generally 1 hour early) so I am on the field dressed and ready to warm up. I will notify a coach if I need to miss practice or a game. I understand that play time in a game is earned through hard work at practice.

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Parent Signature

Date

Player Signature

Date

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