

2019 9U/10U Traveling Teams Guidelines
(BYBA board reserves the right to make changes to the GUIDELINES)

Registration for traveling will begin in **January 14th** and close **April 1st**. Late registrations **WILL NOT** be allowed unless numbers allow for it.

A player's age, based on born on or after May 1st determines his/her eligibility as to which team he/she may try out for.

Players **WILL** be allowed to move up a level to play with classmates.

We **WILL NOT** move players up more than one age group.

A birth certificate must be made available to the respective coach upon request.

Player's outside the Byron School District **WILL** be allowed to participate if numbers allow. They must register and upon the closing of registration will be notified of whether or not numbers allow. A full refund will be given if no room is available.

Board will determine coaches (2 minimum / 4 maximum).

Players from the same family (e.g. twins) are NOT guaranteed to play together.

Evaluations will be held if numbers are at 12 or more.

Additional specific details are below:

- ◆ If player numbers are between **10 (min) and 12 (max)**-all participants will be placed on 1 team.
- ◆ If player numbers are between **20 (min) and 24 (max)**-all participants make a team but operate as two teams. Teams will be split as evenly as possible based off evaluation.
- ◆ If the number of registered participants is less than **10 players**, the board will need to evaluate the numbers once registration is closed to determine options.
- ◆ If player numbers are between **12 and 19**, 1 team will be created with a rotating game schedule consisting of 3 groups.
- ◆ Evaluations will be held the week of **April 1st**. Every effort must be made to make the initial evaluation date.
- ◆ Evaluators will rate participants and each player will receive a score based on skill stations. Board members will be present to oversee the evaluations. Evaluations are not open to the general public. Players may not wear any gear

that identifies them with any tournament team, plain shirts only. Evaluations are intended to be held outside; however, weather will dictate that. There will be two or three “warm-up” practices held prior to the evaluations in April.

- ◆ *Player uniforms will consist of a team jersey (provided by BYBA), hat (provided by BYBA), white pants w/black piping, black belt, black socks, black spikes and black helmet. It is the responsibility of the player to purchase the uniform unless otherwise noted.*
- ◆ *Scholarship opportunities are available upon request. Contact an executive board member for more information.*

*If parents are interested in having their child participant on a traveling team, they will need to register and pay the traveling fee. **Registration will close March 19th.***

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- 1) It is expected that players who choose to play a second sport make baseball practices and games their first priority. Plan on spending 2-5 nights per week at the baseball field. Also, additional expenses parents may incur for hotel/gas should be expected from traveling to and from games or playing in tournaments.
- 2) Practices will be held approximately twice per week (~1 ½ hours per practice).
- 3) Traveling teams will participate in the Zumbro Valley League (ZVL) which will include a 12 to 16-game schedule played as double headers and an end-of-year tournament. The ZVL schedules are subject to change.
- 4) Traveling teams will play up to two additional tournaments (if budget allows) played on Fridays and/or Saturdays and/or Sundays.
- 5) The traveling teams will play players were they have the best opportunity for success. The coach may choose to reduce a player's game time if they are not regularly attending practices or for other reasons.