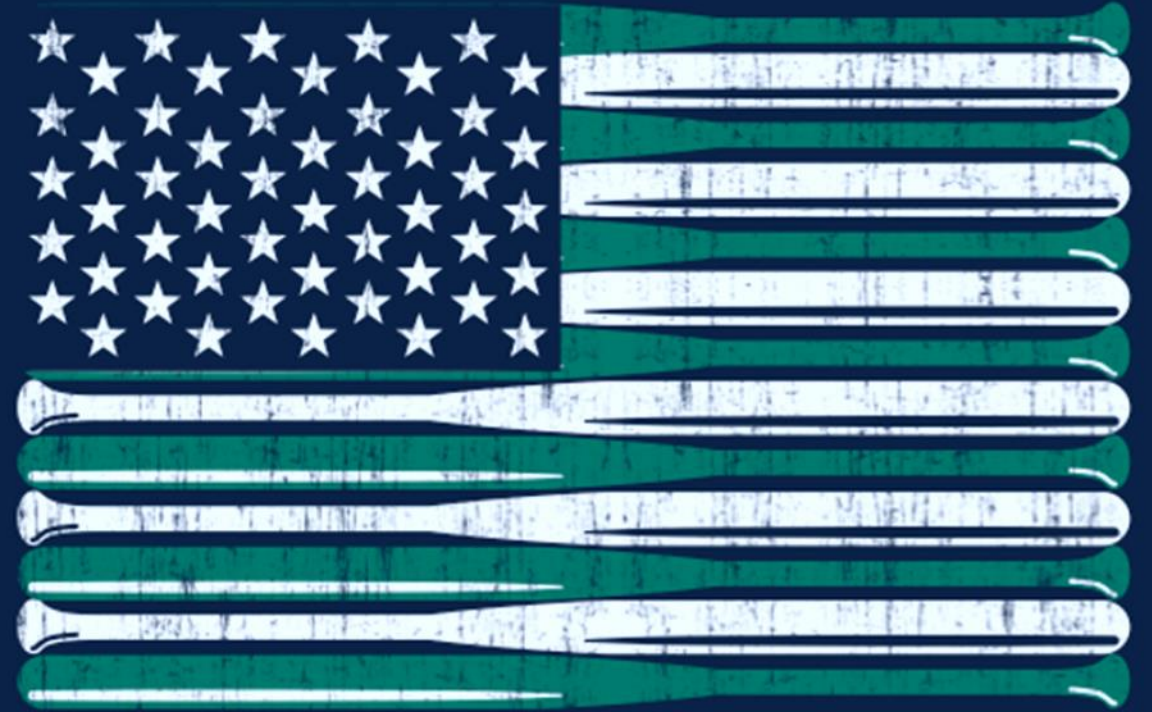


**ROSEMOUNT  
BASEBALL**  
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# Rosemount Traveling Baseball

Parent Informational  
Meeting

*February 25, 2021*

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# Rosemount Traveling Baseball Board Members

<b>PROGRAM DIRECTOR</b> Paul Henderson		<b>VICE PRESIDENT</b> John Japel	
<b>TREASURER</b> Dustin Moeller Asst: Anthony MacDonald	<b>TOURNAMENT DIRECTORS</b> Nick Boisen Asst: Bryce Barry	<b>PLAYER DEVELOPMENT</b> Bryce Barry Asst: Nick Boisen	<b>COACH SELECTION &amp; FALL BALL COORDINATOR</b> Mark Hartley
<b>COMMUNICATIONS &amp; REGISTRATIONS</b> John Japel	<b>FIELDS SUPPLIES &amp; MAINTENANCE</b> Andy Leuer	<b>CONCESSIONS</b> Cayla Johnson Asst: Becky Lowe	<b>FIELD SCHEDULING</b> Matt Sousa (9-12U) Solita Tullo (13-15U)
<b>VOLUNTEERS</b> Nancy Lipke Asst: Open Position	<b>EQUIPMENT</b> Open Position	<b>UNIFORMS AND APPAREL</b> Solita Tullo	<b>WEBSITE &amp; SOCIAL MEDIA</b> Nancy Lipke
<b>MEMBER AT LARGE</b> Austin Eaton			

