

MTBSA Spring Baseball League Descriptions and Cost

In-House (Recreational) League

Tee Ball This level is suitable for ages 5, 6 and 7 who are in Kindergarten or 1st grade. The teams meet one night per week to practice and play one game per week, which are typically on Saturdays. Tee Ball is recommended for first time players and is used as an introduction to baseball. A softer type baseball is hit off a stationary tee. An inning is over when everyone in the lineup has had a turn to bat. No live pitching, everyone bats, no outs are recorded and there is no scorekeeping. Bases are 50' apart.

Rookies This level is suitable for ages 6, 7 and 8 who are in 1st or 2nd grade. The teams meet one night per week to practice and play one game per week, which are typically on Saturdays. Rookies is designed to continue the development of the player while introducing more fundamentals of the game. It is appropriate for players with at least 1 year of experience in Tee Ball. An inning is over when everyone in the lineup has had a turn to bat. Coaches pitch a softer type baseball, everyone bats, no outs are recorded but a batter, if out, should not remain on the base. There is no scorekeeping. Bases are 60' apart.

Minors This level is suitable for ages 8*, 9 and 10 who are in 2nd*, 3rd or 4th grade. Minors is the introduction to real baseball following a model which closely resembles Little League rules and regulations. There will be a pre-season evaluation and draft (time and place to be determined) to place players on teams. The teams will meet one or two nights per week, at the coach's discretion, for practice and also play weeknight games (one to two games per week). Players pitch to their opponent and pitch counts/days rest are very closely monitored as per MTBSA league rules. Scores and standings are kept, however these results should not be the focus at this level. The goal for this age group is to prepare these players for more competitive baseball as they grow in experience. Playing time is followed by MTBSA requirements, which will be clearly communicated to all parents before the season starts. There is an end-of-year tournament and a league champion will be named, but there will be no all-star team. The primary focus for this in-house level of play is for the kids to learn and understand the greater aspects of the game of baseball so that they will be more prepared for travel baseball. Pitcher's mound is placed at 40' and the bases are 60' apart. Umpires are parent volunteers.

Please Note In addition to registration fee listed above, all players registrations will be assessed a \$50 fundraiser fee. Parents will re-coup their \$50 by selling their booklet of fundraiser tickets.

* 2nd graders who are 8 years old and who have shown proficiency in coach pitch (Rookies) baseball may sign up for Minors. They may be reassigned to the Rookies if it is determined that their skill and maturity level are deemed not appropriate for Minors.

LCYBL Travel League Teams

10U Travel The Section 1 team is made up of the more experienced, qualified 9 & 10 year olds. They will meet an average 3 times per week but could be more depending on LCYBL game schedule. This team is to be our most competitive level of play at 10U. Their competition will be against the best teams from school districts throughout Lancaster, Lebanon, Chester and Berks Counties. This level of play requires more commitment than **Minors** and the team is selected as the result of a tryout. The top 10-13 players from the tryout will make the 10u travel team; the rest of the candidates will be reassigned to Minors and a refund of the cost difference will be awarded. Players on the Section 1 team must make this team their top baseball and spring sport commitment/priority. The mound is placed at 46' and the bases are 60' apart. There is a paid umpire to officiate these games. The number of total travel teams will be determined by the 10U directors. Typically, there is one section 1 team with 10-13 players.

12U Travel The Section 1 team is made up of the more experienced, qualified **10****, 11 & 12 year olds. They will meet an average 3 times per week but could be more depending on LCYBL game schedule. This level of play requires more commitment and the team is selected as the result of a tryout. All players who tryout will be assigned to a 12U travel team. The Section 1 team will be our most competitive level of play at 12U. Their competition will be against the best teams from school districts throughout Lancaster, Lebanon, Chester and Berks Counties. Historically, there is only one top level team placed in Section 1 with a roster of 10-13 players, but could be more. Players on this team must make this team their number 1 baseball and spring sport commitment/priority. The mound is placed at 50' and the bases are 70' apart. There is a paid umpire to officiate these games. There are also Section 2 and Section 3 teams at 12U. Please note that Section 3 uses a 46' mound and 60' bases. The number of total travel teams will be determined by the number of 12U registrations.

14U Travel The Section 1 team is made up of the more experienced, qualified 13 & 14 year olds. They will meet an average of 4 times per week but could be more depending on LCYBL game schedule. The Section 1 team requires more commitment than Section 2 or 3. The team is selected as the result of a tryout. All players who tryout will be assigned to a team in either Section 1, 2 or 3, based on skill level and experience. The Section 1 team is our most competitive at 14U. Their competition will be against the best teams from school districts throughout Lancaster, Lebanon, Chester and Berks Counties. Historically there is only one team placed in Section 1 with a roster of 10-13 players but could be more. Players on this team must make this team their number 1 baseball and spring sport commitment/priority. The mound is placed at 55' and the bases are 80' apart. There are paid umpires to officiate these games.

Please Note In addition to registration fee listed above, all players registrations will be assessed a \$50 fundraiser fee. Parents will re-coup their \$50 by selling their booklet of fundraiser tickets. The fundraiser event details will be provided in March.

** League age 10 can play 12U travel if they are in the 5th grade.