

marucci **PROSPECTS**

Preseason Parent Meeting



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Trainers

Coach Gabe (Catching, Pitching, Fielding, Hitting)

Coach Donovan (Fielding, Hitting)

Coach Nathan (Fielding, Hitting, Pitching)

Coach Chase (Fielding, Hitting, Pitching)

Coach Jack (Pitching, Hitting, Fielding)

Coach Erik (Outfield, Float)

Coach Jackson (Float, First Base, Hitting)

Coach CJ (Pitching)* when not playing professionally

Coach JT - Lessons Only (Hitting, Catching, Fielding)

Special Advisers: Tad Monroe, David Ramirez, Tony Turner

Operations: Mayum Griffin



Philosophy

Development Focused

9U to 12U: Development-based focus with an emphasis on competition, mental approach, skills building, and IQ.

13U to 14U: High School Development with a focus on preparation for players' HS tryouts.

15U and above: Refining High School development and College preparation.

What does Development Focused mean?

Focus on Developing Skills, IQ, Mental Toughness, Athleticism.

Winning is not the goal but a by product of hard work, approach, and teamwork. Development focused doesn't mean we don't want to win, it just means Development is priority.

Winning Focused

Prioritize Positions
Looking for the biggest kids
Age down players
Batting 10 at young age groups
Shy away from Failure
Over Coaching
Use Pickup Players as Primaries

Development Focused

Rotate Positions
Looking for Athleticism
Play up when possible
Bat Everyone
Embrace Failure
Let players make decisions
Use Pickup Players to fill in only



The Math

.5% of High School Players will get Drafted by a Major League Team

8.1% Play College Baseball

Of that only 2.4% Play Division 1

Only 5.1% D1 Players Go Pro (MiLB or MLB)

Minor League (MiLB) players have a 10% chance of making MLB



Why do we have our kids play?

100% Change of building Resiliency, Learning Life Lessons, Developing Relationships, Have Fun, Learn Teamwork, Gaining Confidence, Learn how to work hard.

We prepare them for High School Ball

Culture

Culture is important!

Positive Supportive Environment.

Expect good sportsmanship from everyone.

Expect Hard Work.

Expect Commitment.



Commitment

This is a year long commitment to the program and to your team.

“Love the Grind”



Parents

Be your players biggest supporter and fan.
Understand this is their journey not yours.
Learn the rules.
Respect coaches, other players, other parents.
Good sportsmanship.
Don't yell at umpires.
Don't coach from the sidelines.
Don't Criticize in front of your player.



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Rumor has it the adults cause more problems in youth sports. Parents blaming other parents. Coaches on the same not getting along. Parents blaming coaches. Coaches blaming parents jealousy. How adults treat officials manipulating GameChanger stats coaches playing parent ball. Adults unrealistic expectations of children.

The worst part is the kids see it all the behaviors. Be better adults.

Expectations

Have realistic expectations about your player. Do not compare them to other players. Players all develop at different rates.

Players are Expected to Self Advocate

Players should speak with coaches about their playtime issues first. This may be difficult for younger players.

Coaches Expectations

Coaches are here to teach, be supportive, be role models. If my coaches over step let me know. If they aren't doing a good job let me.



PRACTICE

We will have 80 to 100 practices in a season not including pitchers and catchers work. Most players will not attend every practice, but we highly encourage you to attend as much as possible.

If you can't attend a practice please mark in GC and let a coach know.



PRACTICE

We will have the schedule in multiple locations:
Website and Gamechanger, possibly our App.

Once we have all teams set we can post practice
schedule. Expect this toward end of July

BE FLEXIBLE



Season

Q1

Post Season
Aug through Oct

Q3

Pre Season
Jan to Mar

Q2

Winter Season
Nov to Jan
Mostly Indoor

Q4

In Season
Mar to Jul
Be Flexible



Q1 Post Season

Mid-Aug through Oct

- Weekday team and skills practice, Weekend Practice

- Strength and Conditioning for HS Players

- Additional Weekday and Weekend Training Modules will be added once all teams are set



Q2 Winter Season

Nov through Dec

- Weekday team and skills practice, Weekend Practice
- Indoor Weekend only practices start in November (this may vary due to weather)
- Pitching and Catching Practices
- Strength and Conditioning for HS Players
- Additional Weekday and Weekend Training Modules



Q3 Pre Season

Jan Through Mar

- Weekday team and skills practice, Weekend Practice
- Pitching and Catching Practices continue, increase in Bullpen and live at bats
- Strength and Conditioning for HS Players wrap up for School Season
- Additional Weekday and Weekend Training Modules

Q4 In Season

Apr to Jul

-Weekday team and skills practice

-Weekend Practices when schedule allows**

**In-season, teams playing on weekends may only have one practice during a tournament week. A lack of field availability can also reduce outdoor practice times, especially from April through June. We make every effort to secure fields in a timely manner; however, we may be limited by several factors that are beyond our control. Your flexibility and understanding during this stretch are appreciated.

-Pitchers and Catchers stop extra training when the season begins to reduce the throwing load for those players.