# Program: Philosophy and Objectives

- Traveling baseball is a competitive league for players who have already established intermediate to advanced baseball skills for their appropriate age level
- Our mission is to assist young athletes in developing advanced baseball skills and provide the opportunity to compete with players of similar ability

## TEAM

Develop respect for teamwork, pride in team and the community

## SPORTSMANSHIP

Incorporate the spirit of good sportsmanship in victory or defeat

## OBJECTIVES



## SKILLS & FUN

Learn and develop the fundamentals of baseball & have fun!

## SELF-CONFIDENCE

Build confidence for on and off the field

# Program: Code of Conduct



- We expect all participants to act with respect and follow RAAA Code of Conduct
- For more information regarding policies, responsibilities, and rights refer to the *Rosemount Traveling Baseball Handbook* found on [Rosemount Traveling Baseball site](#)
- For concerns, please adhere follow 24-hour rule prior to reaching out to head coach

For more information about RAAA policies go to:  
<https://rosemount-aaa.org/about/policies/>

# Program: Eligibility and Levels

## AGES GROUPS

- Grades 3rd to 9th play with their school grade unless they reach the next age group before May 1, 2021
- Age group move-ups are not permitted
- Birth certificates required for all players and tournaments

## LEVELS OF PLAY

- **AAA:** The highest competitive level
- **AA:** The intermediate level, primarily intended to provide uniform, competitive experience for communities that are not able to compete at the AAA league level or communities that already have teams at the AAA league level
- **A:** The intermediate level essentially designed to be a developmental league to provide a competitive experience until they are ready to advance to a higher competitive level

# Commitment & Fees

## PLAYER & FAMILY COMMITMENT

- Traveling baseball requires significant time from both players and parents
- Every player's presence is important; each player is expected to attend all practices, league games and tournament games
- Unexcused absences will result in a possible reduction of playing time; out-of-season sports are not an excused absence
- For 2021, being rostered on a Rosemount Traveling Baseball team and a non-RAAA team will be permitted but we ask you to consider the time commitment that is required to be on a traveling team when making your decision

## FEES

- **Tryout Fee:** \$80
- **Registration:** \$225
- **Tournaments:** ~\$125
- **Paid Coach\*:** \$125-\$165 for 15AA, 14AAA & 14AA *\*Applies for non-parent coach teams only*
- **Volunteer Deposit:** \$400 check required; parents are required to work 2 volunteer shifts (~8 hours) per player and check will be cashed if volunteer shifts are not completed
- After teams are formed, fees are applied to player's athlete's account

# Coach Selections

## PARENT COACHES

- New prospective head coaches are required to complete application and interview with coach selection committee
- Coaches are ranked by:
  - Past coaching experience and feedback
  - Playing experience
  - Organizational skills
  - Moral and ethical characteristics
- Provisional coaches are identified and invited to tryouts for their age group
- Player tryout rankings determine coach assignments

## PAID COACHES *(15AA, 14AAA, and 14AA only)*

- Paid (non-parent) coaches are hired each season to help prepare the older players for higher levels of baseball
- Like parent coaches, interviews are conducted, and coaches are identified prior to tryouts
- The coach stipend is paid by team participants (\$125-\$165/player) and the remainder is covered by the program

All coaches (parent and paid) are required to complete concussion & PCA training and background checks



# Tryouts: Schedule

AGE	DATE	TIME	
		Check-in/Warm-up	Evaluation
9	Saturday, March 6	8:00 AM	8:30 to 10:00 AM
		1:00 PM	1:30 to 3:00 PM
10	Friday, March 5	5:00 PM	5:30 to 7:00 PM
11	Friday, March 5	6:30 PM	7:00 to 8:30 PM
12	Friday, March 5	8:00 PM	8:30 to 10:00 PM
13	Saturday, March 6	9:30 AM	10:00 to 11:30 AM
14/15	Saturday, March 6	11:30 AM	12:00 to 1:30 PM

