



FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

1) WHAT DOES IT MEAN TO BE A JAYS CARE AFFILIATE SCHOOL?

At Jays Care Foundation our goal is to level the playing field for all children and youth across Canada. We know that an opportunity gap exists in underserved communities across Canada and many children step up to the plate with two strikes already against them.

One way Jays Care Foundation is working to achieve our goal is through partnering with schools across the country. Jays Care staff work with educators across Canada to help implement grassroots baseball programming into their school. Educators have the choice to run programming targeting our key focus areas: Self-identified girls (Girls At Bat), students living with a physical and/or cognitive disabilities (Challenger Baseball), Indigenous youth (Indigenous Play Ball) and students living at or below the poverty line (Rookie League). Jays Care Foundation provides all the training, equipment and resources needed to run the program. A Jays Care Affiliate School must commit to running 8 weeks of baseball programming with students within their school. Educators have the freedom to run their program however they see fit, as an after-school program, during lunching/recess, or even during structured class time.

2) WHAT GRADES CAN PARTICIPATE IN JAYS CARE'S AFFILIATE SCHOOL PROGRAMMING?

The unique thing about being an Affiliate School is that the programming offered can be varied to target any grade. Our program manual provides variations on how to gear the activities toward different age groups, and how activities can be adapted to how to include students of any background or any ability.

3) WHEN CAN MY SCHOOL START?

You can start your program once you receive your Blue Jays-themed equipment kit. We just ask that you complete your 8 sessions before the end of the 2022/23 school year.

4) WHEN WILL MY SCHOOL RECEIVE OUR EQUIPMENT SET?

Our team at Jays Care will submit your equipment order within 5 days of you completing your program plan. It typically takes 2-3 weeks for your equipment to be delivered, depending on where your school is located.

5) WHAT IS THE PROCESS FOR RETURNING SCHOOLS?

We are thrilled that you are interested in being a Jays Care Affiliate School again this year! You can sign up for this year by using the registration link [here](#). Please ensure that you select "I am a returning school" when you complete the form.

6) WHO DO I CONTACT FOR QUESTIONS?

Our team is here to help! Please email JCF_affiliateschools@bluejays.com with any questions you may have about your Affiliate Schools program. You can expect a response within 1-2 business days.



7) WILL JAYS CARE COME AND VISIT MY SCHOOL?

Jays Care staff travel across Canada to visit our programs throughout the year. Our team will contact you if we have staff members visiting your area. To be eligible for a visit you must meet the following requirements:

- ✓ At least 10 students participating in your program
- ✓ Outdoor or gym space to host the visit
- ✓ The program lead must work with Jays Care staff to ensure all liability waivers are signed before the visit

8) CAN I TAKE MY EQUIPMENT SET WITH ME IF I MOVE SCHOOLS?

The Affiliate School equipment belongs to your school. We ask that if you are moving schools, you find someone at your school to take over the program on your behalf. You are then able to register to run another program at your new school.

9) DO I NEED ACCESS TO A BASEBALL DIAMOND?

No! All the equipment provided can be used both indoors and outdoors. We also provide all schools with a set of bases to create a baseball diamond within any open space.

10) WHAT IS A JAMBOREE AND HOW DOES A SCHOOL BECOME ELIGIBLE TO ATTEND?

A Jamboree is a celebration for students participating in programming at Jays Care Affiliate Schools. Schools within the Greater Toronto Area can apply to attend the Affiliate Schools Jamboree at Rogers Centre. More eligibility information and how to apply will be sent to program leads at a later date.

Do you live outside the GTA and are interested in co-hosting a Jamboree? Email JCF_affiliateschools@bluejays.com to see if your school is eligible to co-host a Jamboree in your community.