

# **SSBL FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS**



**Dream, Grind, Achieve.**



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**1. What are the eligibility rules?**

- Summer collegiate league players must have signed a LOI or have been on a collegiate roster within the past six months.
- Post Grad league players must be at least 16 years of age.
- Professional players must be age 21 or older

**2. What is our staff communication policy?** All communication attempts must be responded to within 48 hours.

**3. Are we a non-profit?** Our summer collegiate and Post Grad programs are listed under National Independent Baseball Academy which is a non-profit organization. Our Professional League is a for profit organization.

**4. What is the minimum age?** 17

**5. What is our schedule:** Fall ball is from September - November, Spring session is from March - April and our summer season is from May - August. Summer is our most competitive season. During the fall and spring it is more about development and showcasing skills.

**6. How many games do our teams play?** The fall and spring seasons offer 15 plus games while the summer offer 30 games plus playoffs.

**7. Is playing time guaranteed?** Playing time is guaranteed on a percentage basis in the summer collegiate, post grad, and adult travel teams. While playing time isn't guaranteed in the Professional league our staff makes sure that all players have an opportunity to showcase their talents over the course of the season.

8. **Do we provide housing?** No housing isn't provided. However we have a guaranteed housing program to ensure that players have access to affordable housing in their host site location.
9. **What host sites are SSBL located in?** Currently we are located in Fayetteville, Greensboro, and Wilson NC.
10. **How far is the travel and how often do teams travel?** Teams typically play 5 days a week with 3 home games per week. This equates to a 60/40 split of home to away games. Most travel games are between 1-2 hours away with further travel games up to 3 ½ hours away.
11. **Do scouts attend games?** Scouts normally do not attend games. However they may look at the live stream video and our organization promotes players that we feel have the talent and capabilities to play at higher levels.
12. **Do teams play out of league games?** Yes, teams may also face out of league competition against partner leagues such as the Carolina Collegiate Baseball League, other independent league collegiate and professional teams.
13. **What is our uniform policy?** All players must be in full and matching team uniforms. Your team manager should be able to answer all uniform questions.
14. **Are professional players paid?** Yes, Professional players are paid 3 ways. First they are paid via our standard contract. Secondly, they are paid through commissions from our player revenue and reward program if they choose to participate. Third, players are paid if they sign up for host site jobs when available. Lastly players are paid through a performance and season completion based bonus system at the end of the season.
15. **Do professional players have to be bought out of their contract?** No, our goal is to help players move up to higher professional leagues whenever possible with no haggles. Players are paid only for time spent on the professional roster during the regular season and are free to move to other leagues at any time by emailing the league resigning from their contract.

**16. How are suspensions and expulsions handled?** Warnings and suspensions may be given for minor offenses while larger violations may lead to expulsion from the league without any monies paid or refunded. Serious offenses may lead to players being placed on the Non-Participation List and/or the Do Not Hire List.

**17. Do we offer payment plans?** Yes, all of our programs offer some form of payment plans prior to 45 days until the start of the season.

**18. Are payments refundable?** NO All Sales are FINAL. Payments are non-refundable however league credits will be given in case of serious injury or other factors at the discretion of SEBL. Prorated to full league credits can be awarded.

**19. What comes with the team registration fee?** The team participation fee covers each player's share of team expenses. These expenses include uniforms, baseballs, umpires, field costs, staff payroll, etc.

**20. What are our uniform policies?** Players are issued specific uniforms one time. This means if a player plays multiple years and has received a current jersey the next year they won't be issued a duplicate jersey. However if a team adds a jersey the returning player doesn't have, the returning player will receive the additional jersey. For reduced price teams (will be acknowledged in the team participation agreement) jerseys are returned after the season. A portion of fees paid will be refunded once jerseys are returned in reusable conditions.

**21. Do we charge attendance fees?** Some out of league venues may charge a gate fee. Those venues will be disclosed prior to the game of up to 72 hours in advance. Also there may be a charge to watch our out of league team's live stream.

**22. What are sponsorships used for?** Game Day sponsorships are used for league and team expenses to cover the cost of playing baseball. Those costs include staff payroll, uniform/apparel, field costs, insurance costs, umpire costs, baseballs, technological costs, marketing and advertising costs, legal costs, and the cost of insurance.