## REMINDERS

- Bring bat, helmet, glove & mask
- Wear assigned pinnie with the number facing forward

## PLEASE DON'T

- Arrive earlier than your check-in time
- Wear clothing that contains player's name or traveling/club team

Location for all tryout sessions  
is the **Irish Sports Dome:**  
<https://www.irishsportsdome.com/>

# Tryouts: Overall Process

## CLOSED TRYOUT

To eliminate distractions and allow players to focus, other than the evaluators, the only people permitted during evaluation are:

- **Traveling Baseball Board Members** help facilitate tryouts and drills; do not participate in drills for their child's age level
- **Previous Board Members & RHS players** as needed to assist with drills
- **Provisional Head Coaches** assess players during their designated age group for the purpose of their team selection/coach picks; they have no impact on the tryout scores

## OUTSIDE EVALUATORS & DATA ENTRY

- **Hired Evaluators:** Eagan Bandits baseball players with no affiliations to our program or players provide unbiased scores for every player; this will be their 3<sup>rd</sup> year as evaluators for our tryouts
- **3rd Party Data Entry:** Individual with no affiliations to our program or players record and tally scores after completion of each age group



# Tryouts: Absences & Exceptions

**EXCUSED:** A player must participate in all scheduled tryout sessions unless they have a **pre-approved excused** absence granted by the RAAA Traveling Baseball Director prior to tryouts

**UNEXCUSED:** Vacations or other non state sporting and personal activities are an **unexcused** absence

Players with an unexcused absence:

- May potentially be placed on a single A level team if there are open spots and no cuts
- Will NOT be considered for the AAA team
- Cannot move up a level

INJURY	STATE TOURNAMENT
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• A medically excused absence including injuries; must provide doctor's note with reason player cannot participate in tryouts</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Participation in a state competition for community/ school-based organization and if all reasonable efforts to attend try-outs are not possible</li> </ul>
IMPACT TO TRYOUT SCORING / PLACEMENT ON TEAM	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• If player is able to participate in one of the two* sessions the scores from the one session is doubled <i>*For 2021: Applicable for 9's only</i></li> </ul>	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• If a player can't participate in any session, he will be placed in the pick zone at the level he played the previous season</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• If a player can't participate in any session, his score from the prior season's tryouts will be used</li> </ul>

# Tryouts: Drills Overview



## FRONT TOSS

- 8 balls per player tossed into strike zone underhand from behind an L-screen (approximately 10-15 feet away)
- Score on total swing mechanics, starting batting stance thru the finished swing – balance



## HITTING MACHINE

- 8 balls per player pitched from a pitching machine
- Machine Speeds - 9&10U: 45mph, 11U: 48mph, 12U: 54mph, 13U: 60mph, 14&15U: 65mph
- Scores on total swing mechanics, starting stance thru the finished swing – balance and total contact



## INFIELD

- 2 – 3 ground balls hit from bat to 3<sup>rd</sup> base and short stop positions with one simulated bunt
- Players throw ball to first base
- Scores on fielding techniques (mechanics and footwork) and arm strength



## OUTFIELD

- 2 – 3 fly balls “thrown” from a pitching machine
- For 13U to 15U, one ground ball thrown to force player to run up and make play on ball
- Players throw ball from outfield to infield (simulating a throw to a cutoff person)
- Scores on fielding techniques (mechanics & footwork) and arm strength

# Tryouts: Scoring



ALL EXCEPT 9's	DRILL	SESSION 1	TOTAL
	Front Toss	10%	10%
	Machine	30%	30%
	Infield	30%	30%
	Outfield	30%	30%

9's ONLY	DRILL	SESSION 1	SESSION 2	TOTAL
	Front Toss	5%	5%	10%
	Machine	15%	15%	30%
	Infield	15%	15%	30%
	Outfield	15%	15%	30%

For additional details about tryouts, drills, evaluations, and team selection go to:  
<https://www.rosemountbaseball.com/traveling-tryouts>

