

2018-2019 Travel Baseball General Information

Our Mission: Our coaches and trainers teach age appropriate tactics, fundamentals, and skills with a heightened emphasis on developing life skills. The life skills learned in this arena are far reaching, giving each participant a foundation of skills that can be applied on the athletic fields, at home, in the classroom, in the workplace, and with regards to personal relationships.

Our staff is comprised of experienced players and coaches who are deeply passionate about providing a high quality, affordable, and community based travel program primarily for Shaker and Beachwood Residents.

Travel Baseball is a cost-covering program, financially operated in the spirit of a non-profit organization with complete financial transparency that lists all costs, coach stipends, and administrative fees. Balance sheets will be shared with our families, and all excess money will be funneled back into the communities in which we serve.

While winning is important, a greater emphasis for us is on learning and development. Our staff is comprised of current and former high school coaches who understand the importance of establishing strong connections between spring and summer baseball and working collaboratively to achieve common goals.

Tournament play will be strategically scheduled in order to provide increased opportunities for practice and to develop as a team during league play. In addition, we will enter local tournaments only, keeping costs down and creating a more inclusive and affordable opportunity for participants.

2019 Teams: 11U, 13U, 14U, 16U, 18U

The 14U and 16U Teams are designed for Shaker Heights and Beachwood residents only, but will consider potential players from other communities based on need. While the goal would be to use Shaker or Beachwood residents to fill those open slots, we reserve the right to add players from other communities to maintain that team's current level of competitiveness. Any other unique or special circumstances will need to be approved by the travel committee.

Cost: There will be a separate team fee and training fee that will vary from team to team. Parents may be required to participate in fund raising activities in order to lower costs.

****All costs listed below are in still in approximate stages, as there are several line items still pending. However, final costs will not deviate significantly from figures below.****

11U: Team Cost: \$850	Off-Season Training Cost (10 weeks): \$400
13U: Team Cost: \$850	Off-Season Training Cost (10 weeks): \$400
14U: Team Cost: \$850	Off-Season Training Cost (10 weeks): \$400
16U: Team Cost: \$925	Off-Season Training Cost (14 weeks): \$500
18U: Team Cost: \$1160	Off-Season Training Cost (14 weeks): \$500

Games: Each team will play a total of 25-35 games with the flexibility to add additional non-league opponents with varying ability levels. The objective is to foster development in June through league play, and treat July as post-season, entering the desired number of tournaments with the flexibility to enter additional tournaments as July progresses.

- 11U will compete in the Buckeye League (20-24 Games) and enter two tournaments
- 13U will compete in the Buckeye League (20-24 Games) and enter two tournaments.
- 14U will compete in the Ohio Prospects League (20-24 Games) and enter two tournaments
- 16U will compete in the Ohio Prospects League (20-24 Games) and enter three tournaments
- 18U will compete in the Ohio Prospects League (20-24 Games) and enter five or six tournaments

Tryouts:

- Tryouts are conducted on (3) separate weekends; players must attend at least (1) date.
- Players may only tryout for (1) age group per tryout date but may tryout for (2) different age groups.
- Age cutoff is as of May 1, 2019 (example: Age on/before April 30, 2019 will determine the player's age group).
- Tryouts will be held Saturday, July 21 2 PM , Sunday, July 22 2 PM, Saturday, July 28, 2 PM Sunday, July 29 2 PM, Saturday, August 4 2 PM and Sunday, August 5 2 PM at Shaker Heights High School.

Evaluations:

- Tryout evaluations will be done by independent evaluators. Uniform evaluation templates and consistent tryout formats will be implemented for all age groups.
- The travel committee will determine the roster size; a minimum of 14 players is required for each team.
- ALL PLAYERS MUST COMPLETE ALL TRYOUT ACTIVITIES. This includes pitching, hitting, infield, outfield and running.
- We will begin contacting players selected for the team within (1) week of the last tryout date.

Travel Calendar: We want our participants to be active in other sports, clubs, and activities. As a result, we have created a flexible, off-season calendar giving our athletes the opportunity to engage in multiple activities while providing them the necessary training to successfully compete for their school teams and our summer program. The majority of our off-season workouts will be within our communities, minimizing travel and making it easier on families to participate.

- September – October: Group lessons available
- November – March: Off-Season Training Camp: All travel players will be enrolled in off season training to prepare for the physical rigors and demands of spring school baseball and the summer season. The duration of the training is dependent on age group.
- April - July: All travel 1s teams will start playing their regular-season the week of Memorial Day. The regular season will be done no later than the third weekend in July.

Registration: All travel players must pay the \$200 deposit fee to DNA no later than August 12, 2018 to reserve your spot.

Registration: TRYOUTS ARE OPEN TRYOUTS BUT PREREGISTRATION IS ENCOURAGED YOU CAN PREREGISTER AT.... <https://shakerbaseball.sportngin.com/register/form/533878504>