



# BRANCHBURG BASEBALL CLUB

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## **2017 Travel Baseball *Processes and Guidelines***

### **2017 Gold Travel Manager Selection Process**

The application for all Gold travel managers for the 2017 season is now on [branchburgbaseball.com](http://branchburgbaseball.com). [Click here to access the form](#). Please note that all candidates, including incumbent managers who would like to return for next season, must submit an application to be considered.

Gold manager applications must be received via the website on or before September 17, 2016.

Interviews will be held, as necessary, the week of September 19, 2016.

Gold managers will be officially named by the BBC Board of Directors following the player tryouts.

Solicitation and announcement of Blue team managers will occur soon after the 2017 tryouts.

### **2017 Tryout Dates**

Tryouts for the 2017 BBC Summer Travel Baseball Season will be held September 25 and October 1 and 2, all at White Oak Park. Please watch for the detailed announcements via email and on [branchburgbaseball.com](http://branchburgbaseball.com). We are moving the Travel tryouts back to White Oak Park for several reasons, most specifically the expected temperatures in late September and early October (as opposed to November/December in recent years) and the availability of our synthetic turf fields.

We will also consider evening tryout makeup session(s) as we have in the past.

All players must register for the travel baseball tryouts on the BBC website. This information will be provided in a forthcoming email.

### **Jurisdictional Eligibility**

- All players who participate on a BBC travel team must play BBC recreation baseball and must participate in a majority of the games played by his/her team during the recreation season.
- Players from towns other than Branchburg/Neshanic, who participated on a BBC travel team in 2016, are considered "BBC players" for the 2017 tryout process.
- Non-BBC players may compete for a spot on a 2017 Gold-level BBC travel team roster provided there are fewer than 12 BBC players competing for a Gold roster spot.
- Non-BBC players can participate on Blue-level teams, subject to the size of each roster as determined by the BBC Board of Directors.



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## Age Eligibility

### 2017 Gold Team Age Eligibility Chart

Age Group	Field	Earliest Birth Date	Latest Birth Date
8U	46' mound; 60' bases	May 1, 2008*	April 30, 2009
9U	46' mound; 60' bases	May 1, 2007	April 30, 2008
10U	46' mound; 60' bases	May 1, 2006	April 30, 2007
11U	50' mound; 70' bases	May 1, 2005	April 30, 2006
12U	50' mound; 70' bases	May 1, 2004	April 30, 2005
13U	60' mound; 90' bases	May 1, 2003	April 30, 2004
14U	60' mound; 90' bases	May 1, 2002	April 30, 2003
15/16U	60' mound; 90' bases	May 1, 2000	April 30, 2002

\* Players who will reach 7 years of age between May 1, 2017 and April 30, 2018 are welcome and encouraged to attend tryouts with the age-eligible 8U players. These players will form a 7U/8U team for 2017, with expectation that they will be the core of the 2018 8U Gold team.

### MODIFICATIONS FOR 2017

- Players in the 9U, 10U, 11U, 12U, 13U, and 14U age groups are permitted to try out for one level above their age group (e.g., a player born May 2, 2006 may try out for the 11U team). To be selected to the roster of the next-level team a below-age-level player must be among the top six (6) players in terms of overall score in the objective/skills portion of the tryout process.
- A player who attends tryouts for a team above his/her age level, and is not selected for the roster of said team, will have an opportunity to be considered for the team at his/her age level.



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## **Evaluation Criteria**

### **OBJECTIVE SKILLS EVALUATION**

Each player participating in tryouts will be given an equal opportunity to display his/her skills in the following areas:

- Base Running / Speed
- Fielding: Infield
- Fielding: Outfield
- Hitting
- Pitching/Catching

### **SUBJECTIVE EVALUATION**

The player's Objective score is used as one of the criteria by which the rosters will be formed. Additional subjective criteria that may be considered include:

- Willingness/Ability to be Coached
- Enthusiasm
- Dedication to Baseball
- Overall Team Composition
- Prior Knowledge of Player's On-Field Performance at Higher Levels of Competition

Each player will be provided two (2) decals with his/her evaluation number for the tryout. These are to be worn throughout the tryout, one on the player's front and one on the player's back. All communication regarding tryout results will refer only to the player's assigned number. Please ensure that you remember your player's number.

## **Evaluators**

Each player participating in tryouts will be given a score in each of the aforementioned Objective Skill areas by the following assigned evaluators. These scores will be equally aggregated and averaged for a final score for each participating player. Each player's score will translate to a ranking among his/her peers.

- Impartial Professional Coaching Organization
- 2016 Gold Manager at Player's Age Level
- 2016 Blue Manager at Player's Age Level or One additional 2016 Gold Manager (from a different age level than the player)



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## **Rosters**

The BBC makes every effort to accommodate as many players as possible in our summer travel program. However, in some seasons we are faced with the reality that it isn't always possible to have every player assigned to a Branchburg team.

For those players who are not selected to a Branchburg team: the BBC will work with you to explore available teams and leagues in the Branchburg area on which your son/daughter can consider participation.

## **Results**

The tryout numbers of players selected for each team roster will be posted on the BBC website within two weeks of the conclusion of the tryouts. An email will be sent to all participants when the results are posted.