# Teams: Projections

AGE GROUP	PROJECTED NUMBER OF PLAYERS TRYING OUT	PROJECTED NUMBER OF TEAMS			PROJECTED PLAYERS TRYING TO PLACE ON TEAM*
		AAA	AA	A	
9's	38	1	2	--	2
10's	34	1	1	1	0
11's	40	1	1	1	4
12's	45	1	2	1	0
13's	21	1	1	0	0
14's	31	1	1	14/15A	0
15's	15	0	1		0

*\*Work with neighboring associations to try to place players on a team **when possible**. Otherwise, players are eligible for and encouraged to participate in the in-house program.*

# Teams

## LEVEL OF TEAMS

- The number of teams formed is based on a combination of participants trying out, tryout score breaks and field availability
- In the event 2 teams at the same level will be formed:
  - For 2 teams at the AA level the teams will be leveled and will not be equal
  - For 2 teams at the A level, selection procedures will be used to assure the teams are as balanced as possible. It is possible that certain players may be brought back for a separate session where the coaches will work with the board to create equal teams.

## PLAYER SELECTION

- Based on the evaluator's total tryout score, the highest ranking eight (8) players:
  - Qualify for AAA team; these are “locked players” that have earned a position on the team based solely on their tryout scores & cannot be removed by the Head Coach
  - Head Coach has discretion to fill out the roster from the remaining players ranked 9-18
- The next eight (8) highest ranking players from the remaining field of players:
  - Qualify for the AA team as “locked players” and cannot be removed by the Head Coach
  - Head Coach has discretion to fill out the roster from the remaining players ranked 21-30
- Process continues for as many teams as are created

# Equipment

Players need to supply their own batting helmet, glove, bat, and cleats

Game/practice balls and catcher's gear are supplied by the program

**NEW THIS YEAR!**  
All 14/15's catchers are required to wear NOCSAE approved chest protector

BATS	AGE	MAX DIAMETER	WEIGHT DIFFERENTIAL*	CERTIFICATION
	9-13	2 1/4 -or- 2 5/8	Unlimited -11 or less	MUST have the USA stamp (unless using a -3 BBCOR bat)
	14,14/15A	2 5/8	-5 or less	
	15	2 5/8	-3 or less	BBCOR or wood bat

CLEATS	AGE	METAL SPIKES
	9-12	<u>Not</u> allowed
	13-15	Are allowed

*\*Length minus weight, For example: length 31" - weight 20 oz. = -11 differential*

For additional sizing charts, buying guides and links go to:  
<https://www.rosemountbaseball.com/traveling-equipment>



# Uniforms

- Players are required to purchase a uniform consisting at least 1 pant (\$30), 1 blue jersey (\$50), and 1 green jersey (\$50)
- Numbers generally stay with player – not guaranteed
- Irish fan gear and accessories (belts, socks, etc.) are also available for purchase
- Ordering deadline is **March 9th**
- Hats will be provided by the program; no ordering required



To place your uniform & apparel order go to:  
[https://rosemounttravel21.itemorder.com/sale?read\\_message=true](https://rosemounttravel21.itemorder.com/sale?read_message=true)

