

RYBA Traveling Baseball 2012

January 2012

"What's the Same" for 2012

Player Eligibility: Players that live within the ISD 535 school district tax boundary or attend a public or private school within this same boundary are eligible for RYBA traveling baseball. Criteria will be based upon permanent address at time of registration. All players participating in tryouts must be registered. Go to rybamn.com for more information regarding online registration.

Equipment information: The traveling only teams receive jerseys, hat, and numbering/ lettering. Each player will be responsible to purchase their own pair of pants, belt and helmet and these can be ordered at the time of team uniform sizing. To limit costs for single A/House teams that play 2 tournaments, they will receive one jersey, hat, and numbering/lettering. Each player for the A/House teams will utilize their "City Rec" league pants and helmet.

Batting Helmets: All AAA/AA/A traveling only team players are required to have their own **black** colored batting helmet with a NOCSAE stamp. If you need to purchase a batting helmet, they can be ordered with us at the time of team uniform sizing.

Shoes: Metal spikes are allowed for the 13 and 14 year-old teams.

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RYBA/Traveling Registration Register Online at rybamn.com

In 2012 RYBA will require online player registration but will allow payment options including by check (mailed), credit card, or paypal.

LET'S PLAY BALL!!!

Rochester Tournaments

"Rochester Classic" - June 1-3

10U AAA, 10U AA, 12AAA, 12AA, & 14AA

"Rochester Challenge" - June 15-17

10U A, 11 A, 12A, 13A, & 15AA

"Rochester Klampe" - June 22-24

11AAA, 11AA, 13AAA, 13AA & 14AAA

Out of town tournament dates and locations will be available after RYBA registration.

New for the 2012 Season!

Bat rules change for the 2012 season! For the 2012 season in the 10-14 year old age group, big barrel bats must have the NEW USSSA approved 1.15 BPF stamp, Babe Ruth Approved 1.15 BPF stamp or BBCOR stamp. For small barrel (2 1/4") use all of the above stamps or players can also use bats that have the old approved USSSA mark. 15 year olds must use a BBCOR bat. See link:

<http://www.ussa.com/ussa/ussa-general/NewUSSSABaseballBatMarks.pdf>

A/House Teams: The 11, 12, 13, and 14-year-old programs will continue to have a 4th team at the single A level in addition to the 2-AAA and 1-AA teams. The 4th team will be a single A, two-tournament only team with players also participating in the house ("rec") league major/minor programs.

Jersey Day Feb 27th and March 5th!

For the past traveling players, wear your jersey with Pride to school on these days! Tell your friends about tryouts and why you think it's fun to participate!

2012 COACHES:

The interviews for the 2012 coaches were held in December and the following coaches will lead our AAA traveling teams in 2012:

- 10 AAA: Tony Horvath, TBA (selected after tryouts)
- 11 AAA: Jeff Bruns, Mark Hayford
- 12 AAA: Joe Prisco, Scott Thorvilson
- 13 AAA: J.D. Bickle, Paul Halverson
- 14 AAA: Kent Thielen, Russ Weisner

If you are interested in coaching at the AA or A levels, please contact Kent Thielen. Interest in coaching will not eliminate your child from being considered for the AAA level. Coaches for the AA and A teams will be named after tryouts. Please give our coaches all of your support this season.

State Tournaments: All AAA/AA/A teams are eligible to qualify and play in a State Tourney in July.

2011 State Tournaments, Omaha and MBL Results:

Congratulations to the:

14AAA – Raptors (P. Halverson)

MBT State Runner-up

13A- Mustangs (Terpstra)

MBT State Consolation Champ

15/16 AA Traveling Teams

(The 15-year old tryouts will follow the VFW tryouts)

Again this season, there will be 15/16 AA Traveling teams. The teams will play in the Twi-light league consisting of teams in SE Minnesota during the week and may play in one or more weekend tournaments. For more information on the 15/16-year-old teams please contact your High School coach or Kent Thielen 281-3390.

10 & Under AAA/AA/A

Based on the last few years we expect a lot of interest in this level of baseball. Players eligible for 10U are guaranteed to make a traveling team at one of the three levels (however, 2nd graders and younger are only utilized to fill rosters to 12 players). The top 24 players at evaluations will be placed on two equal “traveling only” AAA teams. The next 12 players will be placed on the “traveling only” AA team. All other players will be placed on a single A team.

If there is parent/player interest at the single A level there will be the option for one team to be “traveling only. All other single A teams will participate in 2 tournaments and still participate in the house (“rec”) league during the week. “Traveling only” teams will practice 2-4 times during the week and have an excellent opportunity to develop their baseball fundamentals.

Evaluations for AAA, AA, and A are all at the same time. Team selection will immediately follow tryouts. The single A programs are offered to help transition both players and parents to the traveling program. It is a shortened introductory season designed to encourage participation and move everyone forward with baseball, while minimizing impact to today's busy schedules. These limited traveling teams will only practice during a four-week season and are limited to one home and one away tournament in the May/June timeframe.

Players may **NOT** request to be considered only for the “AA” or “A” level as we need players playing at the appropriate skill level.

