



ABL TRAVEL BASEBALL GENERAL INFORMATION

Player Eligibility: Age cutoff is as of May 1st. (example: Age on/before April 30 will determine the player's age group for upcoming season). Teams must be made up of 100% Aurora School District residents. Unique or special circumstances will need to be approved by the ABL board of trustees.

Coach Selection: Coaches must apply each year for the team that he/she desires to coach. Applicants will be reviewed by ABL Board and may require personal interviews. Coaches will then be selected for the upcoming season. Please remember all coaches are volunteers and are not paid by ABL.

Tryouts: Tryouts are closed to the public. Only the outside evaluators, players, coaches and ABL board members may be present. Tryouts are conducted on two separate dates, players may attend only one date per age division. A player may try out for an older age group but must register separately and try out on the other of the two dates (i.e. If trying out for 8u and 9u, the player must try out on separate dates). Player evaluations will be done by independent evaluators selected by the ABL. Evaluators may not be parents or have any affiliation with the team he or she will be evaluating. Uniform evaluation forms and tryout format will be used for all age groups. Players will be ranked based upon their evaluation score. If a player is injured or sick and cannot physically tryout, the player or their parent/legal guardian must attend one tryout and sign-in with a doctor's note to be eligible for selection. Only injuries and/or illnesses with a doctor's note will be excused and eligible for an alternate tryout date. ALL PLAYERS MUST COMPLETE ALL TRYOUT ACTIVITIES. This includes baserunning, hitting, infield and outfield. Pitching and catching will be scored as a bonus.

When trying out for two divisions the order of team placement will be as follows.

1. Older division Greenmen
2. Younger division Greenmen
3. Older division Aces
4. Younger division Aces

If an offer is made for a team and the offer is turned down, no further offers will be made. EXAMPLE: A Greenmen offer can not be declined to allow a player to accept an Aces offer.

Tryout Fee: There will be a fee of \$20 per player, per tryout.

Player Selection: Once tryouts conclude, the board will meet with each head coach and determine which players will be offered a greenmen travel team position. Once all greenmen travel team positions have been fulfilled, Aces positions will then be offered. The final rosters will be approved at the August 1st board meeting and the Aces positions will be offered within 30 days of the last tryout date. The players/parents will be notified via email and MUST commit within 3 days of receipt or the spot will be forfeited to the next player in line.

Roster Size: All teams will be required to carry a minimum of 11 players.

Season Cost: The registration fee is \$1,000.00. Each player must pay a \$250.00 deposit to ABL within five days of an official offer to join the team (offers can be made as early as the first week of August). The remaining balance of \$750 is due no later than December 1st otherwise you will forfeit your spot on the team. Payments can only be made on-line at www.aurorabaseballleague.com

*The registration fee includes; ABL insurance, Aurora City fee, indoor facility rental, league fees, umpire fees, baseballs, team equipment, practice jerseys, coach's apparel, ABL tournament registration, team allowance for additional tournaments and professional player development. The registration fee ALSO includes the required uniforms which entails: required jersey(s) (every other year) baseball pants, hat, belt and socks.

**The registration fee DOES NOT include: baseball cleats, player's personal equipment (bat, glove, helmet, ect.).

Fundraising: All teams are responsible for their teams fundraising efforts. In addition, parents should be prepared to provide additional funding either directly or through fund raising participation in order to meet any additional needs determined by their head coach (additional tournaments, professional coaching assistance, player development clinics). ALL FUNDRAISING \$\$\$ MUST BE PROCESSED THROUGH THE ABL TO BE CONSIDERED A TAX-FREE DONATION. **No monies should be collected and deposited directly into personal accounts.**

Commitment: Travel ball is a major commitment. Coaches may begin off season practices during the winter or even fall months. You will be required to participate in practices starting January 1st. The travel season begins April 1st and lasts through July 15th. The league playoffs are often the first two weeks of July. Player attendance at all practices and games is expected. Play time will be affected by unexcused absences. Vacations are not excused absences and should be scheduled accordingly.