



New to travel softball and wondering what expectations are?

Below is a general guideline for the travel teams. All of the following info is up to each individual coach and could vary based on the team's experience:

- First and foremost, players need to love softball. This is a big commitment and players and parents need to understand what they are signing up for.
- Tryouts are in late July/early August.
- The "season" lasts from August/September through July of the following year.
- Practice usually begins mid-August/September.
- Teams usually have some exhibition games in September/October and possibly participate in a fall tournament.
- Teams will likely have fundraisers to raise money to play throughout the year.
- Player fees can range anywhere from \$200-\$400 based on the amount of games scheduled and how many fundraisers each team will participate in.
- Teams could play 30-70 games throughout the "season" based on experience. Usually the more experienced the teams are, the more games they will play.
- Each team will have 1-2 uniforms.
- Each player at 10U and 12U will be required to wear a face mask in the field. 14U and up is at the discretion of the player, parent, and coach.
- Some tournaments could require an overnight stay.
- Teams will have the ability to get access to Morton schools during November and December for indoor practices if they would like.
- Teams will have the ability to get access to the indoor hitting facility at Westwood Park during the fall and winter.
- Teams will have the ability practice every Sunday at Morton High School from mid-January through the end of March.
- Teams will have to ability to practice on field 4 every Sunday from April through July. These are scheduled for every week but will likely be used intermittently as each team will be playing in tournaments some of those Sunday's.
- Each player must provide their own face mask, glove and cleats. While not required, it is encouraged that players have their own bat.