



## 14u transition (Freshman) to High School Baseball

### FAQ'S

**Q: Can my son play both Club and High School Baseball at the same time (season) during his Freshman year?**

**A:** Short answer, yes. Some kids will be age eligible to qualify to play both. The cutoff date is May 1st. If your child is still 14 before that date, he is age eligible to play on a 14u club team and his High School Team at the same time. We at TBL value the opportunity to represent your local high school.

**Q: What is the length of the season for each Program?**

**A:** The High School season usually runs from the end of February through the beginning of June (State Championship for Varsity Teams). JV and C level teams usually are done before Memorial weekend. Typically the Club teams begin their training in January and play games and tournaments beginning in March and run through mid July. High School C and JV teams typically play their games on the weekdays with an occasional game on the weekend.

**Q: How do you get authorization to play both High School and a Club Team at the same time?**

**A:** Parents coordinate with your High School coaches to let them know you are also playing on a club team. You will have to get a waiver signed by the Principal and Athletic Director of the High School your son is playing at. Contact your local high school regarding the form.

**Q. What about pitch limits and pitch counts?**

**A.** Your High School season takes precedence over the club team in regards to pitch counts and inning limits as well as practices. Your player should have open and clear expectations with regard as to how your player will be used as a pitcher with your high school. Communication should start in the Fall of his Freshman year. Your club coach should also be aware of pitch counts and innings pitched during the high school season and manage it accordingly.

**Q: What is TBL's relationship with the surrounding schools in the local area and are they aware of kids playing on two teams during their Freshman year?**

**A:** We have a good relationship with the surrounding High Schools. Legacy, Broomfield, Holy Family, Horizon, Mountain Range, Erie, PRA, etc. Again good, honest communication early can resolve any issues that may arise.

**Q: If my High School offers a summer program should I play for them as well?**

**A:** From our experience the level of competition during the summer tends to favor the club season. Most high school teams play locally, while club teams will travel 2-3 times out of state. Depending on your needs and financial position, it is the decision of the family to decide which program will offer the best opportunities. Another option in Colorado is "Legion Ball". Legion Ball is similar to the High School and Club programs with an opportunity to play in regional and state tournaments.