

NEWTOWN BABE RUTH SOFTBALL LEAGUE, INC.



2017-18 TRAVEL PROGRAM INFORMATION

Travel Team Fast Pitch softball is a more competitive and intense program intended for players who have the desire and dedication to play at a higher competitive level.

For 2017-18 we will have a Travel team for our 10U, 12U, 14U, & 16U Divisions.

All-inclusive Cost: \$500 with Volunteer Coach; \$750 with paid Coach. Costs will be lowered if team-specific fundraising targets are exceeded

Roster size determined by Head Coach; no less than 12 and no more than 15. Some players may be given the option to double-roster with more than one team.

Game Schedule will focus on Weekend tournaments and Round Robins (2+ games/week during season); Additional 1-2 practices/week depending upon coach preference.

Optional participation in Fall house leagues at no additional fee. Expected participation in Spring house leagues for U10 & U12 Divisions. For U14 & U16 Divisions, expected participation in Spring leagues where participation with a Middle or High School team does not present a conflict. Travel schedules will be coordinated so as to not conflict with House schedules.

For U14/U16 Divisions only, Spring schedule may have a delayed start depending upon how many players make their respective High School squad.

Season Schedules

Fall: Games/Practices from Late August – Late October. Minimum of 1 tournament.

Winter: League, Team, and Individualized training. League sponsors Clinics & team practices from January – March; additional team workouts and instructional training will be at discretion of Head Coach.

Spring: Games/Practices from mid-April thru late July. Minimum of 3 tournaments from Memorial Day thru late July. Game frequency will vary by Division.

Participation Requirement: *We recognize that players have other commitments including other sports, academic activities, and major family events. However, during Tournament Season (Memorial Day-late July) we require each player to participate no less than 90% in all scheduled games/practices.*

Coaching – Non-Parent, paid Head Coaches are planned for 12U, 14U, & 16U Programs. Additional centralized instruction

by position for the various divisions. Parents are encouraged to volunteer as Assistant Coaches on their child's respective team. Selection as an Assistant is subject to Head Coach and Board approval.

Eligibility – Age as of Jan 1, 2018

10U Team – Birth Years 2007-08

12U Team – Birth Years 2005-06

14U Team – Birth Years 2003-04

16U Team – Birth Years 2001-02

Tournaments – Each travel team will participate in the Babe Ruth State Tournament as well as select Fairfield County Fast Pitch League Tournaments and local Round Robin Tournaments.

Fundraising – Each Travel will have a fundraising target as part of it's budget which is readily available for parent review. Travel Players and/or Parents will be **required** to do some fundraising activity to offset the cost of the program. To the extent fundraising targets are exceeded, cost for playing on a specific team may be reduced or additional activities scheduled.

Player Selection- Players participating with one of our 2016-17 Travel teams will be given first priority for assignment to a 2017-18 team. Priority does not imply assignment to a specific team (i.e. Division preference). Players accepting the assignment must still attend one of the Evaluations. If declined, the position is forfeited but players are still welcome to attend an open tryout.

Travel Tryouts will be conducted on the dates & times listed above. **Only one tryout is required.**

Every candidate will be given an equal opportunity to make a Travel team. Evaluations will be conducted by a group of independent evaluators including umpires, coaches outside our organization as well as former and current coaches from within our League. The tryouts shall provide a reasonable opportunity for each candidate to demonstrate her softball skills and abilities.

Upon completion of the tryouts, the team's head coach, along with the independent evaluators, shall meet and select the most qualified candidates for the remaining spots on a team.

Rosters will be selected based upon multiple criteria including, but not limited to, the results of the tryout, prior season's performance, and any other criteria that will aid the head coach (participation history, attitude, position strength).

Upon request, any player participating in the Evaluation process will be provided a summary copy of their evaluation score/comments.