11, 12, 13, and 14-year-old Traveling:

The top 24 players at each level will be placed on two equal “traveling only” AAA teams. The next 12 players will be placed on the “traveling only” AA team. The next 12 players will be placed on a single A traveling team limited to a four week, two-tournament season and also participate during the week in the house (“rec”) program.

All 12, 13, and 14-year-old AAA/AA teams will play in the Metro Baseball League (MBL) competing with mostly SE metro teams. The Metro Baseball League has a 16 game schedule (Approx. 8 home & 8 away games) with the teams qualifying for the MBL playoffs. **Travel only teams participate in 4-5 tournaments including the 12 & 14-year-old AAA teams playing in Omaha, NE during the College World Series (12's June 15-17th and 14's June 14-17th)** where players also attend a College World Series game.

TRYOUTS -- Tryouts are free!

To help us determine the numbers that we will have at tryouts, players should register for traveling tryouts when completing the online registration. Players may also show up on the first night of tryouts to register. Tryout information is available at:

- <http://www.rybamn.com>
- Contacting **Kent Thielen** at 281-3390
- Contacting the **RYBA Hotline** at 287-1659

Tryouts will be held indoors during March and April. All age group tryouts will consist of at least 3 time blocks and will be held at the UCR Field House and RCTC Bubble. Players will be selected and the coaches along with the RYBA's Traveling executive committee will attempt to draft two balanced AAA teams once the tryouts have been completed. Every player starts fresh each year with tryouts, **so out of respect, traveling uniforms, pants, and hats are not allowed during traveling tryouts.** Players **not** selected for AAA/AA/A travel only teams will be automatically assigned and notified of an area for "City Rec" Majors tryouts.

Player's age on April 30th is used for eligibility and they should attend all tryout sessions.

Tryout dates for **age 14**

1. March 19th 8:00-10:00pm FH check-in 7:30
2. March 21st 8:00-10:00pm RCTC Bubble
3. March 26th 8:00-10:00pm Field House

Tryout dates for **age 13**

1. March 20th 8:00-10:00pm FH check-in 7:30
2. March 22nd 8:00-10:00pm RCTC Bubble
3. March 27th 8:00-10:00pm Field House

Tryout dates for **age 12**

1. March 20th 6:00-8:00pm FH check-in 5:30
2. March 22nd 6:00-8:00pm RCTC Bubble
3. March 27th 6:00-8:00pm Field House

Tryout dates for **age 11**

1. March 19th 6:00-8:00pm FH check-in 5:30
2. March 21st 6:00-8:00pm RCTC Bubble
3. March 26th 6:00-8:00pm Field House

Tryout dates for **age 10 and Under**

1. April 9th 6:00-9:00pm Field House
(First night check-in starts at 5:15pm)
2. April 10th 6:00-9:00pm RCTC Bubble
3. April 11th 6:00-9:00pm Field House
4. April 12th 6:00-9:00pm Field House

Bat Size Rules for 2012

Age	Max. Barrel Diameter	Max. Weight Differential
10 – 13's	2 ¼"	Unlimited
11 – 13's	2 ¾"	Minus 10
14's	2 ¾"	Minus 5
15's	2 ⅝"	Minus 3

Bat Length Max. 36"

2012 Traveling Fees

Level	Cost = RYBA registration fee <u>plus</u>
10U AAA/AA, 11 AAA/AA	\$195
10U A "Travel Only"	\$175
10U A, 11A/ 12 A	\$90
12, 13 and 14 AAA/AA	\$220
15/16 AA	\$195

2012 RYBA Traveling Committee

<u>Traveling Director:</u>	Kent Thielen
<u>Financial Director:</u>	Rich Cyr
<u>Tournament Directors:</u>	Mike Gozola Dean Schoeberl
<u>Members:</u>	Scott Samuelson Mike Korte Steve Lee Joe Prisco Bruce Kall Scott Walston Dave Newman Russ Weisner
<u>Exec Representative:</u>	Scott Rosenow
<u>House Representative:</u>	Dave Terpstra

CLOSING COMMENTS

RYBA has been the strength and foundation for youth baseball in Rochester for over 50 years. Our Traveling Committee makes every effort to develop our program with the changing needs of our participants. We believe in working to develop and implement changes with consideration for our community as a whole. We appreciate your ideas and input, your volunteer efforts, and your continued positive support of Rochester Traveling Baseball.

We will continue to explore avenues of change that will offer our players a program for development, one that is competitive, one they can be proud of, and above all.....

A PROGRAM THAT IS FUN!

Kent Thielen – Traveling Director

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Main Instructor: Steve Hucke, Head Baseball Coach RCTC Yellowjackets & Minnesota Twins clinician. Steve has coached High School & Collegiate levels and has conducted camps & clinics the last 22 years.

Camp Location:
UCR Regional Sports Center Fieldhouse & Dome

Camps & Dates, Ages 8-14 (All levels)

Hitting Camp #1 - Feb 6, 10 & 13
Fielding & Hitting #2 – Feb 3, 5 & 17
Fielding & Hitting #4 – Feb 27, Mar 2 & 4
Pitchers & Catchers #3 – Feb 27, Mar 2 & 4

Fundamentals of Baseball Camp Ages 6 & 7

Feb 20, 28 & Mar. 2

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