

2017 12U Traveling Teams Guidelines
(BYBA board reserves the right to make changes to the GUIDELINES)

Registration for traveling will begin in **January 16th** and close **March 19th**. 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 to participate in many tournaments and 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.

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 regardless of numbers (unless numbers are below 12)
Additional specific details are below:

- ◆ If player numbers are between **10 (min) and 12 (max)**-all participants make the team.
- ◆ If player numbers are between **20 (min) and 24 (max)**-all participants make a team but operate as two teams (12U-teams will be divided into AA/A teams based on evaluations).
- ◆ 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 if there is capacity to move players up or if that age group would not have a team.
- ◆ If player numbers are between **13 and 19**, evaluations will dictate the top **10**. The last two placements will be wild-card choices for the Head Coach to select. The board will determine the placement of the remaining players.
- ◆ If player numbers are between **25 and 29** (12U-teams will be divided into A/B teams based on evaluations), evaluations will dictate the top **10**. Top **10** will be placed on the AA team with the Head coach selecting 2 "wild card" choices. The remaining players will be on the A team.

- ◆ *If player numbers are between **30 and 36**, three teams would be created with (1) AA team and (2) equally divided A teams.*
- ◆ *Evaluations will be held the week of **April 17th**. Every effort must be made to make the initial evaluation date.*
- ◆ *Evaluators will rate participants and determine top 10. Coaches will need to be pre-selected and included in the evaluations. They will be present to observe for their wild-card selections. Board members may 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/traveling 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 (AA-\$60 A-provided by BYBA), hat (AA/A-provided by BYBA), white pants w/black piping, black belt, black socks, black spikes, and black helmet. Players are responsible for purchasing 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 full traveling fee. If a player is not selected for the AA team, the registration difference will be refunded. **Registration will close March 19th.***

12U Traveling Team

- 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 - 2hrs hours per practice).
- 3) The A team will participate in a league TBD. The AA team will participate in the Metro Baseball League (MBL). This will be a 14-18 game schedule with an end of the year playoffs. Half the games will be played in the Byron/Rochester area. The rest will require traveling to the southern metro district.
- 4) The A team will play up to two additional tournaments (if budget allows) played on Fridays and/or Saturdays and/or Sundays. The AA teams will play up to 3 State Qualifying Tournaments. To be eligible to play in the State Tournament, the team must finish top four in a qualifying tournament. IF the team qualifies for the

State Tournament, BYBA will cover the entry fee (not including gate fee) of one state tournament.

- 5) The 12U traveling teams are based on ability and playing time is granted accordingly. The coach may choose to reduce a player's game time if they are not regularly attending practices or for other reasons.