



New Trier Travel Baseball

2012 Travel Baseball Overview

October, 2011

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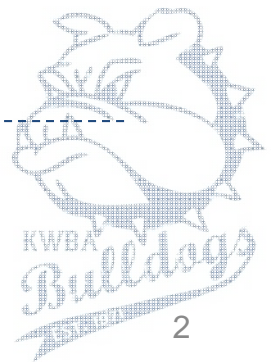
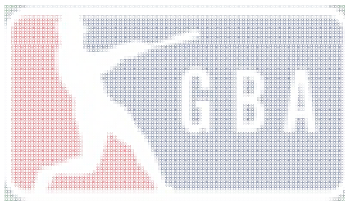
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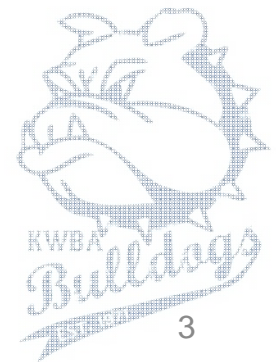


New Trier Travel Baseball Mission

*Combining the travel programs of KWBA and Glencoe, **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.

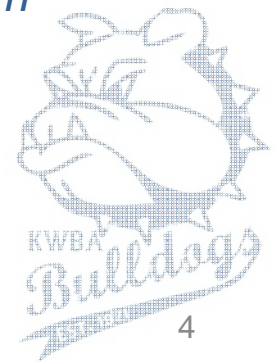


Why New Trier Travel Baseball?

- The opportunity to play within our 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 New Trier Developmental methods, drills, and terminologies with coaches that have experience with the New Trier philosophy
- Winter and Summer Workout Programs provide additional training

“I am a firm believer that kids playing together in their communities are a major factor in chemistry, camaraderie and the overall success of our program”

- Mike Napoleon, Varsity Baseball Coach, New Trier H.S



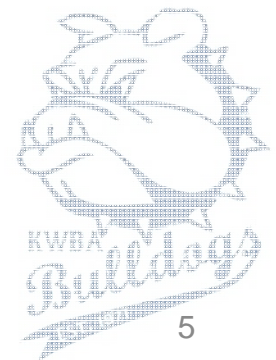
Developmental Philosophy

NTTB Summer Travel (Undergraduate)

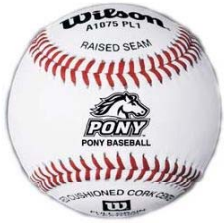
- 9's Primarily developmental, multiple positions, some strategy
- 10's Advanced development, several positions, baseball strategy
- 11's Full baseball rules, building baseball IQ, 2-3 positions
- 12's Strategy nuances, advanced baseball IQ, 1-2 positions

New Trier Trevian Pony (High School Prep)

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

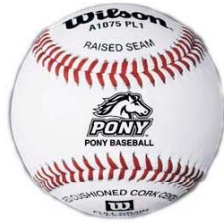


2012 Travel Calendar



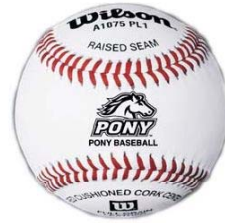
Travel Tryouts

- **What:** 10, 11, 12 year old tryouts
- **When:** Oct-Nov 2012
- **Where:** Northfield / Outdoor (weather permitting)
- **Eligibility:** 2012 KWBA and GBL house league registrants with a birthdate between 5/2/1999 & 5/2/2004
- **Fees:** \$15 per player



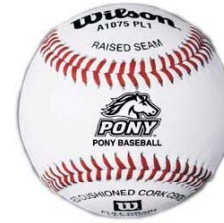
Winter Ball

- **What:** Run by League and IBA, these 2 x week sessions will focus on i) hitting, pitching, fielding mechanics & ii) team drills
- **When:** January through March
- **Where:** Takiff Center / TBD
- **Eligibility:** u10–u12 travel players
- **Fees:** \$175 - \$200



