

Baseball Instructors



Derek Claussen – (Pitching/Personal Training)

\$55 – 30 min \$85 – 60 min (Package pricing available)



Derek attended Providence Catholic H.S where he starred in 3 sports (Baseball, Football, and Wrestling). By the time he graduated in 2000 he managed to be part of 4 State Championship teams, and a top ten National H.S. team ranking in both wrestling and baseball. He continued to play baseball at Joliet Junior College where, by the end of his two years, he was twice named All-Conference, once to All-Region, and earned a baseball scholarship to the University of South Carolina – Aiken (USCA) of the Division II powerhouse Peach Belt Conference. After graduating in 2005 Derek has since created Profactory Sports Performance and has also been certified as a National Pitching Instructor by the National Pitching Association and Rod Dedeaux Research and Baseball Institute. Currently, Derek devotes much of his time trying to help athletes have access to the best information possible as well as the best tools to succeed. As he continues to establish himself as one of the finest pitching instructors in Illinois, he wants his clients to absorb everything he has learned and then some. His goal is to help you, help yourself achieve the most success you can possibly experience. You can view additional information about him at www.profactorysports.com.



Jim Hall – (Coaching, Hitting, Fielding, Catching, Pitching, Fundamentals)

\$45 – 30 min \$90 – 60 min 10-30 min sessions \$400

Jim served as head coach of the Lockport Porters Baseball Program from 1991-2005. Coach Hall's teams won Conference titles in '92, '93 and 1995, 1997-'01, 2003-'05. The Porters also won 9 regional titles during that time, as well as State Final appearances in '92 (4th), '97 (2nd) and '98. The Porters were IHSA State Champions in 2005 after a 40-3 season. The Porters also finished 3rd in Summer State Tournament in '96 and '03. Coach Hall has served as president of the Illinois High School Baseball Coaches Association and has been inducted into the Hall of Fames of Marist High School and the IHSBCA. Most recently Jim has coached Team Illinois and USA Athletes International.



Isaac Valdez – (Hitting/Fielding)

\$40 – 30 min \$75 – 60 min

Isaac has been doing private lessons for over 10 years now. He is the Former Director of Player Development for Chicago White Sox Charities ACE program, Coach of two-time Triple Crown 18U HS National Champions (2005, 2006), Former Professional Instructor with Bulls/Sox Academy, Former Hitting/Infield Coach at St. Francis High School and played his College ball at Kishwaukee Community College.



Mike Hall – (Coaching, Hitting, Fielding)

\$45 – 30 min \$80 – 60 min 10-30 min sessions \$400

Mike was a graduate of Marist H.S in 1997 and North Central College in Naperville in 1981. Mike was signed as a free agent for the Chicago Cubs organization in 1980. Mike managed the Homer Heat travel baseball club for 4 years and accumulated 21 championships in 4 years with the club including 2002 AAU 9 and under National Championships at Disney's Wide World of Sports, and a Top 8 finish in 2006 Cooperstown National Tournament. Mike also managed the 2006 Lemont Little League World Series team. Mike is currently managing the 2010 16 and under "Team Easton" from Lemont, IL who were the 2009 Fletcher Baseball National Champions.



Adam Stabosz – (Pitching, Youth Hitting)

\$35 – 30 min \$50 – 60 min

Adam graduated from Stagg H.S. in 2004 where he starred in baseball, he then went to Lewis University here in Romeoville and played baseball for 4 years and graduated in 2008. He is currently a Strength and Conditioning Coach.



Greg Blaesing – (Hitting, Catching, and Fielding)

\$40 - 30 min \$80 - 60 min

Greg graduated from Lockport High School in 1999 where he was a 3 year varsity starter and was named as a IHSA Coaches Association All-State selection. Greg then continued his playing career at Illinois State University from 1999-2004. There he was 4 year letter winner and a 3 year Team Captain. He was named Louisville Slugger Freshmen All-American. After college Greg played for the Gateway Grizzlies in the Frontier League. Over his time Greg has caught numerous professional pitchers including Neal Cotts, Jeremy Accardo, Brian Bullington and Tom Gorzellany.



Mark Hamende – (Fielding, Hitting and Pitching)

\$40 – 30 min \$55 – 60 min

Mark has 15 years of youth baseball coaching experience. He has been a financial advisor to many major league players. Was the coach of the Springfield Steelmen the 2008 USSSA 12U State Champions. Was the director of Scouting at Terry Sullivan & Associates from 1989-1997. Is currently the assistant coach for the 16U Easton Stealth 2010 team.



Mike Papierski – (Hitting)

\$35 - 30 min \$55 - 60 min

Mike graduated from Joliet Catholic H.S. There he was a two time all-area performer, All-State 1B Sr. Year, Summer State Champ in 1983 and represented the U.S. in the Netherlands in 1984 on Team Chicago. After H.S. Mike played baseball at the University of St. Francis – Joliet. There he was a 4-year starter, made it to the NAIA World Series three times and took 3rd place Nationally in 1989. Was Lemont H.S. Varsity Coach in 1989-90 and Coached the Lemont Braves from 2003-2008. He is currently the Principal at LaGrange Highlands Middle School.



Rich Bialek – (Baseball/Softball – Hitting, Fielding, Catching)

\$40 – 30 min \$75 – 60 min

Rich graduated from Immaculate Conception H.S. in 1984 where he was drafted following his senior year by the Cincinnati Reds as a Catcher. Rich has coaches travel baseball now for 8 years and was a former H.S. Varsity Baseball hitting Coach. Rich has been a baseball/softball Hitting, Fielding, Catching instructor for 9 years now. Rich also does a video analysis of every lesson. He is currently a Coach for the 16U Team Easton Stealth.