



JACKSON BASEBALL ASSOCIATION, INC.



JBA TRAVEL LEAGUE RULES

ARTICLE I - INTRODUCTION

The JBA Travel League is organized under the Jackson Baseball Association, Inc. (JBA) to provide competitive baseball to the youth of Jackson Township with the primary focus being on player development. The JBA Travel League shall be governed by the rules as set forth herein and as directed under the JBA Board of Trustees. As part of the JBA, JBA Travel Teams are subject to the JBA Bylaws and must adhere to both the JBA Bylaws and these JBA Travel League Rules. In the event of a conflict between the JBA Bylaws and the JBA Travel League Rules, the JBA Travel League Rules shall apply.

ARTICLE II – TEAMS

SECTION 1

Team Formation

Teams must be approved by the JBA Board of Trustees each year. Two teams are recommended for the 10U age group. Upon approval by the JBA Board of Trustees, those teams shall continue at the 11U and 12U age groups. The JBA Board of Trustees may approve additional teams as it believes necessary. Coaches and parents interested in forming additional teams must petition to the JBA Board of Trustees; however, the Board is not obligated to approve any additional teams. One additional team is recommended at age 11U to accommodate those players who remained in the 9/10 Recreational League as 10 year olds. JBA Travel Team rosters shall consist of no more than 14 players.

SECTION 2

Team Renewal

Existing teams must petition the JBA Board of Trustees to renew its charter for the following year. The following information must be submitted to the JBA Board when considering whether to renew a team's charter:

- Players returning from the previous year
- Number of games played
- Financial statements in a format required by the JBA Treasurer
- Copy of team bank statement as of September 30th of the prior year
- Regular season and tournament record
- Date and location of tryouts to fill any open roster spots for the following year's team

While the JBA is interested in the success of its travel teams, a team's regular season and tournament record shall not solely be determinative when renewing the team's charter.

Failure to submit this information to the JBA Board of Trustees will result in refusal to renew the team's charter. Teams that have not been renewed by the JBA will not be considered part of the organization, will not be included under the JBA insurance policy and will not have scheduling priority under the JBA.



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SECTION 3

Team Names

Team names shall be as follows:

- 10U – The newly formed 10U teams shall be called the Bears followed by a color to distinguish the teams from one another. The first two (2) teams at that age group shall use Purple, Gold or Black as their identifier (i.e. Jackson Bears Purple). If the managers cannot agree on which team shall be what color the managers shall pick names out of a hat.
- 11U – Newly formed 11U teams shall be called the Bears followed by a color to distinguish the teams from one another. The unused color of Purple, Black and Gold shall be used for the first team. Any additional teams shall use Grey and White in that order.
- 12U – Newly formed 12U teams shall be called the Bears followed by a color to distinguish the teams from one another. In the event Purple, Gold and Black teams already exist, newly formed teams shall use Grey and White in that order.
- 13U Teams
 - 13U teams in the Jackson High School (JHS) Varsity Baseball Staff/JBA Baseball Program shall be called the Bears followed by a color to distinguish the teams from one another. The teams shall use the colors Purple, Gold and Black.
 - 13U teams not in the JHS Varsity Baseball Staff/JBA Baseball Program shall be called the Jaguars followed by a color to distinguish the teams from one another. The teams shall use the colors Purple, Gold, Black, Grey and White in that order.
- 14U Teams
 - 14U teams in the JHS Varsity Baseball Staff/JBA Baseball Program shall be called the Bears followed by a color to distinguish the teams from one another. The teams shall use the colors Purple, Gold and Black.
 - 14U teams not in the JHS Varsity Baseball Staff/JBA Baseball Program shall be called the Jaguars followed by a color to distinguish the teams from one another. The teams shall use the colors Purple, Gold, Black, Grey and White in that order.

Section 4

Benefits for JBA Travel Teams

JBA Travel Team shall have priority to field scheduling over non-JBA travel teams, insurance coverage under the JBA insurance policy, fundraising as a nonprofit youth sports organization under the JBA 501(c)(3) charter, three (3) dozen game baseballs, with select teams having the opportunity to participate in running the Bowen Tournament and to play in the Cooperstown National Tournament.



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ARTICLE III – PLAYERS

SECTION 1

Player Eligibility

All players will be subject to the Player requirements as set forth in the JBA Bylaws. That is, players must reside within the established boundaries of the Jackson Local School District.

SECTION 2

Player Selection

For the 10, 11 and 12 year old teams, players will be selected by the team manager. The manager shall select the number of players that the team will carry on its roster and shall select those players based on the criteria he/she deems important for the development of the players, positional requirements to balance the team roster and team chemistry.

The 13 and 14 year old teams will be selected in accordance with the JHS Varsity Baseball Staff/JBA Baseball Program Rules.