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2017-18 TRAVEL REGISTRATION FORM

PLAYER'S NAME: _____ DATE OF BIRTH: _____

PARENT/GUARDIAN: _____ PHONE(H): _____

ADDRESS: _____

PHONE(M): _____ EMAIL: _____

TEAM TRYING OUT FOR (circle one) **U10** (DOB 2007/08) **U12** (DOB 2005/06) **U14** (DOB 2003/04) **U16** (DOB 2001/02)

SOFTBALL PLAYING EXPERIENCE:

Years Played: _____ Team/League(s): _____

POSITIONS: Primary (P) or Secondary (S)

1st: _____ 2nd: _____ 3rd: _____ SS: _____ Outfield: _____ Pitcher: _____ Catcher: _____

Wednesday, August 16

12U Registration 4:45PM, Tryouts 5:00PM - 6:00PM

14U Registration 5:45PM, Tryouts 6:00PM - 7:00PM

16U Registration 6:45PM, Tryouts 7:00PM - 8:00PM

Saturday, August 19

10U Registration 8:00AM, Tryouts 8:15 - 9:15

12U Registration 9:00AM, Tryouts 9:15AM - 10:15AM

14U Registration 10AM, Tryouts 10:15AM - 11:15AM

16U Registration 11:00AM, Tryouts 11:15AM - 12:15PM

Saturday, August 26

10U Registration 8:00AM, Tryouts 8:15 - 9:15

All Divisions Rain Date / Call Backs, Time(s) TBD

Location: Newtown Middle School, 11 Queen Street, Newtown CT

WAIVER OF LIABILITY: I, player's parent/guardian, hereby give my consent for my child's participation in the NEWTOWN BABE RUTH SOFTBALL LEAGUE, INC. travel softball program. I agree to release, indemnify and hold harmless NEWTOWN BABE RUTH SOFTBALL LEAGUE, INC., its officers, directors, coaches and representative and the Town of Newtown, from any claim or liability involving any injury to a player arising out of travel softball activities.

PARENT/GUARDIAN SIGNATURE: _____ DATE: _____

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Mission Statement:

The Newtown Babe Ruth Softball organization is committed to providing a stimulating and rewarding athletic experience for all girls in the community. Our programs are designed to elevate self-esteem and good sportsmanship through the development of individual and team skills in a positive social environment.

Each member of authority will conduct themselves with the highest level of integrity and fairness and will operate within the bylaws of the organization. As a nonprofit, volunteer organization, NBRSL relies on the commitment of parents and others to fill all coaching and administrative positions, and on the generosity of sponsors to keep our programs affordable. To the extent possible, the organization provides financial assistance to eager participants who would otherwise be excluded.

The Board of Directors as well as all volunteers will consistently strive to enrich both the recreational and travel programs by being open to new ideas and implementing change as necessary in order to ensure continued league success now and in the future.

Philosophy: Our teams will compete in competitive softball leagues and our goal will be to win as many games as possible. We will focus on excelling at all aspects of the game while earning our victories with honor. We will treat our opponents with respect and display good sportsmanship at all times.

Every player on our teams must adhere to the team rules. We as coaches must also adhere to the rules of the game. **During all games there will be players sitting out. Everyone on our teams will play throughout the season however, not everyone will play the same amount of time. Every effort will be made to make sure girls play in each game; however, with mercy-rule games, weather, and other circumstances, this will not always be possible.** By choosing to be a member of a Newtown Travel Softball Team you are accepting the challenge of becoming a better softball player. During the early part of the season, there will be 1 to 2 practices/games per week. As the in-house league wraps up for those divisions playing inhouse, Travel may increase to 3 to 4 days per week, including most weekends.

Player Contract: By signing this document, I acknowledge that I am aware of the team rules and philosophies of the Newtown Travel Softball program. I understand that everyone on the team will not get the same amount of playing time. I accept the challenge of becoming a better ball player.

Player's Signature

Date

Parent Contract: By signing this document, I acknowledge that I am aware of the team rules and philosophies of the Newtown Travel Softball program. I understand that everyone on the team will not get the same amount of playing time.

Registration Fee: The registration fee once established and posted on the website www.newtownsoftball.org, will be due and payable on the dates noted below. *Payment can be made online or by check to: Newtown Babe Ruth Softball League/NBRSL, PO Box 3144, Newtown CT 06470*

Down Payment of \$250 due by September 15th, 2017

Balance due on/before March 1st, 2018

Special Arrangements maybe made upon request

Parent's Signature

Date

Games and tournament scheduling will take place in late winter, early spring.

PLEASE INDICATE ANY SIGNIFICANT CONFLICTS IN YOUR CALENDAR THAT WILL LIMIT YOUR ABILITY TO PLAY DURING THE SEASON
