

LZBSA Boys Travel Baseball

4 August 2011

LZHS Cafeteria

Cougar Program Overview

- Goal
 - Field competitive LZBSA full-time travel teams while emphasizing player development
 - Play more games in a like competitive environment
- Teams/Ages
 - 10U, 11U, 12U will have one team each
 - 13U and 14U will have up to two teams each depending on talent level
- Player selection - Most qualified players, based upon:
 - Travel tryout (August 13/14) – Makeup Aug 20, (Aug 21 if necessary)
 - Includes post season, prior season mgr feedback
- Leagues:
 - McHenry County Baseball League (MCBL): Lake and McHenry teams
 - Mid-Suburban Baseball League (MSBL): Cook and DuPage teams
 - Mike’s Memorial Baseball League (MMBL): Northern Lake Co
- Eligibility
 - All players 10 – 14 or under by April 30th.
 - Kids with birthdays 5/1 – 8/31 can “play down” a level, potentially trying for two age groups
 - Example: 7/19/1999 birth date, Is eligible to play on the 12U or 11U teams

Part Time Travel (North 60) Overview

- Goal
 - Field competitive LZBSA part-time travel teams with goal of increased player development, by playing more games against competitive teams
- Description
 - Part time house league travel team that will play 10-12 games against teams from other towns
 - Players will practice and play on a house league team as they currently do
 - House league games have priority
 - Teams will likely have 12-15 players to compensate for house league schedule conflicts
- Teams/Ages
 - 10, 11, 12 yr age groups
 - 13yr/14yr may be combined depending on interest and other teams
- Player selection -Most qualified players, based upon:
 - Part-Time tryout (Jan 2012) evaluation results
 - Post season, prior season mgr feedback
- Leagues:
 - North 60 part-time travel league (eg. Gurney, Grant etc)
- Eligibility
 - All players 10 –14 or under by 8/31 (same as house league) registered for house league baseball
- Season
 - Practices (Feb–April)
 - Season (April –July)

