

Dublin Travel Baseball consists of the GreenSox, WhiteSox, and BlackSox Programs for kids aged 7U - 18U.

2. Your child's birthday on 04/30/22 determines what age they should play during the 2022 season.
3. Your child may consider trying out for an older age group **if it is to play their classmates**. Players are discouraged from trying out for older age groups for other reasons.
4. Everyone must register at www.dya.com in order to tryout. There are no exceptions.
5. Generally speaking, players from 7u - 14u should be Dublin residents. However, players may live outside of Dublin and make a team if there are no qualified Dublin players. This rule does not apply at the high school level.
6. The tryout fee is non-refundable and covers the cost of evaluators, practice sessions, and field use.
7. Tryouts are a one-day tryout. You must select which day you are attending when registering.
8. There are no make-up sessions. You must tryout either July 7 or July 15. Tryouts are closed to all spectators.
9. Players are evaluated by up to four evaluators. One of the evaluators may be a returning GreenSox coach. The others are independent evaluators who have a high level of baseball knowledge and skill.
10. Players are scored 0 - 5 in the following categories: speed, throwing, fielding, hitting, and pitching. Players may be asked to tryout for catching as well.
11. Boys are ranked from highest to lowest based upon their score. If there is a returning GreenSox coach, he is required to select 1 - 8. He has the options to select up to 4 of the next ten players. After the GreenSox team is formed, the next 1 -8 are automatically on the WhiteSox. The WhiteSox coach then can select up to four discretionary picks. If there is enough eligible players for a BlackSox team, the same holds true.
12. **Not all participants trying out will make a team.** Some players based upon their score may not be eligible for travel baseball. In this case, they will be encouraged to play DYA rec ball for the next season. In other cases, there may not be enough players to satisfy more than one team. In either case, there are no refunds offered.
13. Coaches are selected by an interview committee. The committee considers baseball experience, coaching experience, coaching philosophy, ability to relate to players, survey results from returning coaches, evaluations conducted throughout the season, etc. If a GreenSox coach is selected to return, he may participate in the tryout; however, the coaching decision may be

reversed if this player does not make the team. There is no pre-positioning for coaches' children. Each player must earn their spot.

14. Tryout results are posted electronically. You will be notified of your coach only. You will not be notified of the other players until the team is finalized.

15. Once tryouts are over and rosters are established, you have NO MORE than 24 hours to finalize your spot with a payment of \$105 to DYA to be paid on-line ONLY. This is a commitment fee and under no circumstance is refundable once payment is made. \$100 is applied to your account to off-set season fees. The other \$5.00 is an administrative processing fee.

16. We ask that no postings on social media occur until three days after you are notified. This is because other teams are still be formed and we do not want to jeopardize the integrity of the process.

17. Once the team is formed, there will be an all parent to cover the next steps. The meeting is held in August. This is an important meeting. Fees, schedule, winter practices, expectations will be covered. Everyone is expected to be there.

18. If a coach has not played at the college level, he will be assisted by such an individual during the off-season. At the end of the off-season, a decision will be made between the travel director, assistant travel director and coach whether such assistance continues during the season.

19. Teams have required uniforms. There are no options for alternative uniforms. It is important that all Dublin Travel Baseball teams maintain the established brand. Uniforms cost approximately \$35 - \$40 for pants; \$45 for jerseys; \$25 for hats; \$5 for belts; and some teams ask players to buy additional uniform items. Some teams have multiple jerseys as well (i.e. a home and away jersey). Other costs include umpire fees, city of Dublin fees, DYA fees, tournament fees - all together non uniform fees will range from \$350 - \$800 depending on age. the 12U team fees will be significantly higher as they participate in a mandatory trip to Cooperstown NY. 7U fees will not exceed \$400 for a team of 12 plus uniform costs. Fees are collected in installments throughout the year.

20. Fundraising to offset costs is a team decision. It is not mandatory. Teams should only collect fees to cover their estimated expenses. They should not collect anything additional. There are no refunds whatsoever. If a team does have extra money, it will carry over with the team the following year - NOT THE PLAYER. If the player goes to another team or does not return, the money stays with the current team. There are no exceptions.

21. Teams will play a lot of baseball during the season. Teams are expected to schedule sufficient games (to protect against weather cancellations) to ensure that they get in the following: 7 and 8: 20 games minimum; 9 and 10: 25 games minimum; 11 and 12: 30 games minimum; 13 and 14: 35 games minimum. Many teams will go beyond this number during the season. This will be discussed at the initial team meeting. 7U - 12U are required to participate in Central Ohio Youth Baseball League. 13U and 14U are strongly encouraged to participate in

COYBL. High school teams generally are tournament only teams with pick up games during the week.

22. Middle school and High school baseball teams are not permitted to work with their travel team from mid February until they are released by their school coach. There are some additional restrictions if more than so many players are from school that your coach will cover with you.

23. Every 7U - 18U team is expected to participate in tournaments in addition to they're regularly scheduled game. There are many tournaments that are around the I-270 corridor. All 8U - 18U are expected to have at least one out of town tournament per season. 7U is not expected to have an out of town tournament, but may do so if that is the consensus of the team.

24. All GreenSox teams are required to participate in the Wayne Williams Tournament. There are no exceptions. This is the largest fundraiser run by our organization. This subsidizes your players fees. Parents not volunteering are expected to pay an additional \$300 to the program.

25. Practices begin January 1 and run through Spring Break. They are generally held in local high schools.

26. The season officially starts April 1 and runs through mid July. Many teams select to finish the season by the end of June.

27. While we strongly encourage players to participate in multiple sports, we do not do so during travel baseball season 4/1 - 7/15. Baseball is a team sport and when one person cannot attend practice and games because of a conflict with another sport, the entire team suffers. We prefer that players who play other sports do not do so during travel baseball season.

28. Players in middle school and high school are strongly encouraged to play spring sports including baseball. There is no requirement to play baseball, although the extra practice is always beneficial. If you do not play baseball, play another sport. School baseball players should talk to athletic directors about rules associated with being on a travel baseball team. The athletic director has the final say on everything.

29. Parents and players will be asked to sign a contract at the beginning of the season stating that they understand all expectations and will abide by them.

30. Play time will be fair, but it will not necessarily be equal. Players are guaranteed 50% play time on the season in regular games. Players are guaranteed 30% play time in tournaments on the season. This does not mean in each game but on the season. Lack of attendance at a practice or game can drop play time below these numbers.

31. Parents are asked to complete a survey at the end of the season. Your feedback helps improve our program.

For further questions, email dyatravelbaseball@gmail.com.