SECTION 3

Registration Forms and Rosters

Each player must complete the JBA Travel Registration Form including signing of the Medical Waiver and Waiver of Liability. A copy of the Registration Forms and a summary of the Team Roster must be submitted to the JBA Secretary before any baseball events are conducted during the calendar year. Team Rosters must include the following information in spreadsheet format required by the JBA Secretary:

- Player Name
- Player Address
- Parent's Names
- Phone Number
- Date of Birth
- Team Played for the Previous Year
- Email Address
- Residency
- School attended

Failure to submit the Registration Forms and Team Roster to the JBA Secretary will result in all fields being revoked from the team.

Section 4

Tryouts

Teams having open roster spots for the following year must have open tryouts to fill those spots. The tryouts should be conducted by the manager and coaches of the team.



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ARTICLE IV – MANAGERS AND COACHES

SECTION 1

Manager Selection

For the 10, 11 and 12 year old teams, Managers must submit a Managers and Coaches Application to the JBA Board of Trustees for consideration to manage a JBA Travel Team. The JBA Managers and Coaches Committee shall review the Application and determine whether a personal interview is necessary to recommend the Manager to the JBA Board of Trustees. Upon approval from the JBA Board of Trustees, the Manager shall be assigned a JBA Travel Team as defined in these Rules.

SECTION 2

Coach Selection

For the 10, 11 and 12 year old teams, Managers may select their own coaching staff, however all Coaches must submit a Managers and Coaches Application to the JBA Board of Trustees. The JBA Managers and Coaches Committee shall review the Application and determine whether a personal interview is necessary to recommend the Coach to the JBA Board of Trustees.

SECTION 3

Manager Renewal

For the 10, 11 and 12 year old teams, after each season, the parents of each travel team shall submit to the JBA Managers and Coaches Committee a manager evaluation sheet indicating the strengths and weaknesses of the manager. There shall be only one evaluation submitted per player. The Managers and Coaches Committee shall take into consideration the manager evaluations when appointing the manager for the following season.

ARTICLE V – SCHEDULES

SECTION 1

Schedule Submissions

1. Initial schedules must be submitted to the JBA Player Development Committee by April 1st of each year. Schedules must include games (dates, times and opponents), practice days and times and tournaments. Failure to submit a schedule will result in all fields being revoked from the team. Any deviations from the above should be submitted to the JBA Player Development Committee. Any scheduling changes must be communicated to the JBA Field Maintenance Committee.
2. In the event a team does not plan to use a scheduled time slot, the team must inform the JBA Field Scheduling Committee at least 24 hours prior to the scheduled time. This shall not apply to rainouts or unplayable field conditions. Failure to inform the Field Scheduling Committee will result in forfeiture of the team's next 2 practice slots or a \$50 fine.



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SECTION 2

JBA Season Length

JBA Travel Teams are not permitted to begin practicing until January and shall end their season by the end of July. Should a team desire to participate in a tournament past the end of July, it must be approved by the JBA Player Development Committee.

SECTION 3

Schedule Requirements

JBA Travel Teams shall follow the following scheduling guidelines, assuming four (4) games per tournament:

- 10U Teams – Maximum of 45 games including up to 6 Tournaments
- 11U Teams – Maximum of 45 games including up to 6 Tournaments
- 12U Teams – Maximum of 50 games including up to 7 Tournaments
- 13U Teams – Maximum of 55 games including up to 7 Tournaments, or as determined by the JHS Varsity Coach
- 14U Teams – Maximum of 55 games including up to 7 Tournaments, or as determined by the JHS Varsity Coach

ARTICLE VI – UNIFORMS

It is the desire of the JBA to have its travel teams have the same general look. JBA Travel Teams shall select their uniforms from a combination of the following color schemes:

- Jerseys: purple, vegas gold, black, white and gray
- Pants: black, white and gray
- Socks: purple, vegas gold, black and gray
- Hats: purple, vegas gold, black, white and gray

The above shall not apply to the Varsity Baseball Staff/JBA Baseball Program. Uniforms for the Program shall be selected jointly by the Varsity Baseball Staff and the Coaches for the teams.

ARTICLE VI – PLAYING REQUIREMENTS

SECTION 1

Playing Requirements

Parents and players recognize that there are no playing requirements for players who are rostered on a Travel Team roster. Playing time is at the full discretion of the team's manager and coaches. The JBA has no authority relative to playing time.



