

LZBSA Boys Travel Baseball

13U

20 Sept 2011
LZHS Cafeteria

Cougar – 3rd Travel Team Option

- 13U Status
 - 53 kids tried out, 28 kids selected for travel
 - 13U (2 teams), 24 players
 - 4 players at 12/14U
 - 25 kids were not selected, 2 declined, 1 ineligible
- Goal/Challenge
 - Investigate option of creating a 3rd travel team at 13U age level
 - Try to find a travel/competitive environment while having good degree of success
- Possible Leagues:
 - McHenry County Baseball League (MCBL): Lake and McHenry teams
 - Both A – B teams, no distinction → Likely Result < .200
 - Mid-Suburban Baseball League (MSBL): Cook and DuPage teams
 - Elite, A and B teams, separate leagues → Likely Result < .200
 - Mike's Memorial Baseball League (MMBL): North/Eastern Lake Co.
 - A and B Leagues → Likely Result < .500, some teams similar to N60

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 - 14 players to compensate for house league schedule conflicts
- 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)
 - Investigate other League opportunities (ie. Mike's)
- Season
 - Practices (Feb–April)
 - Season (April –July)

Boys Baseball Option Summary

	Full Time Travel		Part Time Travel / House League
Program Goal	Provide competitive baseball with player development emphasis		Focus on fun with player development, and competition at most reasonable cost and time
Games Played	40 – 50 games 20 - 25: conference 15 – 20: tournament 5 : other		32-37games 14 – 20 house 9 - 12 post season
Estimated Cost	\$1100 - \$1400 \$700 registration \$200 - \$1000 travel exp. \$400-\$500/player fund raising REQ		\$540- \$600 \$125 - \$150 PTT \$210 - \$240 house \$200 post season (Assuming house, PTT, PS)
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

Options for House/Part-Time Travel Improvement

- House/Pony League

- Reality: Declining enrollment and loss of kids to travel and other sports have decreased kids and quality of play
- LZBSA is investigating other options such as forming alliances with other towns to increase number of teams/quality of competition
- Creating room in schedule for potential for another part-time travel tournament
- Expand coaching training to reach coaches intricacies of game (balks, lead-offs, catching, etc) – make mandatory

- Part-Time Travel

- Last year was our first year with the part-time travel program → good feedback at most age levels
- Looking into options for improvement
 - Ensure part-time travel oriented manager
 - Increase number of innings pitched to 2 (or equivalent pitch count)
 - Investigate possibility of end of season tourney
 - Work with house to create space for additional tournament
 - Depending on number of towns involved, look at playing in a league such as Mike's Memorial

Next Steps

- Think about the different options
- Survey
 - Fill out the online interest survey (will be emailed by this weekend)
- Formation of 3rd Travel Team requires approval by the LZBSA Board of Directors
 - Will be presented for consideration at Oct 6 meeting
 - Considerations
 - Needs of constituents at this age level
 - Effect of decision on all travel age levels and house programs
 - Availability of fields at this age level
- We will be pursuing changes to house/P-T-T programs in any case

Questions?

Sample Travel Team Budget

Budget ~ 13,000

\$7000 – Player Registrations

\$6000 – Team Fundraising

