



The 2015 baseball season is right around the corner, which means it is time for 11 and 12 year-old player tryouts. This tryout process allows the 11 and 12 year-old players to have their skills evaluated for team placement. **This letter outlines the tryout process, so please read it thoroughly.**

League age is determined on April 30. All new and returning players with an age of 11 or 12 on or before April 30, 2015 **must attend** tryouts, regardless of whether they wish to play in the AAA or Major Division. The evaluation will consist of basic baseball skills including batting, pitching, fielding fly balls and ground balls.

- Players will be placed in a division based on their tryout performance.
- Players that are 11 or 12 years old who do not attend tryouts will be placed on a team after all other players have been placed - **if there is room.**
- Returning players that played in the Major Division in 2014 **will not** retain their position in the Major Division: They must attend tryouts this year, and their 2015 division placement will be based on their current tryout score.

There is an **optional tryout practice session** that is held, to give players an opportunity to see how the skills stations are set up. Players do not have to attend the practice session, but are encouraged to do so, if they have any questions or concerns on what they will be doing. The practice session is more informal: players can arrive at any time during the first hour and a half of the 2-hour session, and leave once they have gone through all of the stations. We just ask that players arrive no later than 30 minutes before the end of the practice session, so that they have time to complete all stations before the end. It is best to attend the practice session with another player who will also be trying out, so you can practice together. Volunteers will be at the stations to set things up and answer questions, not practice with players.

There are two tryout sessions scheduled: **Players attend one or the other - not both.** Due to the large number of players that tryout, we pre-assign evaluation times, in order to group players of the same age together for more consistent scoring. Please try your best to attend at your scheduled time. However, if that does not work, you may attend at another time. The only requirement is that the player must begin and end their tryout during the same session. **If you attend at a different time, or a different date, you do not need to notify the league in advance.**

The practice and evaluation sessions are held at the Fore Seasons Golf Dome, which is at 2525 N 19th Street.

Your 11 or 12 year-old player's scheduled evaluation time is:

If you cannot attend on that date/time, all tryout and practice dates are listed as follows: **You do not need to let us know:**

<u>Practice Date (Optional)</u>		<u>Tryout Dates (attend only 1 session)</u>	
March 22, 2015	12:00 - 3:00 pm	March 22, 2015	6:00 pm - 8:30 pm
		March 26, 2015	6:00 pm - 8:30 pm

If your player has a League Age of 5, 6, 7, 8, 9 or 10, DO NOT attend Practice or Tryouts.

Additional Important Details:

- Players should bring their own gloves and bats to use during practice/tryouts. Only tennis shoes are allowed - no cleats.
- Players warming up in the batting cages before a tryout session need to finish by 5 pm - as the cages will not be available after that.
- Parents can stay in the entry area of the facility, or in their vehicles while waiting - but are not allowed in the practice/tryout field area. Please do not drop your player off and leave: You should be accessible while your child is using the Golf Dome facilities, in case of questions or injuries.
- The 11 and 12 year-old tryouts are first-come first-serve. It takes approximately 30 minutes to complete all stations. Additional waiting time varies, depending on the number of players waiting to go in at any given time.
- Please make sure your player understands that he/she **MUST** tryout in all four stations: Pitching, batting, ground balls and fly balls, **BEFORE** leaving the field, or they will be given a score of 0 for those stations missed. BYB Board members will discuss with the players what they will be doing prior to beginning the tryout process to make sure that they go through each station; but players are ultimately responsible for making sure they go to each station.

Optional Traveling Baseball Team Tryouts will be held for **9, 10, 11 and 12 year-old players.** There will be separate traveling teams for each age group (9, 10, 11, 12). Traveling baseball is a separate commitment from your league team. Traveling teams will have additional practices and participate in weekend tournaments throughout the summer. Players and families should be aware of the extra time commitment before tryouts are held, in order to be considered for traveling team placement. **Traveling Team Tryouts will be held on Saturday, March 28, 2015.** If your child is 9, 10, 11 or 12 and registered, we will send a separate email, notifying you of the specific time your child's age group will tryout. These tryouts will be scheduled in 90 minute blocks of time, and will players will be required to attend for their entire designated 90-minute session. There will be a general informational meeting for parents of players interested in travel ball. The meeting will be held at the Dome on Sunday, March 22nd, at 3:30 pm.