



Ashbourne Baseball

Team Philosophies

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Team Philosophy Ashbourne Giants A

Philosophy

The Ashbourne Giants A are a team focussed on winning the National Championship while creating opportunities for the high potential youth (15-17) and young adult (18-21) players to experience a high level of competition.

The long-term vibrancy of the club depends on the development and retention of its younger players. The development of the club's high potential youth players will be a consideration in the decisions of the coaching staff.

Membership

Membership of the team is open to all members of Ashbourne Baseball Club who wish to play on the team and can compete in the top division of the Irish Baseball League. Team try outs may be held if numbers warrant.

Playing Time

A player's skill level will be a key but not the only determinant of the amount of playing time a player receives. The following considerations will also be considered by the coaching staff in determining playing time.

- Players who attend practices regularly, arrive at games and practices at designated times and help with the work around the club are likely to receive more playing time than those that do not.
- Players who show enthusiasm for the game, work hard, are team players and generally contribute to the team are likely to receive more playing time than those that do not.
- The development needs of younger players on the team.

Team Philosophy

Ashbourne Giants B

Philosophy

The Ashbourne Giants B are a team focussed on the development of its youth (U18) and young adult (U21) members. The team will be focussed on skill development, personal development and having fun. The team will look to win championships when the opportunities exist but not at the expense of the other focuses.

The long-term vibrancy of the club depends on the development and retention of its younger players. The development of the club's youth players will be a consideration in the decisions of the coaching staff.

Membership

Membership of the team will consist of:

- Youth players of the Ashbourne Baseball Club
- Young adult players of the Ashbourne Baseball Club
- Coaches
- Relatives of youth players of the club who have expressed a desire to play with the club.

Membership may include a minimal number of players outside the above groups to provide skills development or facilitate other goals of the club.

Playing Time

Everyone on the team will play in games. The coaching staff will allocate playing time according to the following principles:

- Players who attend practices regularly, arrive at games and practices at designated times and help with the work around the club are likely to receive more playing time than those that do not.
- Players who show enthusiasm for the game, work hard, are team players and generally contribute to the team are likely to receive more playing time than those that do not.
- Some positions require specialised skills (for example pitcher). Players will not get an opportunity to play these positions until they reach a minimum skill level as determined by the coaching staff.
- Membership and playing time on the Ashbourne Giants A team will be considered in playing time decisions. These players may receive less playing time than their skill might otherwise warrant to allow for greater playing time for players solely on the Giants B. However, it is recognised that these players may be needed to fill skill positions and that they are playing on the team for their further development as well.
- Younger players who have recently graduated from Little League or players new to the game will initially receive lesser playing time (but will play) to allow them to acclimatise to playing in the Adult League. They will play in positions appropriate to their skill level at the time.
- When playing the stronger teams within the league, more playing time may be allocated to the more experienced players in the team; similarly, when playing the weaker teams within the league, more playing time will likely be allocated to the lesser experienced players on the team.
- Should the team find itself in a situation where the winning of a single game may mean that team (or for one of its sister teams within Ashbourne Baseball) is the difference between making the playoffs or not, the coaching staff may choose to adopt a strategy to win that game by optimising its lineup.

Team Philosophy **Ashbourne Titans B**

Philosophy

The Ashbourne Titans B are a team focussed on the development of its youth (U18) and young adult (U21) members. The team will be focussed on skill development, personal development and having fun. The team will look to win championships when the opportunities exist but not at the expense of the other focuses.

The long-term vibrancy of the club depends on the development and retention of its younger players. The development of the club's youth players will be a consideration in the decisions of the coaching staff.

Membership

Membership of the team will consist of:

- Youth players of the Ashbourne Baseball Club
- Young adult players of the Ashbourne Baseball Club
- Coaches
- Relatives of youth players of the club who have expressed a desire to play with the club.

Membership may include a minimal number of players outside the above groups to provide skills development or facilitate other goals of the club.

Playing Time

Everyone on the team will play in games. The coaching staff will allocate playing time according to the following principles.

- Players who attend practices regularly, arrive at games and practices at designated times and help with the work around the club are likely to receive more playing time than those that do not.
- Players who show enthusiasm for the game, work hard, are team players and generally contribute to the team are likely to receive more playing time than those that do not.
- Some positions require specialised skills (for example pitcher). Players will not get an opportunity to play these positions until they reach a minimum skill level as determined by the coaching staff.
- Membership and playing time on the Ashbourne Giants A team will be considered in playing time decisions. These players may receive less playing time than their skill might otherwise warrant to allow for greater playing time for players solely on the Titans. However, it is recognised that these players may be needed to fill skill positions and that they are playing on the team for their further development as well.
- Younger players who have recently graduated from Little League or players new to the game will initially receive lesser playing time (but will play) to allow them to acclimatise to playing in the Adult League. They will play in positions appropriate to their skill level at the time.
- When playing the stronger teams within the league, more playing time may be allocated to the more experienced players in the team; similarly, when playing the weaker teams within the league, more playing time will likely be allocated to the lesser experienced players on the team.
- Should the team find itself in a situation where the winning of a single game may mean that team (or for one of its sister teams within Ashbourne Baseball) is the difference between making the playoffs or not, the coaching staff may choose to adopt a strategy to win that game by optimising its lineup.