SAMPLE PRACTICE SCHEDULE

	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
200 to 5pm	Open Facility	Open Facility	Open Facility	Open Facility	Open Facility
500 to 630PM	Catcher/Pitchers	9U to 12U Practice	9U to 12U Practice	9U to 12U Practice	Catcher/Pitchers
645 to 845pm	13U to 16U Times	13U to 16U Times	13U to 16U Times	13U to 16U Times	Catcher/Pitchers

Weekend	Saturday Field 1	Saturday Field 2	Sunday
9 to 1030am	9U & 10U	13U	S&C 13U & UP
1030 to 1200	11U	14U	S&C 13U & UP
1200 to 130pm	12U	15U	S&C 13U & UP
130 to 3pm		16U	Hitting & Open
			Hitting & Open
			Hitting & Open



Important Dates:

No practice on Major Holidays

Thanksgiving Break: 11/25 to 11/30

Christmas/New Year Break: 12/22 to 1/4/26 (open times will vary)

Season Ends July-ish



Schedule

Tournament Schedule should be out this Fall
Tournament Play starts Feb or March 2026
League Play* MAY 2026

*League Play will be determined by a team by team basis and is not guaranteed.



Tacoma Select App

Please download and setup membership.

<https://marucciprospectswa.com/accountsetup/>



Payments

All Payments are made through the app.
Monthly payments will process the first of the month.

<https://marucciprospectswa.com/2025-26-season-info/>



What are you paying for?

Trainers Pay
Facility Cost
Field Rentals
Umpires
Supplies
Field/Game Insurance

<https://marucciprospectswa.com/2025-26-season-info/>

NOT PAYING FOR PLAYTIME



PLAYTIME

Playtime is determined by skill, strategy, position,
attendance, attitude.

Playtime may not always be fair.

GroupMe

Used to post information about practices, games, etc.
Can DM Coaches and Managers

Lessons and Classes for Members

Discounts range per Trainer



Travel Tournaments

Selected teams will play in an out of state travel tournament.
More information in August



LITTLE LEAGUE FRIENDLY

Please let us know if your player plans on playing LL.
WE ASK TOURNAMENTS TAKE PRIORITY

Would also like to know about pitch count



Profile Page

Page will be available at
the start of practices



Kazu Griffin

Team: 15U Gabe
Age Group: 16U
Graduation Year: 2028
Primary Position: Pitcher
Secondary Position: Outfield
Pitcher: Primary Starter

Practice Attendance:

Season Goal:

PLAYER PROFILE

GAMECHANGER

Tacoma Select 15U
Gabe 2024-25 15U

TBD Jan 25, 2025
1:00 PM

Legends... Feb 27, 2025
Top Tier 15... W 7-6

@ Elevat... Feb 28, 2025
Top Tier 15... L 0-5

@ Focus... Feb 28, 2025
Top Tier 15... W 8-1

UP Viking... May 23,
2025

Assessments

Training Quarter 1 - Initial Assessments

Hitting:
Exit Velo:
Fielding Defense:
Speed:
Pitching:
Pitching Velo:
Catching:
Attitude:
Note:

Training Quarter 2 - Fall Assessments

Hitting:
Exit Velo:
Fielding Defense:
Speed:
Pitching:
Pitching Velo:
Catching:
Attitude:
Note:

Training Quarter 3 - Pre-Season Assessments

Hitting:
Exit Velo:
Fielding Defense:
Speed:
Pitching:
Pitching Velo:
Catching:
Attitude:
Note:

Training Quarter 4 - Post Season Assessments

Hitting:
Exit Velo:
Fielding Defense:
Speed:
Pitching:
Pitching Velo:
Catching:
Attitude:
Note:



General Rules

Please read T&S on the app or website for more information

Games

We follow local tournament rules
Give coaches some room to operate.

LEARN THE RULES

We move players around to learn different positions.



Open Facility



During Open Facility 12U and under are not allowed to be alone in the facility.

A parent must be present.



Only Players and Parents

Allowed on the field

Helmets must used in that cages by all players

NO HORSE PLAY



Cleanup after yourself

Pickup Balls and return any equipment used.
Please report any broken equipment



Marucci and TS Logo

Do not use logos without authorization



No Bullying

After 1 warning the player will be removed from the program.
No waiting period to report bullying. Please report ASAP.



Player Poor Sportsmanship

Coaches discretion: Benching, Suspension from games or practice, Removal from team
(REPUTATION WILL FOLLOW A PLAYER)

Parent Poor Sportsmanship

Removal from games or tournament, Teams can be ejected
as well, Removal from team



24 Hour Rule

Do not speak to coaches about playtime, strategy, etc during games and tournaments. Please wait 24 hours after, any contact prior to that will be ignored.

Exception for SAFETY ISSUES

Coaches at other games are not their to talk about playtime or strategy, let them watch the game



APPOINTMENTS

Setting Appointments is encouraged



EQUIPMENT

USSSA Bats(1.15BPF Cert) allowed for 13U & Under
14U & Up BBCOR. Players should also have a wood bat

No metal spikes on Turf and 14U & Under
15U & Up spike usage depends on field



EQUIPMENT

Marucci Store (Marucci, Buam, Victus)
<https://lockerroom.maruccisports.com/#/login>

Code is MP2025

****DO NOT BUY UNIFORMS OR BAGS.****

New store for 2025-26 will open soon



EQUIPMENT

Wilson Store (Wilson, DeMarini, Louisville Slugger)

<https://account.wilson.com/login>

Code is **P3X3RN43**

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Tip from a parent

Prioritize Your Relationship with your player.
Support when they are down. Don't let baseball be
wedged between you and your player.



Questions?