

Tri-Township Travel Baseball Operating Rules & Expectations

GOAL:

To provide an environment for players who wish to play additional games at a high level of competition.

TEAMS:

Each team shall consist of NO MORE THAN One Manager, Two Coaches, & One Scorekeeper.

MANAGER: Responsible for all final decisions regarding the team, including the following of this guide and all rules and regulations of the league.

COACHES: Are to be assigned duties by the manager in the operation of the team and the teaching of the game.

SCOREKEEPER: Has no coaching duties, is not a coach, and will not be in uniform at any time. His job is to keep the score, he has no authority to question calls or perform any duties other than keep score.

PLAYERS: Minimum of 12 players and a maximum of 18 players shall make up a team. (Due to the nature of Travel Baseball it is strongly suggested that the numbers of players selected for a team be greater than the minimum number. This however is only a suggestion and not a requirement.) With the exception of any grandfathered player teams are to be AGE PURE beyond the 8-year-old team. The 8-year-old manager, at his discretion may select 7-year-old players to complete his team with the understanding that they will not play with his team the following year.

NOTE TO PARENTS: Parents are as integral a component of a baseball team's success. Tri-Township not only encourages that parents' play an active role in their child's baseball experience but condones open and honest communication with the Manager and Coaching Staff. In addition, we ask that all parents respect the time, dedication and commitment of the Coaching Staff to making this baseball experience enjoyable.

TEAM SELECTION:

Each team shall be selected by a series of tryouts. Tryouts are to be held no earlier than March 1st of each year, weather permitting. (TT suggests that all tryouts be completed by April 1). The selection committee shall consist of the team Manager and two Independent Parties not affiliated with the team in any way. Coaches of the team are encouraged to help with the mechanics of the tryout but will have no input as to the team selection. Teams are required to have a minimum of two tryouts with no selections to occur prior to the end of all tryouts of that team. (It is suggested that all players trying out should attend all tryouts being held for that team.) **NOTE: ONLY PROPERLY REGISTERED PLAYERS ARE ELIGIBLE TO TRYOUT FOR ANY TRAVEL BASEBALL TEAM - NO EXCEPTIONS!!**

NOTE: IT IS NOT REQUIRED THAT ANY PLAYER PLAY ON A TRAVEL BASEBALL TEAM TO TRYOUT FOR OR PLAY ON THE TOURNAMENT TEAM. IN ADDITION, IT SHOULD NOT BE EXPECTED THAT A PLAYER WHO PLAYED ON THE TRAVEL TEAM BE OBLIGATED OR SELECTED FOR THE TOURNAMENT TEAM.

PLAYER COMMITMENT:

The selection of any player to a Travel Team with Tri-Township carries with it certain responsibilities and requirements. All players are required to be present for games one half hour before the start of the game. All players are required to play in the in-house League to be eligible to play Travel Baseball. All players are expected to play the entire in-house and travel schedules.

Note: Failure to do so may result in the disqualification of a player's eligibility to try out for a Tri Township Tournament Baseball Team.

PLAYING TIME:

Each player selected to a Travel Team has made a commitment and in turn should be allotted some consideration in the form of playing time. Players are expected to play a minimum of two innings in the field and one at bat per game. The Team Manager will make every attempt to see that the minimum playing requirements are met. **THERE IS NO GAURENTEE OF PLAYING TIME.**

BEHAVIOR:

All persons associated with Travel Teams (Manager, Coaches, Players, Scorekeeper and Parents) are expected to have behavior above reproach. The teams and all associated with them are representatives of Tri-Township and when at other locations are expected to act as proper guests and when playing at home good hosts. The role of Manager is the **ONLY** voice of the team during ball play, for example, to discuss call with umps or addressing any issues on field during play.

Tri-Township reserves the right to suspend or revoke participation in the program to any individual who violates the Code of Conduct. This includes managers, coaches, scorekeepers, players and parents. All suspensions are revocations are immediate and shall remain in force until the Tri-Township Board of Directors makes a formal ruling.

NOTE: YOU ALL REPRESENT OUR LEAGUE. BE HUMBLE IN VICTORY AND GRACIOUS IN DEFEAT.

REQUIRED TEAM MEETINGS:

Each Manager will be required to hold two meetings with all associated with the Travel Team, including players and parents. The first meeting should take place prior to the start of the Travel Season and cover the contents of this document as well as goals for the team and coaching philosophy. Also, to review what you expect from coaches, players and parents.

The second meeting should take place after the Travel Season and prior to Tournament Team try-outs. This meeting should wrap up the Travel Season and set expectations for Tournament Team try-outs.

OFF SEASON TRAINING:

Travel Teams are selected in March of each year. Any workouts held prior to tryouts should not be considered as a team workout and is not required for a player to be selected to a team.

TOURNAMENTS:

Any team wanting to attend a tournament during the Travel Season **MUST** make a request in writing to the League President at least 2 weeks in advance of the tournament. The request must include Tournament Dates, Location of the Tournament, & Team Roster. **NOTE: THIS IS REQUIRED FOR INSURANCE COVERAGE BY OUR INSURANCE CARRIER.**

GRIEVANCE RESOLUTION:

The team manager is the first point of contact for issues that arise during team selection, season play and tournament play. If an issue is not resolved to the complainant's satisfaction this issue can be escalated to the Tri-Township Board of Directors. The Board will review the issue, hear from both sides and make a ruling. Once a ruling is made, it is final.

Note: The Tri-Township Board of Directors meets every month (third Thursday) at the Addisville Reformed Church, 945 Second Street Pike, Richboro, PA 18954 at 8PM. All meetings are open to the public.

FINAL NOTE:

- This guide pertains to Travel Baseball only
- After the Travel Season a separate tryout **MUST** be held to select a Tournament Team

Player Name (Print)_____Date_____

Parent Name (Print)_____

Parent Signature_____