Team Philosophy Ashbourne Stags B

Philosophy

The Ashbourne Stags B are an adult focussed team competing in the B division of the Irish Baseball League.

While the team strives to win the B division championship, team camaraderie and skill development of its newer players are also important considerations.

Membership

Membership of the team will consist of any adult player within the club who wishes to play on the team.

Playing Time

Everyone on the team will play in games. The coaching staff will allocate playing time according to the following principles.

- Players who attend practices regularly, arrive at games and practices at designated times and help with the work around the club are likely to receive more playing time than those that do not.
- Players who show enthusiasm for the game, work hard, are team players and generally contribute to the team are likely to receive more playing time than those that do not.
- Some positions require specialised skills (for example pitcher). Players will not get an opportunity to play these positions until they reach a minimum skill level as determined by the coaching staff.
- Newer players will initially receive lesser playing time (but will play) to allow them to learn the game. They will play in positions appropriate to their skill level at the time.
- Membership and playing time on the Ashbourne Giants A team will be considered in playing time decisions. These players may receive less playing time than their skill might otherwise warrant to allow for greater playing time for players solely on the Stags. However, it is recognised that these players may be needed to fill skill positions as well.
- When playing the stronger teams within the league, more playing time may be allocated to the more experienced players in the team; similarly, when playing the weaker teams within the league, more playing time will likely be allocated to the lesser experienced players on the team.
- Should the team find itself in a situation where the winning of a single game may mean that team (or for one of its sister teams within Ashbourne Baseball) is the difference between making the playoffs or not, the coaching staff may choose to adopt a strategy to win that game by optimising its lineup.

Team Philosophy

Ashbourne Antlers

Philosophy

The Ashbourne Antlers are a co-ed adult slow pitch softball team competing in the 2nd division of Softball Leinster.

While the team strives to win the division championship, team camaraderie and skill development of its newer players are also important considerations.

Membership

Membership of the team will consist of any adult player within the club who wishes to play on the team.

Playing Time

Everyone on the team will play in games. The coaching staff will allocate playing time according to the following principles.

- Players who attend practices regularly, arrive at games and practices at designated times and help with the work around the club are likely to receive more playing time than those that do not.
- Players who show enthusiasm for the game, work hard, are team players and generally contribute to the team are likely to receive more playing time than those that do not.
- Some positions require specialised skills (for example pitcher). Players will not get an opportunity to play these positions until they reach a minimum skill level as determined by the coaching staff.
- Newer players will initially receive lesser playing time (but will play) to allow them to learn the game. They will play in positions appropriate to their skill level at the time.
- Membership and playing time on the Ashbourne baseball teams will be considered in playing time decisions. These players may receive less playing time than their skill might otherwise warrant to allow for greater playing time for players solely on the Antlers. However, it is recognised that these players may be needed to fill skill positions as well.
- When playing the stronger teams within the league, more playing time may be allocated to the more experienced players in the team; similarly, when playing the weaker teams within the league, more playing time will likely be allocated to the lesser experienced players on the team.
- Should the team find itself in a situation where the winning of a single game may mean that team is the difference between making the playoffs or not, the coaching staff may choose to adopt a strategy to win that game by optimising its lineup.

Team Philosophy

Little League/Coach Pitch

Philosophy

Ashbourne Baseball's Little League/Coach Pitch program is focussed on the players 12 years of age and under within the club. The team will be focussed on skill development, development of a love of the game, fun and friendship.

Membership

Membership of the team will consist of players 12 years of age and under within the club who wishes to play on the team.

Playing Time

Everyone on the team will play in games. Coaches will strive to allocate playing time fairly. The coaching staff will allocate playing time according to the following principles.

- Players who show enthusiasm for the game, work hard, are team players and generally contribute to the team are likely to receive more playing time than those that do not.
- Players who attend practices regularly, arrive at games and practices at designated times are likely to receive more playing time than those that do not.
- Some positions require specialised skills (for example pitcher). Players will not get an opportunity to play these positions until they reach a minimum skill level as determined by the coaching staff. This may necessitate that the more experienced players in the club may get more playing time.
- Newer players may initially receive lesser playing time (but will play) to allow them to learn the game. They will play in positions appropriate to their skill level at the time.