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SECTION 2

Pitching Requirements/Limitations

JBA Travel Teams shall adhere to the following pitching limitations for all players:

1. Teams participating in structured leagues with pitching regulations shall follow league regulations. Violations of league pitching regulations are subject to the self-reporting conduct requirements defined herein and may result in discipline from the JBA in addition to any discipline from the league.
2. Teams not participating in leagues or that participate in leagues without pitching regulations shall meet with the JBA Player Development Committee to discuss reasonable pitching limitations for the team's regular season games. The managers shall abide by the limitations as set by the JBA Player Development Committee for regular season games. Violations of these pitching limitations are subject to the self-reporting conduct requirements defined herein and may result in discipline from the JBA.
3. While playing in tournament, teams shall abide by pitching limitations as set by the tournament. Violations of the tournament pitching limitations are subject to the self-reporting conduct requirements defined herein and may result in discipline from the JBA.

Managers should recognize that pitch count is a more accurate measurement of pitching than innings and all efforts to track pitches should be made by the manager.

ARTICLE VII – FINANCES

SECTION 1

Financial Responsibility

All JBA Travel Teams are responsible for the financial burden of their team. The player parents and guardians ultimately bear the cost of the team should fundraising not cover the financial requirements of the team. Parent and player recognize that all money paid or raised for the team becomes property of the JBA and the parent and player are not entitled to a refund or any distribution of funds should that player leave or be removed from the team.

SECTION 2

Financial Budgets

Each Travel Team is required to submit to the JBA Treasurer a proposed budget prior to the end of January. The budget shall include estimated income from fundraising, sponsorship, etc., and estimated expenses for uniforms, equipment, tournaments, league fees, facility rentals, training, and any other items of income and/or expense anticipated by the team.



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SECTION 3

Income Statements

Each Travel Team is required to keep detailed financial statements that track all money collected by the Team and all money paid out by the Team between the time period of October 1st through the following September. These financial statements shall be provided to the JBA Treasurer no later than October 15th of each year. The financial statements shall also include beginning and ending balances for the year and any net income or loss.

SECTION 4

Balance Sheets

Each Travel Team is required to keep detailed balance sheet which shall include an itemized list of all assets owned by the Team. The balance sheet shall include the price paid for the asset and the year the asset was purchased.

SECTION 5

JBA Fees

Each Travel Team shall pay the JBA a fee per player to help cover insurance, balls, field improvements and all other benefits the Travel Teams derive from being members of the JBA. Fees shall be set yearly by the JBA Board of Trustees.

ARTICLE VIII – FUNDRAISING

SECTION 1

Team Fundraising

All fundraising proposals shall be submitted to the JBA Executive Committee for approval prior to conducting such fundraising activities. The JBA Executive Committee must reply with ten (10) days of submitting the proposal or the proposal shall be deemed approved.

SECTION 2

JBA Fundraising

Travel Teams are part of the JBA and are required to participate in all general JBA fundraising efforts. In the event Travel Teams do not participate or its participation is under that of the JBA Recreational Teams, as determined by the JBA Board of Trustees, Travel Teams shall be obligated to pay the JBA a “buyout” fee. The JBA fundraising buyout shall be determined by the JBA Board of Trustees. Failure to pay the JBA the buyout fee will result in cancellation of field time.

ARTICLE IX – TEAM DISSOLUTION

SECTION 1

Dissolution of Equipment and Property

All property purchased, donated to or owned by a JBA Travel Team is the property of the JBA and must be turned in to the JBA upon dissolution of the Travel Team. Teams must submit all equipment and other property to the JBA Equipment Committee Chairman within 30 days from the



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team's last game or from a definitive decision to dissolve the team. The JBA Board of Trustees shall determine when a team is considered to be dissolved.

SECTION 2

Dissolution of Capital

All money owned by a JBA Travel Team is the property of the JBA. Teams must submit a financial statement, including all bank records, to the JBA Treasurer within 30 days from the team's last game or from a definitive decision to dissolve the team.

In accordance with IRS regulations, upon dissolution of the team, the manager, coaches and parents shall have no claim to any of the money remaining in the team's account. .

ARTICLE X – CONDUCT AND DISCIPLINE

SECTION 1

Conduct

All players, parents and coaches are subject to the JBA policy on Conduct and Discipline. Given the exposure of Travel Teams outside of the Jackson Community, Travel Teams shall be held to a higher standard as representatives of Jackson Township and the JBA.

Managers, coaches, parents and players are expected to abide by the rules and regulations of the facilities where games are being played regardless of location. This pertains to consumption of alcohol, and the use of tobacco products as well as behavior.

SECTION 2

Reporting of Incidents

Managers and Coaches of JBA Travel Teams are obligated to inform the JBA Managers and Coaches Committee of any conflicts or incidents, including any ejections of a manager, coach, player or parent from a game or facility. Failure to report an ejection or other disciplinary matter will result in an automatic suspension for the manager, in addition to any discipline warranted for the actual event that took place.

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