



New Trier Travel Baseball

2014-15 Program Overview



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New Trier Travel Baseball Mission

***New Trier Travel Baseball** is a not-for-profit youth baseball organization whose mission is provide our ball players who are most passionate about the game the opportunity to :*

- *To learn and practice the fundamentals of the game*
- *Understand the importance of sportsmanship and teamwork*
- *Compete and succeed at an advanced level*

*Serving over the villages of the **Kenilworth, Winnetka, Northfield and Glencoe**, our combined organizations provide both house and travel league experiences for every caliber of player in the service of our community.*



Why New Trier Travel Baseball (NTTB)?

- The opportunity to represent your community through NTTB, New Trier Trevian Pony and at New Trier High School
- Participation in the Lake Shore Feeder Baseball League
 - Local Rivals
 - Reasonable game times
 - Similar Philosophies
 - No long drives to away games
- Use consistent developmental methods, drills, and terminologies with coaches that have experience with the New Trier philosophy
- Objective evaluation
- Full year program with professional instruction
- Team continuity - the ability to play and progress with a core group of players
- Play a leadership role on your house league team, learning to help improve those players around you





Developmental Philosophy

New Trier Travel Baseball (Ken-Winn, Northfield, Glencoe)

8's Instructional, inclusion with 9's if appropriate

9's Primarily developmental, multiple positions, some strategy

10's Advanced development, several positions, baseball strategy

11's Full baseball rules, building baseball IQ, 2-3 positions

12's Strategy nuances, advanced baseball IQ, 2-3 positions

New Trier Trevian Pony (Ken-Winn, Northfield, Glencoe, Wilmette)

13's Intro HS Playbook, advanced baseball IQ, 1-2 positions

14's HS playbook, advanced baseball IQ, 1-2 positions





2014-15 Travel Calendar



Travel Tryouts

- **What:** 10, 11, 12 year old tryouts
- **When:** Oct-Nov 2014
- **Where:** Skokie Playfields (weather permitting)
- **Eligibility:** 2014 KWBA and GBL house league registrants with a birthdate between 5/1/2002 & 4/30/2005
- **Fees:** \$15 per player



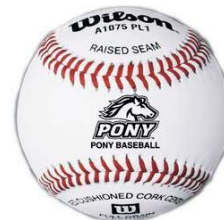
Winter Workouts

- **What:** Run by NT and KWBA, these weekly sessions will focus on i) hitting, pitching, fielding & ii) team drills
- **When:** January through March
- **Where:** NS Baseball Academy / The Yard / Takiff Cntr
- **Eligibility:** u8 – u12 travel players
- **Fees:** \$175 - \$200



Spring Skills

- **What:** Run by the Team GM, these weekly sessions will focus on fundamentals, Situations, + 3x scrimmages.
- **When:** April - LSFBL start
- **Eligibility:** 9, 10, 11 & 12 travel players only
- **Fees:** Included in Travel Fees



LSFBL Season

- **What:**
 - Mem Day Tour
 - LSFBL Season
 - Travel Camp
 - Weekend Tournaments
 - *Cooperstown (12's only, + \$\$)*
 - Travel Playoffs
- **Fees:** ~\$800 for LSFBL + tourneys, Camp ~ \$150



Travel Fall Ball

- **What:** 8 game season in the Glenview Travel League
- **When:** August – October
- **Eligibility:** At least one 'travel' team per age (rising 10-12 yrs)
- **Fees:** ~\$175





2014 Travel Summer Season Calendar

1. Bulldog Memorial Day Classic

- Friday through Sunday (Monday if it rains)
- Winnetka, Northfield, Kenilworth and Glencoe Fields
- WE NEED (e.g. require) VOLUNTEERS!!!!

2. Lakeshore Feeder Baseball League (LSFBL) Regular Season

- 2nd weekend in June through July 21nd

3. Bulldog Travel Baseball Camp

- Weekday Day Camp during the weeks of June 8th & June 15th
- Prepare for season with team-oriented drills and situational play

4. Weekend Tourneys

- 12's: 1 x tourney locally + Cooperstown (June 20th - 26th)
- 11's & 10's 1 x June and 1 x July
- 9's: 1 Tourney (Glenview typically, week of July 10 - 12th)

5. LSFBL Playoffs

- July 22rd - 26th, single elimination





Cooperstown Trip



- Participation confirmed for both 12A and 12B team
- Week of June 20th – June 26th
- Dreams Park - <http://www.cooperstowndreamspark.com/>
- \$1000 non-refundable deposit required by Q1 2013
- Costs (including transportation) **not** included in LSFBL/Summer Travel Fee
- Parent Meeting in November