Boys Baseball Option Summary

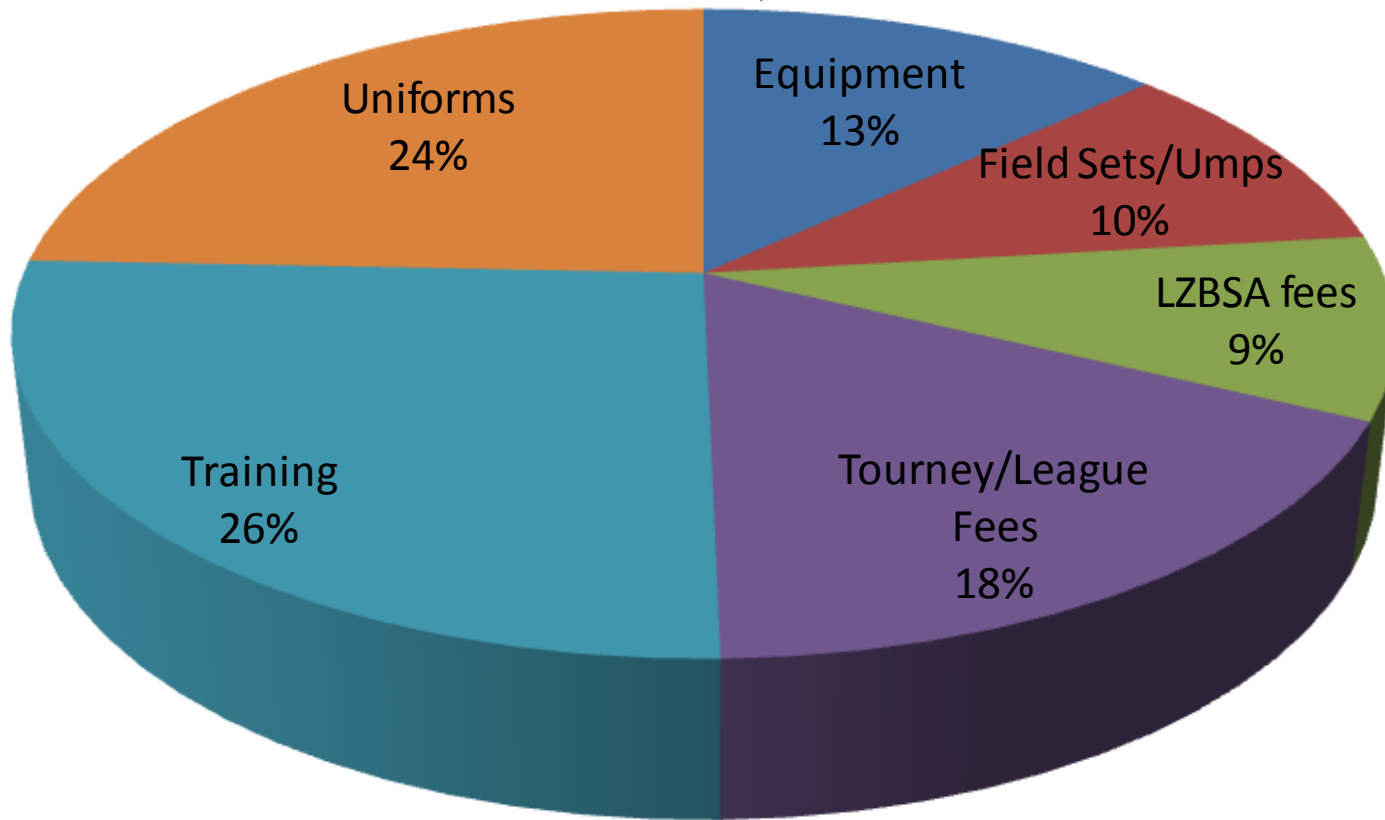
	Cougars Travel	Part Time Travel (New)	House League
Program Goal	Provide competitive baseball with player development emphasis	Provide increased competition and player development with reasonable cost and time.	Focus on fun with player development, and competition at most reasonable cost and time
Games Played	40 – 60 games 20 - 25: conference 15 – 25: tournament 5 – 10: other	24 – 37 games 14 - 20: house 10 – 15 PTT 9 - 12 post season	14 – 32 games 14 – 20 house 9 - 12 post season
Estimated Cost	\$900 - \$1400 \$650 registration \$200 - \$1000 travel exp. \$400 - \$800 fund raising REQ	\$340 - \$600 \$125 - \$150 PTT \$210 - \$240 house \$200 post season	\$210 - \$450 \$210 - \$240 house \$200 post-season
Time Commitment	<u>Practices:</u> 2/wk (Jan – Mar) <u>Games:</u> 2-5/wk (Apr–mid Jul) <u>Volunteer:</u> Fundraising, Team activities, Coaching	<u>Practices:</u> 1-2/wk (Feb-Mar) <u>Games:</u> 3/wk (May-June), 3-5/wk in July for postseason <u>Volunteer:</u> Coaching	<u>Practices:</u> 1-2/wk (Feb-Mar) <u>Games:</u> 2/wk (May-June), 3-5/wk in July for postseason <u>Volunteer:</u> Coaching
Age/Eligibility	10U-14U (Age on April 30 or younger)	10-14yr olds, house league rules, age at 8/31	9-14yr olds, house league rules, age at 8/31

Sample Travel Team Budget

Budget ~ 13,000

\$7000 – Player Registrations

\$6000 – Team Fundraising



Near Term Cougar Timeline

- **Manager Selection**
 - Manager interviews are ongoing, recommendations will be forthcoming shortly requiring board approval
 - Manager announcement will be made prior to team selection
- **Feedback**
 - 2011 end of season survey is active for families that have participated in the 2011 Cougar program
 - Feedback will be used in selection process and to improve team and program management
- **Tryouts**
 - Tryouts are for Cougar full-time travel ONLY, part-time travel is in Jan
 - Pre-registration – OPEN, **please pre-register electronically prior to tryouts**
 - Saturday Aug 13
 - 10U: 8:30am High School 1
 - 11U: 12:30pm Hunters Creek
 - 12U : 4:00pm: Hunters Creek
 - Sunday Aug 14
 - 13U: 12:30pm: Staples #3
 - 14U: 4:00pm: Staples #3
 - Makeups – Sat Aug 20 (Sun Aug 21) if needed
 - **MAKE EVERY ATTEMPT TO BE AT THE FIRST SESSION**
- **Player selection – Teams will be announced by 1 week after last tryout**
 - **Players MUST attend tryouts to be considered for a 2012 team, unless valid medical excuse**
 - **Any exceptions must be cleared by Scott Pappas, Travel President prior to tryouts**

Questions?