

RYBA Traveling Baseball 2010

January 2010

"What's the Same" for 2010

Player Eligibility: As was the case last year, players must meet one of the following criteria: attend an ISD #535 school, attend a school within the ISD #535 busing zone, live within the ISD #535 busing zone, or have participated on an RYBA traveling team in 2009. Criteria will be based upon permanent address at time of registration.

Equipment information: The traveling only teams receive two jerseys, hat, socks, and numbering/lettering. Each player will be responsible to purchase their own pair of pants, belt and helmet and these can be ordered at the time of team uniform sizing. To limit costs for single A teams that play only 2 tournaments, they receive one jersey, hat, socks, and numbering/lettering. Each player for these teams will utilize their "City Rec" league pants and helmet.

Batting Helmets: All AAA/AA/A traveling only team players are required to have their own **black** colored batting helmet with a NOCSAE stamp. If you need to purchase a batting helmet, they are available at Adlers Sporting Goods or can be ordered with us at the time of team uniform sizing.

Shoes: Metal spikes are allowed for the 13 and 14 year old teams.

Scholarships Are Available on a financial need basis to help with both the RYBA and Traveling fees. Contact Bruce Kall or Kent Thielen at registration for more information.

Rochester Tournaments

"Rochester Classic" - June 4-6

10U AAA, 10U AA, 12AAA, 12AA, & 14AA

"Rochester Challenge" - June 18-20

10U A, 11 A, 12A, 13A, & 15AA

"Rochester Klampe"- June 25-27

11AAA, 11AA, 13AAA, 13AA & 14AAA

Out of town tournament dates and locations will be available after RYBA registration.

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RYBA/Traveling Registration

Jan 26th & 27th

At the Rec Center 6:00-8:30 pm.

"We want you on our team, come sign up!"

New for the 2010 Season!

Bat rules changing for the 2010 season: 11, 12 and 13 year old traveling teams will now be allowed to use bats with a weight differential of -10oz. Previous limit was -9; -9 bats may still be used.

The 13-year-old program now will have a 4th team in addition to the 2-AAA and 1-AA teams. The 4th team will be a single A, two-tournament only team and they will participate in the house ("rec") league major/minor programs. The 11 and 12-year-old programs will continue to have a 4th team at the single A level with two tournaments, as well.

Based on feedback from the 10U program, new options exist for additional player development through additional team and practice options associated with the single A levels. See the section "10 & Under AAA/AA/A" for more information.

Jersey Day March 12 and March 19!

For the past traveling players, wear your jersey with Pride to school on these days! Tell your friends about tryouts and why you think it's fun to participate!

2010 COACHES:

The interviews for the 2010 AAA coaches were held in early January and the following will lead our traveling teams in 2010:

- 10 AAA: Joe Prisco, TBA
- 11 AAA: Tom Bitz, Paul Halverson
- 12 AAA: Mike Korte, Kent Thielen
- 13 AAA: Dan Brust, Rich Cyr
- 14 AAA: Shawn Pastika, TBA

Please give our coaches all of your support this season. If you are interested in coaching at the AA or A levels, please contact Kent Thielen. Interest in coaching will not eliminate your child from being considered for the AAA level.

State Tournaments: All AAA/AA/A teams are eligible to qualify and play in a State Tourney in July.

2009 State Tournaments, Omaha and MBL Results:

Congratulations to the:

- 10 AAA – Rebels (P. Halverson)**
GSTC State – 2nd Place
- 11 AAA – Panthers (R. Weisner)**
MSF State Tournament 2nd Place
- 11AAA- Eagles (M. Korte)**
MSF State Tournament 3rd Place
- 12AAA-Spartans(D. Brust)**
MBL Tier 2 Tournament 1st Place
- 14 AAA – Rattlers (B. Brady)**
MBL Region 3 – 1st Place in League

15/16 AA Traveling Teams

(The 15-year old tryouts will follow the VFW tryouts)

Again this season, there will be 15/16 AA Traveling teams. The teams will play in the Twi-light league consisting of teams in SE Minnesota during the week and may play in one or more weekend tournaments. For more information on the 15/16-year-old teams please contact your High School coach or Kent Thielen 281-3390.