Spring Skills

- **What:** Run by the Team GM, these 1 x week sessions will focus on fundamentals, Situational and baseball strategy squad' practices.
- **When:** April - LSFBL start
- **Eligibility:** Open to 9,10, 11 & 12 A & B players only
- **Fees:** Included in Travel Fees



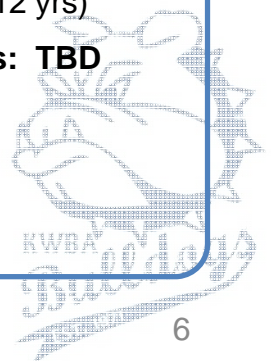
LSFBL Season

- **What:** LSFBL Regular Season and Playoffs
- IBA Travel Camp (2 weeks)
- Cooperstown Tournament (12's only)
- LSFBL Playoffs
- **Eligibility:** Open to 10, 11 & 12 A & B players only
- **Fees:** Included in Travel Fees = ~\$775



Travel Fall Ball

- **What:** 8 game season in a designated Travel League + 8 x IBA Skills Session
- **When:** September – October
- **Eligibility:** At least one 'travel' team per age (10-12 yrs)
- **Fees:** TBD



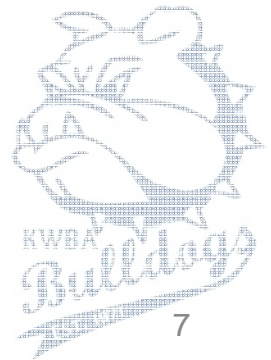
Fall Tryouts

Schedule:

- 10 year olds: Saturday & Sunday, Oct. 29th and 30th, 4pm to 6pm
- 11 year olds: Saturday & Sunday, Nov. 12th and 13th, 4pm to 6pm
- 12 year olds: Saturday & Sunday, Nov. 5th and 6th, 4pm to 6pm

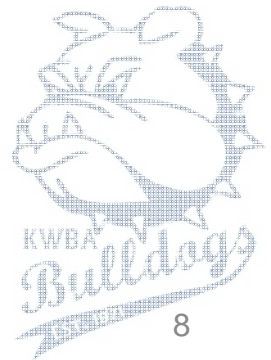
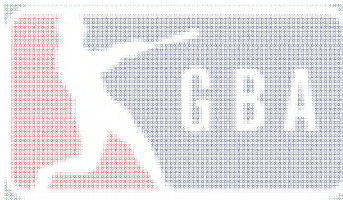
Where:

Northfield Park District Fields (on Willow & Wagner Rds.) In case of inclement weather, we will go indoors to the Takiff Center (on Green Bay Rd.) in Glencoe.



Tryout Evaluation Process

- Organized by Travel Committee
- 8-10 evaluators comprised of members of the Travel Committee
 - Committee Member with a son trying out for team cannot participate in evaluations
- Numbers not names used in evaluation
- Quantitative Scoring (scoring sheets)



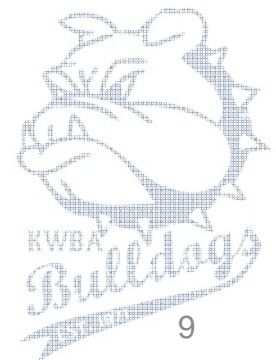
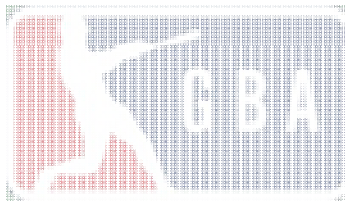
Tryout Evaluation Process

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

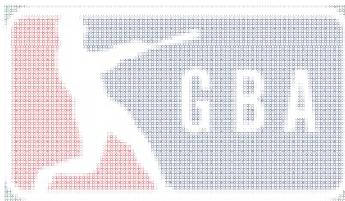
Team Selection:

