

Mahwah Travel Baseball Registration Information

The Mahwah travel baseball program is organized by Mahwah Youth Baseball, which is part of the Township of Mahwah Youth Sports Boosters (TMYSB). TMYSB and Mahwah Youth Baseball are all-volunteer groups that work with the township of Mahwah to provide an opportunity for youth residents to play baseball on local fields and facilities. Mahwah Youth Baseball is headed by a baseball commissioner who appoints a director to run the travel program. The organization follows the guidelines of the TMYSB.

The travel program assembles teams of Mahwah residents, by age, for the spring and summer seasons. These teams represent Mahwah against travel teams from other towns. The youngest age group, 9U, is for players nine years old and under. The program also has teams at the 10U, 11U, 12U, 13U and 14U age levels.

PLAYER EXPECTATIONS:

Since the travel teams compete against teams outside of Mahwah, competition tends to be stronger and parents should note the following obligations before committing to join a travel team:

1. The Mahwah travel baseball program is designed as a supplement to Mahwah Youth Baseball's recreation program. Any child who wishes to play travel baseball must play in the town recreational league. Failure to attend recreation games could result in removal from the travel team.
2. There are two seasons for travel baseball. The spring league runs from early April through early June with one game generally played on Sunday afternoons. The spring league is used primarily as preparation for the summer league. For the summer league, which runs from early June to the end of July, two to three games are played a week.
3. Although it is expected that families will have other obligations and periodically take vacations, parents should consider that county/state/regional tournaments begin in mid-July and can run through the end of the month.
4. It is expected that any player on a travel team will attempt to make most, if not all, practices or games, and if he is unable to make a game or practice will supply advance notice his coach. Although coaches will determine distribution of playing time, it is common practice that playing time is influenced by a player's attendance at practices and games.
5. If a player in the Mahwah travel program plans to play on another team not affiliated with Mahwah, such as a club team, it is expected he make the Mahwah team the priority. If that commitment can't be made, it's suggested he not try out for the travel program.
6. Every age group may participate in a Memorial Day weekend tournament.

TEAM SELECTION:

The players selected for travel teams are chosen via a tryout in which a player's skills are evaluated in the areas of hitting, fielding, throwing, and running. Tryouts are held in February and early March. To allow for a proper evaluation of each player's skills, the travel program will hold tryouts at a local indoor facility and conduct at least one outdoor session, weather permitting.

The player's age for team participation is as of April 30 of the respective year. Because this age cutoff date spans multiple school grades, players must identify the team -- 9U, 10U, 11U, 12U, 13U, or 14U -- for which they wish to be considered before the tryout. The player will be evaluated only for the team for which he selects.

Team rosters will be posted on the Mahwah Baseball Web site once the final decisions are made.

COST:

Parents are obligated to pay an additional travel registration fee if their child makes the travel team. The 2010 travel registration fee is to be determined. There is no charge for trying out. In addition, each player is obligated to pay for their own personalized uniform, which will be arranged through the travel director and respective team head coaches. Costs for the uniforms in the past have been \$120. Costs, however, are subject to change depending on current prices. Financial assistance can be provided if needed. Payments will be collected after the teams are selected.

Further information about the travel program can be found at www.mahwahyouthbaseball.com.

2010 Travel Baseball Registration Form

Player Name:		
	Last name	First name
Parent Name:		
Address:		
Home Phone:		
Mobile Phone:		
Email address:		
Alternate email address:		
Player Date of Birth:		
Player School Grade:		
Team choice (9U, 10U, 11U, 12U, 13U or 14U):		

Fax only this completed player/parent information form to (201) 236-2002 or email it to josephwoe@hotmail.com.