



RWYBA Policies

Confidentiality

The Board of Directors will hold in confidence all personal and financial information as well as all communications brought before the board in a formal manner if so requested.

Communication

The primary form of communication will be the Red Wing Youth Baseball Association (RWYBA) website. The website url is: <https://redwingathleticassociation.sportngin.com/page/show/109643-red-wing-youth-baseball-home-page> Information may also be distributed on the Red Wing Youth Baseball Association Facebook page. Once you have created an account and registered a player, you will also receive pertinent emails from the association. If you have additional questions or concerns, you may reach out to any board member. Their contact information is also on the website.

Registration/Fees

RWYBA player registration is completed online and typically available by the first week of February. Within the registration process, there is a parent code of conduct form and a COVID waiver to complete. The RWYBA reviews and sets player fees on an annual basis. No refunds will be made after players have been placed on a team. Medical exceptions will be handled on a case by case basis. There will be a family cap of \$600. Must be legal dependents to qualify. Shortly after teams are formed, there will be a kick off meeting that informs parents and players about the upcoming season.

Financial Assistance

The financial assistance budget is reviewed and approved on an annual basis. Financial assistance awards will not exceed one-half the annual fee. The Executive Committee determines eligibility, awards financial assistance; communicates with applicants, and collects fees.

Fundraisers

Fundraising expectations, including designation of funds raised, are reviewed and budgeted for on an annual basis.

Prep Program

The Red Wing Youth Baseball Association offers a Prep Program for 2nd, 3rd, and 4th graders as an introduction to traveling baseball. All 2nd and 3rd graders and those 4th graders who choose not to try out for a 10 year old traveling team or do not make a 10 year old traveling team will be placed on one of 3 to 6 equal prep teams. Each team will carry 10-13 players. Players registering late will be placed on a waiting list until another full team can be formed. There will be an end of the year tournament for all prep teams.

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Tryouts

Tryouts are held prior to each season to allow each player to demonstrate his baseball skills and help the Board of Directors determine the appropriate level of play for all traveling players so they may have the most positive baseball experience. The RWYBA utilizes a number of knowledgeable baseball people with no direct ties to a specific age group to grade tryouts. In addition, at the conclusion of each season, coach's feedback is solicited and incorporated into next year's tryout results.

Any player unable to attend tryouts as scheduled must have approval from the Board of Directors regarding alternate arrangements. Scores for partial tryouts will be adjusted accordingly. Players who choose not to tryout will be placed on the lowest level team of that age group. Any player registering after the completion of tryouts will be placed on the lowest level team, if applicable.

Players in 4th grade (9 year olds) will be given the opportunity to try out with the 10 year olds if they are potentially interested in playing travel baseball as opposed to the Prep Program. These players will only make a 10 year old team out of necessity due to lack of numbers, players opting to return to the Prep Program or any other situation that may arise where the Board determines it necessary.

Traveling Program

The Red Wing Youth Baseball Association is affiliated with the Metro Baseball League (MBL). The MBL sets forth the rules and regulations that govern play. Players shall participate in the age group that corresponds with their grade level, and in accordance with MBL policy. Each team will carry 11-13 players, with 12 players per team considered the ideal number to balance participation and competition. An additional team will be formed at any age level if there are an additional 11-13 players and a viable coaching option. League play will begin in late April or early May. It will consist of 14 games with roughly an equal amount of home and away games. All teams will make the playoffs at a certain tier depending on league record.

- Tryout results and coaches feedback from the previous season are utilized to divide the players into two teams. The first team will be an A team and the second team will be either an AA or AAA team.
- All rosters must be approved by the Board of Directors prior to notification of players by their coaches.
- Players who are cut will receive written notice prior to notification of players.

	<u>Team Format</u>	<u>Level of Play</u>
Age 10, 11, 12, 13, 14, 15	A / AA or AAA	To be determined annually

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Any player that wishes to be double rostered on a RWYBA team and a summer club team must immediately notify a board member and forward their club schedule to the board and their respective Red Wing coach.

Tournaments

The RWYBA will enter each traveling team into two away tournaments and one home tournament. The 14 year olds will also have the option of participating in an additional out of state capstone tournament. This location will be determined on an annual basis by board members and coaches. The board will pay \$1,000 to assist with expenses. This will most often cover tournament entry fees and the remaining balance can be used to offset hotel fees, meals, fuel, etc. .

The RWYBA sets an annual budget to cover a portion of the state tournament entry fees (max of one full fee) for traveling teams that qualify for any state tournament through tournament play. The RWYBA will not cover at-large entry fees to any state tournament or gate fees.

Traveling coaches / teams can enter additional tournaments if desired at their own cost, but must communicate their intentions to the Board of Directors.

The RWYBA will host three tournaments. Pending yearly approval, these will be state qualifying tournaments.

- Ages 10, 11, 12
- Entry fee = \$400
- Awards for the top two teams

Metro Baseball League

The RWYBA affiliates itself with the MBL for league play and Minnesota Baseball Tournaments (MBT) for home tournaments. The RWYBA encourages coaches and players to participate in these MBL sponsored programs such as August Classic and MBL Fall League but does not administer any part of these programs, with the exception of equipment.

Residency

MBL Policy: The Metro Baseball League is a community based program. Players are eligible to participate on teams from the community in which they live with their parent(s) or legal guardian, or their school attendance area. The MBL Board of Directors reserves the right to rule on any questionable situations.

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Players are eligible to participate in the RWYBA if they live in school district 256 and / or attend Red Wing schools during the current school year. Exceptions to this policy will be addressed on a case by case basis (If a player is needed to fill out a roster, that player is not eligible to make a higher level team).

Equipment

The board reviews and approves the annual equipment and uniform budget. RWYBA will provide jerseys, pants, belts, socks, hats, baseballs, and catchers gear. The parent and/or player will need to provide gloves, cleats, batting helmets, and approved bats.

Coaches

Applications for volunteer coaches will be solicited and reviewed each season. All coaches, both Head and Assistant, will need to pass the Trusted Coaches program and possess a Certificate of completion for the program. The Board of Directors will approve the best coaching team (head coach and assistant coaches) for all travel and prep teams.

Umpires

Applications for umpires will be solicited and reviewed each season. Applicants must be at least 13 years old, or have equivalent training and experience, to umpire for the RWYBA.

1. Pay Rates
 - Prep Program = \$45 per game
 - Traveling Program = \$65 per game
2. Scheduling
 - The RWYBA contracts with an independent party for umpire scheduling.

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