- Player Evaluation Score – First Priority
- Positions – (e.g. enough pitchers, catchers, speed, power)
- Prior year performance, including travel coach evaluations



Eligibility Requirement and Attendance Policy

1. Participate in KWBA or GBA House League (Community Based)
2. Meet Age Requirements:
3. Agree to Attendance Policy:
 - One excused absence for up to four (4) consecutive days
 - Exception: League Playoffs – July 26th – 29th
 - Example – “Joey” communicates with his coaches that he will be missing July 20 – 24th. During those dates, there are two games and one practice. All of these events are excused
 - No mandatory events scheduled for June 30th - July 4th (except 12's & Cooperstown)



Tryout Evaluation Process

- 11-12 players per team
- Will field up to three teams per age group
- The players will be selected in the Fall, with final selection for A & B squads to be finalized in March
- Signed Commitment Letter required for tryout
- Commitment fee of \$500 required post-tryout



2011 Travel Survey Key Takeaways

1. Overall satisfaction is good
 - 71% positive or extremely positive experience
2. Lakeshore Feeder Baseball League
 - 85% feel the number of games is appropriate
 - Love that it is local, provided good competition
3. There is an overwhelming desire to have more practices
4. There is a significant desire to have better instruction
5. There is a desire to have more in-game instruction and more structured practices
6. People support the Liaison framework (e.g. greater parental oversight)
7. The program is a good value, however, there is a willingness to pay more in exchange for investments in coaching and instruction



Changes / Upgrades for 2012

Coaching Staff Upgrades:

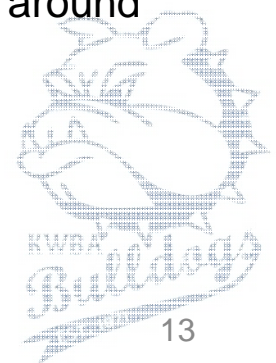
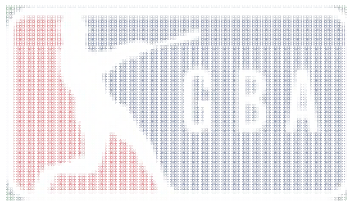
NTTB is committed to improving the level of instruction within the program and will broaden our candidate pool to include individuals with significant baseball experience. We will establish expectations for our coaches including practice planning, pre-game routines and in game instruction.

General Manager:

Each team will have a NTTB-sanctioned official to serve as general manager who will oversee the coaches to ensure that practices are scheduled, skills are taught and expectations are met. The GM's will provide guidance to the coaches when needed.

Increased Practice-to-Game Ratio

In the summer months, we will add 1-2 practices per week with great structure around individual skills training (pitching, fielding, hitting)



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Indoor Winter Workouts:

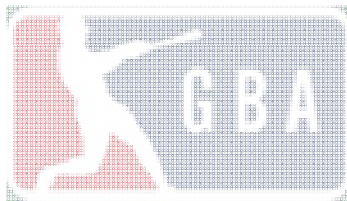
This enhanced program will focus on the fundamentals of baseball to improve your player's game well in advance of the travel season.

Weekly Spring Workouts:

This new program will run throughout the house league season and is designed get the players used to playing together and prepared for the Memorial Day tournament and season.

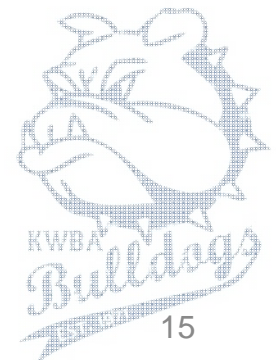
Summer Travel Clinic:

In association with the Illinois Baseball Academy these clinics will fine tune the player's fundamentals and work on team concepts.



12 Year Old Cooperstown Trip

- Participation confirmed for both 12A and 12B team
- Dreams Park - <http://www.cooperstowndreamspark.com/>
- Week of June 23 – June 29
- Costs (including transportation) **not** included in LSFBL/Summer Travel Fee



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