

PRBSA Families:

As our organization continues to grow and evolve, PRBSA will provide our older travel teams with an opportunity to further develop their skills against more challenging competition, while they practice and play together as a team for an extended period of time. Our travel baseball program, which has aspects similar to other community travel programs within Pine Richland (e.g., soccer and basketball), will be put in place for the 2017 season. The inclusion of a travel team at each of these age groups is also dependent upon the interest level of players and coaches. A travel team will only be formed if we have a willing and able manager, along with a minimum number of competitive players to field a team.

The PRBSA Board of Directors has approved the implementation of the following guidelines:

11 & 12yr Old Travel Teams

PRBSA baseball players eligible to play in the 11 and 12 year old age groups for 2017 (age as of April 30, 2017) will be permitted to try out for a travel team, at their respective age group (11 or 12 yr old travel team).

The following guidelines will apply:

- The players selected on this team will not be required to play in-house baseball during the Spring 2017 season (this does not restrict the player from playing in-house if a player wants to play in-house and travel baseball).
- Tryouts will be held mid-to-late August or early September 2016.
- Once the tryout dates are defined, further information will be sent in advance regarding how to register for the travel team baseball tryouts.
- A player will be required to attend the tryout to be evaluated for the travel team.
- Note: If a player is not available for the tryout, but would like to tryout, please contact Mark Feldman at mfeldman@zoominternet.net.
- Following the travel team tryout, for purposes of summer tournament play, the newly formed travel team will become the "A" team. The "B & C" tournament teams will still exist and will be handled the same way that they have been in the past, with tryouts in the spring.
- The newly formed travel team will remain together for approximately one year and players will be expected to commit to winter training (Feb-March), spring/summer season and tournaments (April-July). Opportunities may also exist to participate in fall baseball.
- If a current 2016 summer "A" tournament team member chooses not to try out for travel baseball or does not make the travel team, he will be given an opportunity to participate in fall ball and winter training with the 2016 summer "B" tournament team.
- The travel team will participate in a local competitive league, such as Atlantic Coast Baseball or something similar from April to June (similar timeframe as our in-house program). While in league play, the travel teams will follow playing guidelines consistent with those of the PRBSA in-house program. For example, all players will play a minimum of 2 innings in the infield and 2 innings in the outfield of each league game. The development of our athletes needs to be a priority of the travel team manager and coaching staff.
- In addition to league play, the travel team expects to participate in 5-8 tournaments. These tournaments will include a mixture of local travel tournaments playing at facilities such as Core and/or All American. There is also a potential for overnight tournament trips.
- The proposed tournament schedule is expected to be developed by December 31, 2016 to allow for families to plan family vacations and other trips that don't conflict with tournaments. The tournament schedule will be determined by the travel team coordinator, in coordination with team managers, with input from families.

The PRBSA Travel Program is overseen by Mark Feldman as the Travel Team Coordinator. Please contact Mark Feldman if you should have any questions about PRBSA's Travel Team Program.

Thanks,
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VP of Baseball 12 & Under