

TRAVEL TEAM SELECTIONS:

Head Coach Selection:

Any head coach or assistant coach interested in managing a travel team shall give written notice (email) to the Cal Ripken or Babe Ruth Director prior to the team selection. Only in-house head coaches and assistant coaches are eligible to be a travel head coach. Exceptions must be reviewed and approved by the Board of Directors. The Cal Ripken or Babe Ruth Director shall thereafter submit the names of all candidates to the Board of Directors. Thereafter the Board shall meet to discuss and select the head coach. The head coach for all travel teams within each division shall be selected from the certified candidate list by majority vote of the NBR Board of Directors. The Board's decision is final on this issue. The District Head Coach and assistant coaches must be certified under the Babe Ruth League/Ripken Baseball Coaching Certification Program prior to travel tryouts. The Head Coach will be selected prior to Player Selection.

Player Selection:

Travel tryouts will be held at a date and time designated by the division director, but in no case shall it be after the date specified by the Board of Directors, which may change each year. Travel tryouts are "Open" to any player who wants to be considered for a travel team. Every candidate will be given an equal opportunity to make the travel team, and no preferences will be given to those with prior travel experience.

Each division director shall be responsible for conducting the tryout. The tryout shall provide a reasonable opportunity for each candidate to demonstrate his or her baseball skills and abilities. Upon completion of the tryouts, each division director, the team's head coach and the independent evaluators shall meet and select the twelve (12) most qualified candidates (or other number as required) for their division's travel teams. The selection criteria shall include, but not be limited to, the results of the tryout, regular season performance and any other criteria that will aid the division director, head coach, and at least 3 independent evaluators to identify and select the most qualified candidates. In the event that the division director and head coach is the same person then a fourth independent evaluator will participate in the evaluation. An independent evaluator: does not have a child trying out, coaches or has coached at the high school level or above, or is the NBR Director of Instruction. The names of all selected candidates shall be submitted to the Cal Ripken or Babe Ruth Director for approval. If the division director, head coach, and independent evaluators cannot reach agreement on one or more team selections, the names of those candidates still being considered for selection shall be presented to the Board of Directors for a final decision. One board member not associated with that division shall attend the travel tryout and selection meeting.

Assistant Coach Selection:

The assistant coaches (2) for all travel teams shall be selected by the Head Coach of that travel team, subject to Board approval. For 8U there will be three assistant coaches. All coaches of teams that participate in district tournaments must be certified under the Babe Ruth League/Ripken Baseball Coaching Certification Program. Only in-house head coaches and

assistant coaches are eligible to be a travel assistant coach. Exceptions must be reviewed and approved by the Board of Directors.

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Winter training:

Travel teams may participate in winter training as a team if someone (e.g. Coach) organizes the team. Other players can be invited to train with the team – the coach and division director can determine who to invite. The cost will be borne by the parents.

Pre-season (March – May):

Travel teams may participate in pre-season tournaments if someone (e.g. Coach) organizes the team. If the team needs to fill the roster with players that were not on the previous season's travel team, the division director will work with the travel coaches to rank the players. The coach will then invite players from the ranked list starting with the highest ranked players until the roster is complete for the tournament. Practicing as a team is also allowed during this time period. The Coach and travel director need to work together to ensure these tournaments do not interfere with the in-house games. All players must be registered with Newtown Baseball for the Spring Season in order to participate in these pre-season tournaments. The cost of the tournament(s) shall be borne by the parents.

Post-Summer/Fall Season (August – November):

Travel teams may participate in post-summer/fall season tournaments if someone (e.g. Coach) organizes the team to participate. If the team needs to fill the roster with players that were not on the previous season's travel team, the division director will work with the travel coaches to rank the players. The coach will then invite players from the ranked list starting with the highest ranked players until the roster is complete for the tournament. Practicing as a team is also allowed during this time period. The Coach and travel director need to work together to ensure these tournaments do not cause forfeits with the in-house games. All players must be registered with Newtown Baseball for the Fall Season in order to participate in these fall season tournaments. Participation in a fall travel league will be allowed if there are 1) enough participants interested in forming a team, 2) there is a coach available to manage the team. The Babe Ruth or Cal Ripken Director and coach need to work together to choose the team.