Team Composition

- 11-12 players per team
- Will field up to three teams per age group (*typically two*)
- The players will be selected in the Fall, with final selection for A & B squads to be finalized this Fall
- Signed Commitment and Waiver letters required for tryout (available at KWBA.org)
- Commitment fee of \$500 required post-tryout



2014 LSFBL U11 American League
Champions - New Trier Green





Eligibility Requirement and Attendance Policy

1. Participate in KWBA or GBA House Leagues

- *Note: Participants who live outside KWBA & Glencoe geographies require NTTB Committee approval.*

2. Meet Age Requirements (Birth Cert. required):

Birthday not before

- 9's 5/1/2005 (8's are eligible to try out)
- 10's 5/1/2004
- 11's 5/1/2003
- 12's 5/1/2002

3. Agree to Attendance Policy:

- One excused absence for up to four (4) consecutive days
 - Example – “Joe” communicates with his coaches that he will be missing July 11th – 14th. During those dates, there are two games and one practice. All of these events are excused.
- Exception: League Playoffs – July 23rd – 26th
- No mandatory events scheduled for July 3th – July 5th
- Memorial Day Tourney participation is encouraged





Fall Tryout Schedule

Schedule:

- 10 year olds: Saturday & Sunday, Oct. 18th and 19th, 3pm to 6pm
- 11 year olds: Saturday & Sunday, Oct. 25th and 26th, 3pm to 6pm
- 12 year olds: Saturday & Sunday, Nov. 1st and 2nd, 3pm to 6pm

- 8 & 9 year old tryouts to be held in Spring

Where:

Winnetka Park District Fields/Skokie Playfields. In case of inclement weather, we will go indoors to the Takiff Center (on Green Bay Rd.) in Glencoe.





Evaluation Process

Evaluation Committee Composition

- 10 - 12 evaluators
- Travel Committee Members
- Prior Coaches
- Committee Member with a son trying out for team does not participate



Selection Criteria:

- Fall Tryout Evaluation
- Prior year performance, including travel coach evaluations & stats
- Positions/Depth Charts – (e.g. enough pitchers, catchers, speed, power)





Skill Assessment

 2014 KWBA Travel Evaluation Form 				
Player #: 9 10 11 12 <small>(Circle one)</small>				
Skill	Criteria	Rating (0 - 5)	Day	Notes:
Hitting	Mechanics		Day 1	
	Contact			
	Power		Day 2	
	Overall			
<i>Mechanics: Stance, Grip, Balance, Stride/Load, Hand Position, Follow Through</i>				
Infield	Mechanics		Day 1	
	Accuracy			
	Arm Strength			
	Range		Day 2	
	Overall			
<i>Mechanics: Footwork, Quickness, balance, ready position</i>				
Outfield	Mechanics		Day 1	
	Accuracy			
	Arm Strength			
	Range		Day 2	
	Overall			
<i>Mechanics: Glove Position, Gets into position early, Sets up for throw, Crop Hop</i>				
Pitching	Mechanics		Day 1	
	Velocity			
	Command		Day 2	
	Overall			
<i>Mechanics: Balance, Fluid Motion, Stride, Follow Thru, Arm Action</i>				
Catching	Stance		Day 1	
	Blocking / Receiving			
	Throw to 2nd		Day 2	
	Overall			
Intangibles	Speed (home/home Sma)		Day 1	
	Baseball IQ			
	Attitude		Day 2	
	Coachability			
<small>Ratings: 5 - Outstanding talent, High 'A'; 4 - Define 'A' Ability; 3 - A / B Ability; 2 - Average 'B' Player; 1 - 'W' Out; 0 - Out</small>				

Skills to be evaluated:

- **FIELDING:** Strength of Arm, Accuracy, Fielding, Range
- **HITTING:** Balance, Contact, Power, Hands
- **PITCHING:** Velocity, Command
- **CATCHING:** Stance, Receiving, Blocking, Arm Strength
- **OTHERS:** Speed, Hustle, Listening, Baseball IQ





Key Learnings from 2014

Indoor Winter Workouts

This enhanced program will focus on the fundamentals of baseball to improve your players skills and will include open cage time. New this year – all skill sessions will be grouped by team, not age group, limiting the number of players to 12 for a session and allow for team based practices at a new indoor facility.

Weekly Spring Workouts & Pre LSFBL Season games

Weekly team based practice every Sunday, concurrent with house league, during April and May to prepare for the season. New this year - each team will play 2-3 games (not part of the attendance policy) games prior to memorial day and the LSFBL season

Summer Travel Clinics

Completely revamped for 2015. Scheduled small group workouts sessions on a specific aspect of the game. Pitching, catching, hitting as well the mental aspects of each will be covered in depth.





NEW TRIER
Bulldogs
TRAVEL BASEBALL

- House League is important
- We are a volunteer organization
- Your faith in the process is critical
- Provide the best baseball experience *possible*



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