# Tournaments & Volunteer Requirements

## IRISH INVITATIONALS



May 7-9

9AA, 10A,  
11AA, 11AAA,  
12A



June 4-6

9AAA, 10AAA,  
10AA, 11A,  
12AA, 12AAA

## MBT STATE



July 9-11

10A



July 16-18

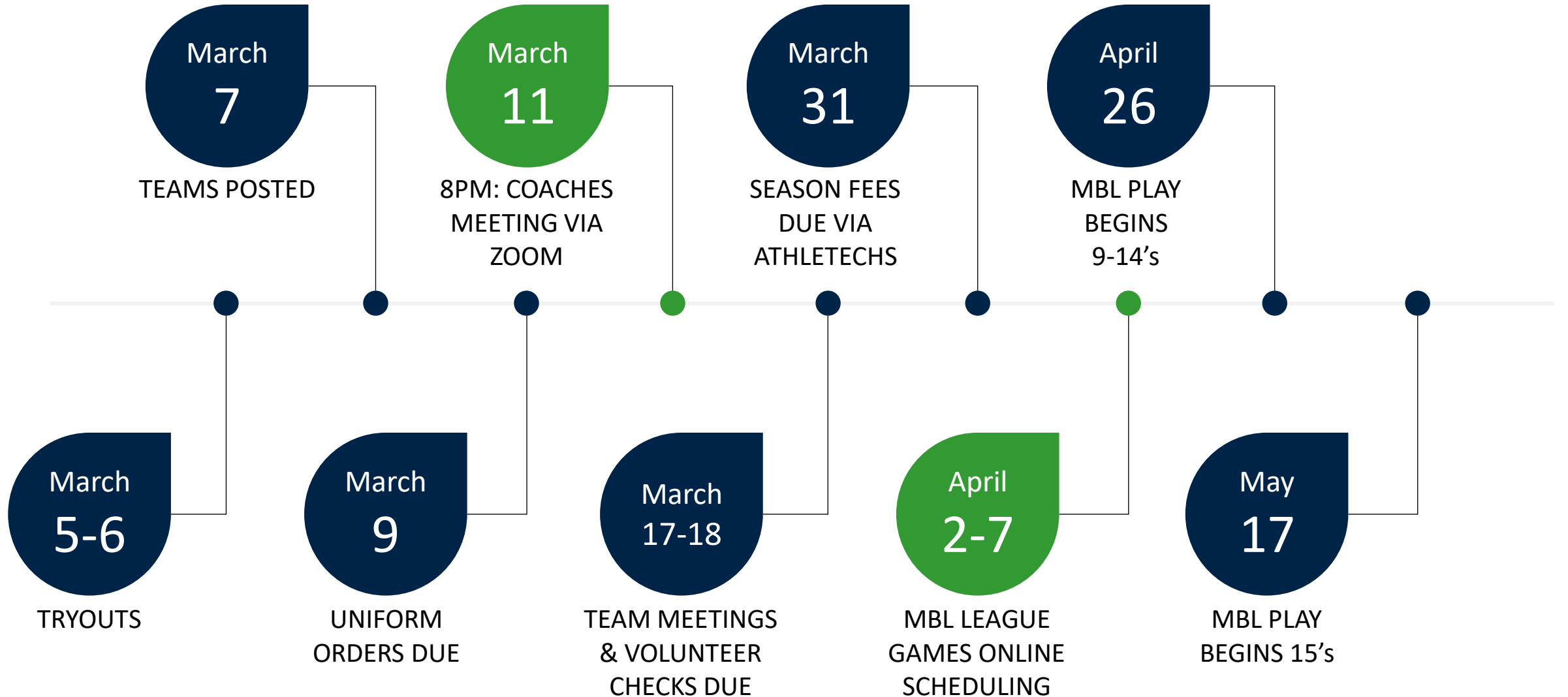
9AA, 9AAA

Our hosted tournaments are an important source of revenue for our program. It helps keep registration costs low and pays for improvements to the facilities and equipment. The tournaments cannot be successful without the help from all of YOU!

- Parents\* are required to work 2 volunteer shifts (~8 hours) **per player** else forfeit \$400 deposit \**Adult volunteers preferred; must be at least 15 years old*
- Email will be sent when shifts are available for sign-up on [DIBS](#)
- A shift can be unclaimed up to one week prior to the tournament without approval
- Head coaches receive volunteer credit and do not need to sign up for a shift

For list of volunteer positions and responsibilities go to:  
<https://www.rosemountbaseball.com/traveling-volunteering>

# Key Dates



# Key Resources

## Rosemount Traveling Baseball Website

- <https://www.rosemountbaseball.com/traveling>

## Rosemount Traveling Baseball Facebook Page

- <https://www.facebook.com/RosemountTravelingBaseball>

## Rosemount Traveling Baseball Contact

- [traveling-baseball@rosemount-aaa.org](mailto:traveling-baseball@rosemount-aaa.org)

## Metro Baseball League

- [www.mbl.bz](http://www.mbl.bz)



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