



INFORMATION

PURPOSE

The Elite program was created for those softball players who want to improve their Softball skills and at the same time play at a higher competitive level. The goal is to keep the cost low, travel minimal, provide the instruction and year round practice that travel ball provides.

COMMITMENT

Elite is a step above the regular season Little League season so we expect the players trying out to have the drive to improve their softball skills and play at a higher competitive level. We will not divert from the core Little League principles of community and having fun. It is also understood that everyone will have different commitments whether it's on the parents end for getting kids to practices or the players playing other sports or activities. No player will be told they have to attend every practice or be punished for not attending. Players are expected to make every effort to attend all tournaments as scheduled.

LITTLE LEAGUE

Each player on an ELITE roster is required to play regular season Little League in their respective league. The only exception is if a players local Little League does not field a team at their level and does not combine with another town for the same level.

LOCATION

Teams will be formed with 3 or 4 adjacent towns to form a single team. This will allow practices to be kept local for all players and also still provide a sense of community. One League will be considered the host league for purposes of handling funds and website communications.

COST

For the year round program, the cost is anticipated to be \$200 to \$250. This will cover one set of a full custom uniform (jersey, pants, socks & headband). It will also cover the cost of umpires, balls & equipment.

TRYOUTS

Each Elite team's roster is filled by tryouts held in August or September. Being selected to a team is not guaranteed and every effort is made to select the best players from each of the participating towns.

FUNDRAISER

Each player will be required to participate in one team fundraiser. This fundraiser will help cover the cost of use of indoor space for winter practice and other any misc. expenses that may arise.

SEASON

The Elite season runs from September to August. In the fall, there will be practices and some scrimmages, mostly on weekends. November & December will be off with indoor workouts and practices from January through March.

REGULAR SEASON

The tournament season for 12u will run from April through July. There will be only one tournament a month with the possibility of one month having two. Tournaments will be held on Saturday & Sunday and will not interfere with the regular season of Little League. Saturday will consist of 3 pool play games for each team and Sunday is the playoff round with teams playing at least one game and the possibility of 3. It will also break for the All-Star tournament in July.

For 16u, it will be June through August. The tournaments will start as soon as the High School season is over. There may multiple tournaments in a month because of the short season. Tournaments will be held on Saturday & Sunday. Saturday will consist of 3 pool play games for each team and Sunday is the playoff round with teams playing at least one game and the possibility of 3. It will also break for the All-Star tournament in July.

TRAVEL

Travel will be limited to towns located within CT Little League District 12 & 11. This will possibly run from as far north as Stafford, far south as Norwich and as far west as Hebron. Each team will be able to host one tournament a season so traveling will not be far for everyone.

MANDATORY PLAY

Little League mandatory play rules still apply. Roster sizes for Elite are planned to be in the 13-15 player range. That means for our tournament games every player would have to get an at-bat in every game.

PITCHING

Pitching will be limited to Little League pitching limits. It is very important to not overtax our players. During tournaments pitchers will be limited to 12 innings in one day and any pitcher who pitches 7 or more innings in a day must have one day of rest.