



# SOUTH HUNTINGTON SAINTS



## TRAVEL PROGRAM @ SOUTH HUNTINGTON SAINTS

- Travel program is an extension of the leagues intramural baseball\softball program. Travel players are required to participate in the intramural program up until 7<sup>th</sup> grade.
- Provide opportunity for players who are looking for a more competitive experience to play against other players @ a similar talent level.
- Parents who manage\coach in our intramural program get a preference when the league travel director selects travel coaches.
- Managers for the travel program have the opportunity to choose the amount of activity for their team over a 12 month period. Travel Team activities must be coordinated with parents as the more activities chosen increase the cost of participation on team. The level of activities could change the cost to participate from \$250 annually to \$2,500 annually. These activities could include:
  - Leagues of participation (Fall, Spring and Summer)
  - Winter Work-outs
  - Tournaments (Cooperstown, away tournaments...)
  - Type of uniforms and number of uniforms. (Multiple color shirts, matching batbags, sweatshirts....)
  - Equipment requirements
  - Fundraisers – they are the decision of Managers and Teams and not the league. The League will support activities but the Team is the driver of activity and the beneficiary.
- Managers charge a deposit up front for team fees until costs have been finalized and then collect balance of fees later on in the season.
- Travel program is a break even program for league. Other organizations make a profit from league and/or pay their Board Members. To date all Managers have been volunteers and Board Members are non paid volunteers.
- Travel teams are required to pay fees for the use of town fields - \$50/hour weeknights or \$25 hour on weekends. Weekday nights cost either \$100-150/game, weekend games cost \$50/75 game. While that seems expensive consider cost per kid \$ 5-10 per game. Most parents will spend that in gas (and time) for away games. Managers can choose to play all away games. The payment of these fees is coordinated with League Director of Travel Program.
- Girls travel teams start at the 10U level and go as high as the 18U level. The boys program start at the 8 year old level and go through 18 year olds. In boys program has had teams stay together and continue to play for the Saints in the Stan Musial League into their mid-20's. The league is proud to have players have an interest and commitment to play 15-18 years of travel ball and proud that we can provide the opportunity.
- At various age levels if there is significant interest we do not limit ourselves to one team per age group but expand to have additional teams.
- Periodically the league will absorb some of the costs of particular training\opportunity to further enhance the program.
- In the softball program, the League has run a tournament annually which benefits both the league and the individual teams. This type of event is a future consideration in the boys program but is more difficult to coordinate due to field requirements.