



2019 AABA Traveling Baseball FAQ

- Why are we doing this?
 - Gopher State Requirements
 - Opens playing opportunities to the entire community
 - Will make teams more competitive
- What are the residency requirements to play?
 - Open to players in the Alexandria Area. Players from other communities will not be allowed to participate unless their community does not offer traveling baseball.
- How do I determine what age group my player should register for?
 - Age of player as of April 30th, 2019
 - Minimum age requirement is 10. Exception will be made for 9 year olds who will be entering the 4th grade.
- Can my player play up or down?
 - Yes, however we encourage players to play with their grade.
 - Players will be limited to participate in the age group they are evaluated in.
- How do I register for the evaluation, what is the deadline and what is the cost?
 - aababaseball.org
 - Deadline registration date is 8/12/18
 - Cost \$345.70
 - Registration fee of \$145.70 per player
 - \$5.70 processing fee paid to our online registration vendor
 - \$15.00 evaluation fee paid to our external evaluation vendor
 - \$125 deposit (refunded if player does not make a team)
 - Remaining \$200.00 is due 2/1/19.
- When and where are evaluations?
 - August 14th, DMS East field:
 - 10U 4pm – 6pm
 - 11U 6pm – 8pm
 - August 15th, DMS East field:
 - 12U 4pm-6pm
 - 13U 6pm-8pm
 - August 16th: DMS East field:
 - 14u 4pm-6pm
 - Make up: 6pm-8pm
 - Players must register and be evaluated to participate.

- How are the evaluations structured?
 - Evaluations open to parents
 - Players should show up 30 minutes prior to evaluation time to warm up.
 - Evaluated on hitting, pitching, fielding, throwing & running.
 - Catchers evaluated separately
 - Players evaluated by Caleb Curry and his Northern Diamond Academy staff. Evaluation feedback will be provided to parents.
 - Players are ranked top to bottom for each age group.
- How and when are head/assistance coaches selected?
 - Head coaches from the 2018 teams can continue to head coach as long as they are in good standing with the league.
 - Individuals wishing to head coach will sign up at the time of player registration – coaching application required.
 - Head coaches are selected after evaluations are completed.
 - If there are multiple head coaching requests for a team, the traveling committee will facilitate a meeting with the interested coaches in an attempt to work out a solution. If a solution is not resolved, the committee will determine the head coach (in the case where a committee member is also a head coach candidate, they will be recused from this process).
 - Head coaches will select the assistance coaches for their team – 2 per team.
- How are teams selected?
 - 10-12 players per team
 - Top 5 players are automatic selections
 - 1 wildcard selection per team (position need – catcher for example)
 - Remaining players are selected by the coach from the top 20. Selections are then reviewed and approved by the committee board.
 - Process will be replicated for AA & A teams
- How many teams will be in each age group.
 - Will be determined by number of players and coaches available.
- Who is on the traveling committee and what is their role?
 - Scot Snitker, Kelly Anderson, Todd Johnson, Shaynen Schmidt, Russ Hinrichs and Jake Munsch
 - Committee's role is to work with the AABA and the AYBA to develop, promote and foster a fair and competitive traveling youth baseball program.
- How much does it cost?
 - \$345.70 (see above)
 - Additional tournament travel costs (hotel, food, etc.).
- Equipment:
 - League provides hats, jerseys, practice shorts and tee-shirts.
 - Players are responsible for gloves, pants, belts, socks and shoes.
 - League does not provide bats, however team bats are generally shared.
- What are the time commitments?
 - Will vary among coaches/teams (parents need to discuss with coach prior to team selection).

- 3-4 weekend tournaments plus state tournament if team qualifies.
 - Gopher State weekly play – possible additional costs.
- If a player makes the AAA or AA travel team, will they be on that team next season?
 - No, evaluations and team selection will occur each season.
- Why are evaluations being held in the fall vs. the spring?
 - Weather and field issues in the spring.
 - Players are in baseball condition