

OYO Travel Baseball and Softball Policies

Date	August 3, 2011
Selection of Coach	<p>A. Full-Time Travel – it is the responsibility of the Travel Baseball and Softball Commissioners to obtain applications for Head Coach. The Commissioners shall send out notice of Head Coach Applications no later than July 1, and all applications must be received by July 15. At that time, the Commissioners shall send all applications to the Executive Board for review.</p> <p>The Executive Board shall make their selection in their August meeting. The Executive Board, at their discretion, may interview potential candidates. The Executive Board shall also receive input from the Travel Commissioners. After the selection is made by the Executive Board, it is up to the Commissioner to notify all applicants of the Executive Board’s decision.</p> <p>B. Rec. Travel – the Travel Baseball and Softball Commissioners shall obtain applicants for Head Coach. The Commissioners shall send out notice of Head Coach Application no later than November 1 and all applications must be in by November 25. At that time, the Commissioners shall send all applications to the Executive Board for review.</p> <p>The Executive Board shall make their selection in their December meeting. The Executive Board, at their discretion, may interview potential candidates. The Executive Board shall also receive input from the Travel Commissioners. After the selection is made by the Executive Board, it is up to the Commissioners to notify all applicants of the Executive Board’s decision.</p> <p>C. The selection of the Head Coach is for the next calendar year’s team. Each head coaching position is on a year to year basis.</p>
Tryouts	<p>A. Date of Tryouts – The date of tryouts for both full-time travel and rec. travel shall be determined by the Executive Board in conjunction with the Commissioners. The tryout dates shall be established no later than July 1 and shall be listed on OYO’s website.</p> <p>B. Method of Tryout – the Head Coach is responsible for the method of tryout. It is required that the Head Coach have independent impartial evaluations to view and evaluate any potential player.</p> <p>C. Team Selection – the selection of the team and announcement of those selections are up to the Head Coach. The Head Coach can either individually contact each potential player to let them know that they have either been selected or not, or can post the roster on the website. If the Head Coach chooses that option, he or she must make themselves available for explanation by all potential players.</p>



	<p>D. Roster Defections – in the event a team loses a player to departure or injury and seeks to select a replacement, the team must conduct an open tryout. In the case of full-time travel teams, they may select a rec. league player, but that player must not have already been drafted into the Rec. League.</p> <p>E. If a team cuts a player at the official tryout, and then, at a later date, elects to add a player(s), that team must conduct an open tryout to add additional players. The team must give at least one week's notice of that new tryout and post the tryout on the website. All other tryout specifications shall be followed.</p>
Mentoring New Coaches	<p>The respective travel commissioner shall be available to mentor any new head coach to either full-time or rec. travel. This includes meeting with the new head coach on a consistent basis and friendly advice.</p>
Travel Team Finances	<p>Finances for each travel team belong to the team. Any funds left at the end of the season will carry over to the next year. For example, funds left over after 9U season is over are to be used for the 10U team the next year. That is the case even if there is a new coach the following year. Players' families are not eligible for any level of reimbursement or refund should there be a surplus at the end of the season.</p> <p>If there is no team the next year, then any funds left over shall go back to the general travel fund to be used at the discretion of the respective travel commissioner. For example, if a 14U team will not go forward as a 15U team and has funds left over at the end of the 14U season, those funds are given to the OYO travel fund.</p> <p>Any monies left over from any 8U rec. travel team shall be used for the benefit of the 9U rec. travel team and not any 9U full-time travel team. This same rule applies to any age group that represents the earliest age group for full-time travel.</p> <p>Full-time travel teams are to be fully self-funded. No contributions will be provided by OYO. Rec. travel teams are also mostly self-funded. However, the OYO Executive Board may authorize a small start-up fee for each rec. travel team. The amount, if any, is to be determined annually.</p> <p>For rec. travel teams, OYO offers a player development fund for winter workouts. The details of this player development fund shall be established annually by the Executive Board. The winter workouts are for any player to further develop their skills, regardless of their intent to try out for a rec. travel team.</p>
Travel Team Equipment	<p>Equipment purchased by and maintained for each travel team belongs to the team. Any team-specific equipment left at the end of the season will carry over to the next year. For example, catcher's gear, helmets, bat, balls, etc. left over after 9U season is over are to be used by the 10U team the next year. That is the case even if there is a new coach the following year.</p> <p>If there is no team the next year, then all equipment shall be donated to the league to be used at the discretion of the equipment committee. For example, if a 14U</p>



	<p>team will not go forward as a 15U team and has equipment leftover at the end of the 14U season, those items are given to the OYO equipment committee.</p> <p>Any equipment used by 8U rec. travel team shall be used for the benefit of the 9U rec. travel team and not the 9U full-time team. This same rule applies to any age group that represents the earliest age group for full-time travel.</p> <p>For rec. travel teams, OYO offers a courtesy team equipment bag. Such equipment may be used by the rec. travel team for the duration of its season.</p>
Fundraising/Sponsorships	<p>Full-time and Rec. Travel teams are encouraged to raise funds to offset expenses and control costs. Sponsorships are acceptable so long as they follow the pricing structure set forth by the Baseball and Softball Travel Commissions and approved by the OYO Executive Board. All companies that sponsored rec. league teams during the previous two seasons are to be considered off-limits.</p> <p>For example, in 2011, full-time and rec. travel teams shall not solicit any support from OYO sponsors in 2009 or 2010 until after they commit to the rec. league in 2011.</p>
Establishment of New Team	<p>Someone must come before the Executive Board if they want to establish a new travel team. If the Executive Board recommends that establishment of that new team, then the entire Board shall vote on the establishment of that new team.</p>
Tournaments	<p>The various details of the rec. tournaments, (David Manlove Memorial Tournament and Bill Sturm Memorial Tournament) shall be the responsibility of the Tournament Commissioner with consultation from the Vice President of Travel and respective Travel Commissioners.</p> <p>The details of the full-time travel tournaments (OYO Bomber Bash), shall be the responsibility of the various coaches with consultation from the Tournament Commissioner, Vice President of Travel and respective Travel Commissioners.</p>
Age Eligibility	<p>Only age-appropriate players shall participate in the initial tryout for any full-time or rec. travel team. In the event a particular age group does <u>not</u> secure enough interest from players in its age group during its published tryouts, the team may either select players in its age group or one age younger without conducting a supplemental tryout inviting players from younger age group(s) to participate.</p> <p>For example, an 11U rec. travel coach should only consider 11 year olds for its team. If only nine kids participated and made the team, then the 11U coaches may select more 11 year olds as well as 10 year olds. Tryouts are not required for these additional selections, but are not discouraged either.</p>
Coach Evaluations	<p>It is the responsibility of the Travel Baseball and Softball Commissions to distribute and collect coach evaluations for each full-time and rec. travel Head Coach. The Commissioners shall distribute forms no later than July 1, and all feedback must be gathered by July 15. At that time, the Commissioners shall compile the results and submit to the Vice President of Travel.</p>

Ejections

If any player, coach, parent or other spectator affiliated with an OYO travel team is ejected from a game, then it is the responsibility of the team's head coach to notify the respective Travel Commissioner. This contact must be done within 24 hours of the ejection. The Travel Commissioner shall then notify OYO's Vice President of Travel immediately. The Vice President of Travel shall notify the Executive Board, who will then review the matter in accordance to the OYO Code of Conduct policy and determine what punishment is warranted.