



Bristol Baseball Club

Squad Selections for 2012

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Introduction

We are pleased to announce the initial squad selections for the Badgers and Bats teams. This initial selection has been based on our observations and discussions with each player at indoor training, as well as those we have seen at outdoor training in recent weeks. However, there are a few things to note:

1. We anticipate 3-6 players will play games for both teams this season, and we want to encourage this flexibility in the best interests of the club. We also anticipate a few new players who may join either team mid-season.
2. The Badgers commitments this year are highly concentrated as we play on 10 of the first 11 Sundays once the season starts.
3. The Bats team is for more casual baseball players who want to play but cannot play every Sunday, as well as beginning and developing players.
4. The Badgers will try to win our division again. But we know we will need reinforcements in the middle of the season as we have asked our players about their availability, and we expect we may have players who get injured. Thus it is likely the better of the Bats players will be called upon and it is important they will have had "gametime" facing live pitching.
5. If your name is not on either list below, it could be for many reasons. It could be we have not seen you this season, it could be you have not told us that you want to play, or it could be we forgot about you if you only came to one practice session! We are definitely looking for more players so if you are interested in playing please get in touch.

All players should immediately sign up online at www.bristolbaseball.co.uk and pay their respective 2012 membership fees so we can pay your insurance. Click on the "Membership Form" tab for sign up and payment details.

After you sign up for either squad we will roster you on the BBF website and you will then receive an email from the BBF. You must respond to that email in order to be formally rostered for insurance purposes as well as playoff qualifications.

Badgers and Bats initial squads for 2012

Badgers squad	Bats squad
Aaron Thomas	Adam Chesney
Brad Freeman	Alberto Loreto
Dan Looney	Carlos Davila
Gian Jimenez	Gary Guest
Jeff Daley	Gavin Derbe
Jon Lansdown	Jes Jimenez
Jonathan Brownlee	Kyle Parker
José Bobadilla	Matt Gowling
Luis Balcazar	Mike Nash
Luke Looney	Paul Gregory
Matt Bray	Phil Smith-Grimes
Peter Pfennig	Ricky Gellaty
Rem Schouten	Scott Sherreff
Robbie Jones	Scott Silbereis
Tom Hollies	Thom Jimenez
Vish Singh	Tobias Whitmarsh

For both squads, players should arrive at 9am for Sunday home games to help set up our field (unless instructed otherwise). This is because BBF rules state the home team has batting practice from 10am to 10:45am, and the away team has batting practice from 10:45am to 11:30am. Both teams then have 10 minutes of fielding practice before a 12 noon start. All players are also expected to help dismantle the equipment and fencing after our home games, storing this securely in the shed.

You will be provided with team shirts and hats, but you will need to buy other things such as your own grey or blue-grey trousers (not white). You should also wear black socks; if you wish to wear long sleeves under your shirt these sleeves should also be black; and cleats are highly recommended, as is a cup!

Additional costs will be incurred for petrol to our away games. We want to make this fair on all drivers and will try to do this somehow, all ideas are welcome.

Sponsorship plan

Those of you at indoor training will have heard of our Sponsorship plans. We have large costs every year and we do not receive regular government funding. We typically end up relying on generous donations from individuals associated with our club, but this is not sustainable. So we are asking you to approach local businesses and encourage sponsorship of our club, in the region of £50-200 (or more) per business. In recognition of any contribution we will put their company logo or personal message on our website. Our club is CASC-registered, allowing us to claim Gift Aid on donations from individuals, and companies can claim tax reliefs too.

For all Badgers and Bats players, we will reduce your annual membership fee by £10 for every £100 you raise in sponsorship. This is a great way to help the club and help alleviate your own fees in the process.

Sponsorship details and forms can be found on our website.

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