



## Burlington Township Falcons Travel Policy 2018

### I. Purpose

This policy is to formalize the selection of travel teams and managers for the Burlington Township Cal Ripken and Babe Ruth Baseball programs.

### II. Registrations

#### 1. 9U-12U, 13U-16U

- a.* All registration will be done via the league website.
- b.* Announcements for registration shall be sent to all of the previous year's recreation registered players and players registered to that point.
- c.* Registration will open on or about Sept 1<sup>st</sup> of each year.
- d.* Registration shall remain open until 30 days after registration begins.
- e.* Due to the potential for the 12U age group to play in a tournament with significant cost consideration (Cooperstown, Ripken Myrtle Beach, etc), sufficient time needs to exist to actively fund raise.
- f.* If there is no 12U group, there will not be a big destination consideration for any travel team in the league.

#### 2. 7U-8U

- a.* All registration will be done via the league website.
- b.* Announcements for registration shall be sent to all of the current year's recreation registered players
- c.* Registration will open on or about Jan 1<sup>st</sup> for 8U.
- d.* Registration will on or about April 1<sup>st</sup> for 7U
- e.* Registration shall remain open until 30 days after registration begins.

### III. Selection of Travel Managers and Coaches (All ages)

- 1. Anyone may be considered for selection.
- 2. Parents must identify themselves as a candidate at the time of their son's travel registration. If, for whatever reason, the parent did not do this at the time of registration, he/she must submit their request for consideration in writing to the BTB Commissioner.
- 3. The BTBCA Travel President, Commissioner and Cal Ripken President shall identify all candidates.
- 4. The selection of the Travel Manger shall be made by a 5 person selection committee consisting of:



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- a.** BTBCA Baseball Commissioner
  - b.** BTBCA Cal Ripken President
  - c.** BTBCA Babe Ruth President
  - d.** BTBCA Travel President
  - e.** BTBCA Member-at-Large (selected by the BT Baseball Commissioner)
    - i.** The Member-at-large shall be rotated on a yearly basis.
  - f.** If a candidate is a member of the selection committee, they will be replaced for the decision of that age group by a special BTBCA Member at-Large.
- 5.** The selection committee should consider the following in the selection of a manager:
  - a.** Previous experience as a BT Recreation or Travel Manager/Assistant Coach
  - b.** Any previous complaints made against an individual either in BT Baseball Recreation or Travel or any other sports.
  - c.** The reasonable expectation that the manager's son would be considered for selection on the team.
  - d.** If interviewee is coaching another sport (ie soccer, baseball, etc)
  - e.** Dedication to the BT Baseball Program
- 6.** The selection of the Manager shall occur and be announced prior to the evaluations.
  - a.** The manager will submit their staff to the BTB Commissioner for approval after the results of the try-outs and selection of players has been made.
- 7.** Each manager (7U-11U, 12U-16U) will serve a term of one baseball year (from the date of announcement through the conclusion of the Fall Season)
- 8.** The 11U "A"/District manager's term will last 2 years (11U and 12U seasons).
- 9.** Any manager may be removed for cause at any time by the BTB Commissioner.

### IV. Evaluations

- 1.** Evaluations for all teams will take place as follows (Dates are flexible based on facility and evaluator availability):
  - a.** 9U-12U: Mid to late-October
  - b.** 8U: Late February – Mid March in 2017.
  - c.** 7U: Mid-May

Note: If not enough players come out for age's 9U-12U in late October, registration will re-open for those age groups on or about Jan 1<sup>st</sup>.



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2. Evaluators shall come from (in order of preference):
  - a. An outside agency (when available)
  - b. Current members of the Burlington Township Baseball Coaches Association (BTBCA).
  - c. In no circumstance, will a coach evaluate his or her son's age group.
3. The selected Travel Manager's son will attend the evaluation.
4. Evaluations may consist of hitting, fielding, catching, running and pitching.
5. Travel Managers may attend the evaluations for their age group as an observer.

### V. Selection of the Teams (All ages)

1. 8U-16U
  - a. All registered players must participate in an evaluation.
    - i. **Exceptions must be presented in writing to the BTBCA Commissioner for review.**
  - b. After the evaluations, players will be ranked 1 to N using a total of their scores from each category.
  - c. The TOP 6 players and the Manager's son from the evaluations will automatically be placed on the team.
  - d. The remaining players shall be selected by the manager with approval of the BTB Commissioner and Presidents as needed.
  - e. In completing rosters, managers shall consider:
    - i. Evaluation rank
    - ii. Previous BT Travel experience and performance
    - iii. Team positional needs
    - iv. Coachability, Attitude, Availability
  - f. Burlington Township residents shall take precedence over any non-BT residence in order of selection.
2. 7U
  - a. After the evaluations, players will be ranked 1 to N using a total of their scores from each category.
  - b. The players will be split into as many EQUAL talented teams as the number of players allows
  - c. 6U players may be brought up to fill teams, as in (b) above they will be split by talent level.



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### 3. Special Circumstance for 9U and 11U Teams

- a.** There is a new rule in place for the 9U and 11U age groups going forward in 2018. If a 9U and/or 11U team wins REGIONALS, that team receives an automatic bid to the World Series for the following year.
- b.** Starting the 2018 season, if a BT 9U or 11U Team wins their regional tournament, that team's roster will remain intact for that following World Series Season.

### 4. Player Eligibility

- a.** Players must be registered for and participate (50% +1 games) in the BT Recreation Season (Note: if recreation is available for their age/team)
- b.** All players shall play in their current age group
- c.** If, at the time of each age Evaluation, not enough players have signed up to form a complete team, age groups may be combined.
  - i.** Age groups will be combined in a way which maximizes the number of Travel Participants (i.e. reduces the number of "cut" players).

## VI. Play Level

### 1. Age groups with only one team will play at the 'A'/District Level.

- a.** Managers who feel their teams cannot compete at this level must request permission from the BT Baseball Commissioner and Cal Ripken President to play lower levels.
- b.** Manager must provide reason(s) as to why they feel they cannot compete at the "A" level.

Note: If a particular age group has 2 teams, one team MUST play at the 'A'/District Level (Not applicable to the 7U age).

## VII. Playing Time

- 1. Playing time will be based on the player's abilities and does not necessarily mean equal playing time.
- 2. Decisions are made for the benefit of the team and not individuals. Playing time for each individual will/should be discussed by the whole coaching staff.

Note: Coaches are not out to get any one particular child.



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3. District team playing time.
  - a. Playing time is not guaranteed.
  - b. For District/STATES/Regionals, the rules state that you can only start a game with 9 or 10 players....If you start with 9, you end with 9 or play with 10, you must end with 10. What does this mean to you? There can be 2 or 3 players sitting on the bench (not hitting or playing the field) at any given time during these tournaments.

### VIII. Policy Review

1. The policy shall have a periodic review (every 6 months). If there is a need to update this document, it will need to be approved before posting the updated document on the BT Website.

### IX. Any issue not covered by this document will be resolved by the Executive Board of the Burlington Township Baseball Coaches Association.

### X. This Policy is in effect, with the date shown below.

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Commissioner Signature

2-27-18

Date

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Travel President Signature

2-27-18

Date

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Cal Ripken President Signature

2-27-18

Date