

OUR TOP 9 QUESTIONS (AND ANSWERS) ABOUT NYO BASEBALL EVALUATIONS

1. How do I find my child's tryout time and date?

First, be sure you confirm which league you are in by looking at your online account. For players who have been moved up or down an age group, be sure to look at your current league and not the league shown on your initial registration. Players tryout alphabetically and are listed with a tryout time based on the first letter of their last name. Go to the detailed timetable for your league and find the first letter of your last name. Each time slot starts at the designated times and all players in that particular group should be at the start of their time slot. For those around NYO for a few years, we no longer use tryout numbers.

The leagues tryout on the dates and locations below (check the specific tryout sheet for you exact time:

6u Shetland Red – TB2 field at the park. Saturday January 27

7u Rookie – Blackwell East field at the park. Saturday January 27

8u A League – Blackwell West field at the park. Saturday January 27

9u AA League – St. John UMC field at 550 Mt Paran Road. Saturday January 27

10u players – Field of Dreams at the park. Sunday January 28 (except as noted)*

11u players – Field of Dreams at the park. Saturday January 27*, **

12u players – Field of Dreams at the park Saturday January 27 (note: returning Bronco players do not tryout). Includes 12u players who have requested to play Majors only

13u and 14u Chastain League – Garr Field at the park – Saturday February 3

There are no player evaluations or tryouts for the 4u Small Ball or 5u Shetland Blue leagues.

* Note that times for 10u players trying out for Majors and 11u players trying out for Bronco (per emails sent to parents in early January) will be sent out directly to parents.

** 11u players who have requested to play International will tryout with the 10u players on Sunday January 28 and should use the 10u schedule to find their times.

2. What happens if we will be out of town or not available at all on the day of our tryout?

Let us know by sending us an e-mail at info@nyvosports.com. We do not re-schedule tryouts unless we have extremely inclement weather. So long as your child is registered, they will be drafted on to a team and we will have to rely on prior year tryout and coach evaluations. We will also be asking new players to the league 6u and older to provide us some additional information through a google doc request (don't worry, it's very user friendly).

3. What happens if I am in town but have a direct conflict with our assigned time?

If you cannot make your designated time, please come by later in the day, check in with the volunteers and we will try and work you in as quickly as possible – DO NOT come before your designated time as we will tryout players who are present for their appointed times and do not want to get behind schedule. We can usually catch up a bit later in the day. For those with a conflict that will run through the end of our scheduled time for your age group, come before your conflict but expect you may have a longer delay. Either way, expect some delays and please be patient as our goal is to get the kids present during their assigned time to tryout on time. You will NOT just be placed at the front of the line, so give yourself some leeway. All that said, PLEASE come at your assigned time unless you have a critical direct conflict such as previously scheduled basketball game.

4. Why is it that my child was on time but others jumped ahead of him?

We're going to do our best to keep all the kids trying out in their designated times. However, due to some conflicts for other NYO sports and other legitimate reasons, we have some kids who inevitably must come outside of their tryout time. Please be nice to our volunteers! You would be shocked to hear some of our war stories.

5. Do I need to pin something to my child with his tryout number?

No. Just need to be sure you child knows their last name!!!

6. What else do I need to bring to tryouts? What kind of bat is allowed?

Players should bring their glove and cleats (bat is optional). Please be sure to have your child monitor their equipment as we cannot be responsible for personal belongings. **Only USA Baseball big barrel bats are allowed for tryouts; the only exception is 11u players and older players trying out for Bronco or Chastain who are allowed to use USSSA big barrel bats for tryouts.** All small barrel bats are allowed.

7. How will parking be?

For events at Chastain Park on Saturday, January 27, parking will be tight. It's going to be a beautiful day (we hope), so get a little extra walk in if needed and enjoy the day. Cars will be coming in and out all day, so the lot will turnover regularly. We know there is nothing more fun than hanging out at the park on a sunny day, but for Saturday only, please try to exit the park as your child's evaluation wraps up.

8. Will tryouts ever be canceled due to bad weather?

Tryouts will be postponed only in the event of extreme weather conditions. If this occurs, check the web site often for details. If postponed, tryouts will be re-scheduled either the following day or at some point during the following week depending on the forecast. We have only canceled twice in the last 20 years!

And finally...

9. My child has been playing with NYO for years. Everyone knows him/her. Why do you guys even have tryouts if everyone makes a team? Plus you already have their coach evaluations from the prior spring.

Many reasons: (i) while coaches are usually very familiar with kids they have coached, they are less familiar with the other kids; (ii) kids change over the year, and it's helpful to see how they have developed in the off season; (iii) you can often see things in a few minutes of a tryout just focusing on that one player that you might not see all season; (iv) in the older age groups, most of our coaches are non-parents who have never seen your child, and in some of these age groups, players will be selected to different leagues; (v) while we have lots of info from coach evaluations and prior tryout evaluations, there's nothing like seeing a player one more time to pick up something that others may not be as focused on; and finally (vi) it's a great opportunity for the coaches to hang out together, get to know each other and build some camaraderie going into the season; plus it's a free pass out of the house for the day!