

St Thomas Minor Ball Association (STMBA)

Cardinals Tryout Policy

(to take effect for the 2025 roster season)

Purpose:

STMBA has established this policy to address procedures and timelines for Cardinal player tryouts. It is the goal of STMBA to field two rep competitive teams at each age group (e.g. 12U and 13U), and a Select team (e.g. 13U Select) annually, if the numbers warrant this. STMBA however reserves the right to adjust policies to reflect changes in participation/registration or other factors that may influence the viability of multiple teams at each age group.

Policy:

Prior to team tryouts, head coach interviews and selections will be made and announced.

1. All players attending tryouts must first register on the STMBA website registration page prior to participation. For the protection of STMBA and players, anyone not registered for tryouts through the online tryout registration form will not be able to participate until the form is completed and the tryout fee has been paid.
2. Players from other centres must supply a release from their local association as well as their affiliate association before being allowed to participate in tryouts. Adding a player from another centre must follow the Out of Area Play Policy.
3. All players not selected for the Rep Team at their level will be eligible to tryout the Select team (if numbers and talent warrant this). Select team tryouts and coaches will be posted where numbers warrant and when Rep team tryouts have been completed.
4. Only STMBA scheduled/approved tryouts are permitted. Rep coaches are expected to hold **three tryouts**. Changes to the tryout schedule are subject to diamond availability and must be approved by the Rep VP and the Diamond convenor.
5. Coaches may roster up to 9 selections after day 2 of tryouts. Final selections cannot be made until the last tryouts are completed.
6. A minimum of 12 players will be rostered on each team unless STMBA Board of Directors specify differently.

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7. Final Rep team player selections must be made within 24 hours following the final tryout and submitted to the Rep VP and Registrar prior to the start of Select tryouts. Final rep rosters will be posted on the website.
8. Select tryouts will immediately follow Rep decisions. There will be three team tryouts. Coaches may roster up to 9 selections after day 2 of tryouts. Final selections cannot be made until the last tryouts are completed.
9. A minimum of 12 players will be rostered on each team unless STMBA Board of Directors specify differently.
10. After the Roster has been submitted to STMBA, any roster additions or deletions need to be approved by the Rep VP. In the event player circumstances change, in consultation with the Rep VP, coaches may make player demotions and additions up to the final LDBA roster submission date. After the final LDBA roster submission date, players can be added up to the final Baseball Ontario Roster date.
11. From 8U up to and including 18U, the Team coach may approach any player not making the team to thank them for trying out, to provide feedback and discuss other potential levels of play within STMBA. A parent or guardian of the player has the right to be present during the discussion. Another Coach/team helper should be present as well.

Player Acknowledgement Letters

In order to be consistent with messaging to players accepted or released to a team, STMBA provides standard letters which can be used in conjunction with the coach preference on personal interviews or just posting a general note on the website. Letters are attached to this policy and are available electronically by request.

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Sample Letter to Notify Players of Successful Acceptance to a Team

St Thomas Cardinals

{Enter Division} Cardinals Team

[Enter date]

2024 Tryouts

[Enter Player First Name],

I thank you for trying out for a position on the Cardinals [Enter Division] Ball Team. I look forward to be coaching this team and enjoying a great summer of baseball.

A number of official tryouts were held over the last few weeks and based on these tryouts; I have formed a team for 2024. My evaluation of each player was based on skills (batting, catching, throwing and running), coachability (listening/understanding), attitude (respect for others/team player) and potential (baseball sense/improvement).

I am pleased to inform you that you have made the team and will be a [Enter Division] Cardinals player for 2025. I expect you to work hard at practices, have a positive attitude and dedicate yourself to this team's goals.

I look forward to an exciting year and together we can enjoy success, satisfaction and have fun.

[Enter Coach Name]

St Thomas Cardinals [Enter Division] Head Coach

Coach's Personal Comments:

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Sample Letter to Notify Players of Unsuccessful Acceptance to a Team

St Thomas Cardinals

[Enter Division] Team

[Enter date]

2024 Tryouts

[Enter Player's First Name]

I thank you for trying out for a position on the Cardinals [Enter Division] Travel Team.

A number of official tryouts were held over the last few weeks and based on these tryouts, I have formed a team for 2025. Tough decisions had to be made in order to bring our roster to 12 players. My evaluation of each player was based on skills (batting, catching, throwing and running), coachability (listening/understanding), attitude (respect for others/team player) and potential (baseball sense/improvement).

I regret to inform you that you were not selected for the [Enter Division] Cardinals at this time. You showed good overall skills, a great attitude and a desire to play baseball. I encourage you to continue developing your skills and continue to play baseball.

I wish you the best and hope to see you again in the near future. If you wish to discuss this further, do not hesitate to contact me.

[Enter Coach Name]

Head Coach- St Thomas Cardinals [Enter Division] Ball Team

[Enter contact phone number]

Coach's Personal Comments:

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