



New Trier Travel Baseball

2015-16 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





2015-16 Travel Calendar



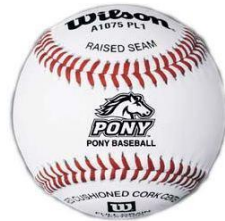
Travel Tryouts

- **What:** 10, 11, 12 year old tryouts
- **When:** Oct-Nov 2015
- **Where:** Skokie Playfields (weather permitting)
- **Eligibility:** 2015 KWBA and GBL house league registrants with a birthdate between 5/1/2003 & 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:** February & 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:**
 - Spring Training
 - Mem Day Tourn
 - LSFBL Season
 - 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





2016 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!!!!

1. Lakeshore Feeder Baseball League (LSFBL) Regular Season

- Local competition
- June 1st through July 21st

2. Bulldog Travel Spring Training

- Morning sessions during the first two weeks of June
- Prepare for season with team-oriented drills and situational play run by your team's coach

4. Weekend Tourneys

- 12's: 1 x tourney locally + Cooperstown (June 25th – July 1st)
- 11's & 10's 1 x June and 1 x July
- 8's & 9's: 1 Tourney (Glenview typically, in July)

5. LSFBL Playoffs

- July 21st - 24th, single elimination





Cooperstown Trip

- Participation confirmed for both 12A and 12B team
- Week of June 25th – July 1st
- 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 as many teams as quality players (*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 by December 1st



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. Greater than 60% attendance required*

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

- **8's** – any player born after 5/1/07
- **9's** – any player born after 5/1/06
- **10's** – any player born after 5/1/05
- **11's** – any player born after 5/1/04
- **12's** – any player born after 5/1/03

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 21st – 24th
- No mandatory events scheduled for July 3th – July 5th
- Memorial Day Tourney participation is encouraged
- 60% minimum spring house league attendance required





Fall Tryout Schedule

Schedule:

- 10 year olds: Saturday & Sunday, Oct. 17th and 18th, 1pm to 6pm
- 11 year olds: Saturday & Sunday, Oct. 17th and 18th, 1pm to 6pm
- 12 year olds: Saturday & Sunday, Oct 24th and Oct 25th, 1pm to 3pm
- 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)	Comments	
Hitting	Mechanics		Day 1	Notes:
	Contact			
	Power		Day 2	
	Overall			
<i>Mechanics: Stance, Grip, Balance, Stride/Load, Hand Position, Follow Through</i>				
Infield	Mechanics		Day 1	Notes:
	Accuracy			
	Arm Strength			
	Range		Day 2	
	Overall			
<i>Mechanics: Footwork, Quickness, balance, ready position</i>				
Outfield	Mechanics		Day 1	Notes:
	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	Notes:
	Velocity			
	Command		Day 2	
	Overall			
<i>Mechanics: Balance, Fluid Motion, Stride, Follow Thru, Arm Action</i>				
Catching	Stance		Day 1	Notes:
	Blocking / Receiving			
	Throw to 2nd		Day 2	
	Overall			
Intangibles	Speed (home/home Sma)		Day 1	Notes:
	Baseball IQ			
	Attitude		Day 2	
	Coachability			

Ratings: 5 - Outstanding talent, High 'A'; 4 - Define 'A' Ability; 3 - A / B Ability; 2 - Average 'B' Player; 1 - 'W' Out; 0 - Out

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 2015

Indoor Winter Workouts

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. This program will be a month shorter and closer to the season to give our players 4 months away from the game. Will include the option for multiple session during the week

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



2015-16 New Trier Travel Baseball Committee

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