10 & Under AAA/AA/A

Based on the last few years we expect a lot of interest in this level of baseball. Players eligible for 10U are guaranteed to make a traveling team at one of the three levels (however, 2nd graders and younger are only utilized to fill rosters to 12 players). The top 24 players at evaluations will be placed on two equal “traveling only” AAA teams. The next 12 players will be placed on the “traveling only” AA team. All other players will be placed on a single A team.

If there is parent/player interest at the single A level there will be the option for one team to be “traveling only. All other single A teams will participate in 2 tournaments and still participate in the house (“rec”) league during the week. “Traveling only” teams will practice 2-4 times during the week and have an excellent opportunity to develop their baseball fundamentals.

Evaluations for AAA, AA, and A are all at the same time. Team selection will immediately follow tryouts. The single A programs are offered to help transition both players and parents to the traveling program. It is a shortened introductory season designed to encourage participation and move everyone forward with baseball, while minimizing impact to today's busy schedules. These limited traveling teams will only practice during a four-week season and are limited to one home and one away tournament in the May/June timeframe.

Players may **NOT** request to be considered only for the "AA" or "A" level as we need players playing at the appropriate skill level.

11, 12, 13, and 14-year-old Traveling:

The top 24 players at each level will be placed on two equal “traveling only” AAA teams. The next 12 players will be placed on the “traveling only” AA team. For the 11's, 12's, and 13's the next 12 players will be placed on a single A traveling team limited to a four week, two-tournament season and also participate during the week in the house (“rec”) program.

All 12, 13, and 14-year-old AAA/AA teams will play in the Metro Baseball League (MBL) competing with mostly SE metro teams. The Metro Baseball League has a 16 game schedule (Approx. 8 home & 8 away games) with the teams qualifying for the MBL playoffs. Travel only teams participate in 4-5 tournaments including the 12 & 14-year-old AAA teams playing in Omaha, NE during the College World Series (12's June 18-20 and 14's June 17-20) where players also attend a College World Series game.

TRYOUTS -- Tryouts are free!

To help us determine the numbers that we will have at tryouts, players should register for tryouts during the RYBA registration night Jan 26-27 at the traveling table. For those that mail in their RYBA registration or do not get a chance to visit the traveling table on the above nights, you may check the traveling box on the form, or simply show up on the first night of tryouts to register. Tryout information is available at:

- <http://www.rybamn.com>
- **Contacting Kent Thielen at 281-3390**
- **Contacting the RYBA Hotline at 287-1659**

Tryouts will be held indoors during March and April. All age group tryouts will consist of at least 3 time blocks and will be held at the UCR Field House and RCTC Bubble. Players will be selected and the coaches along with the RYBA's Traveling executive committee will attempt to draft two balanced AAA teams once the tryouts have been completed. Every player starts fresh each year with tryouts, **so out of respect, traveling uniforms, pants, and hats are not allowed during traveling tryouts.** Players **not** selected for AAA/AA/A travel only teams will be automatically assigned and notified of an area for "City Rec" Majors tryouts.

Player's age on April 30th is used for eligibility and they should attend all tryout sessions.

Tryout dates for age 14

1. March 16th 8:00-10:00pm FH check-in 7:15
2. March 18th 8:00-10:00pm RCTC Bubble
3. March 22nd 8:00-10:00pm Field House

Tryout dates for age 13

1. March 15th 8:00-10:00pm FH check-in 7:15
2. March 17th 8:00-10:00pm RCTC Bubble
3. March 23rd 8:00-10:00pm Field House

Tryout dates for age 12

1. March 15th 6:00-8:00pm FH check-in 5:15
2. March 17th 6:00-8:00pm RCTC Bubble
3. March 23rd 6:00-8:00pm Field House

Tryout dates for age 11

1. March 16th 6:00-8:00pm FH check-in 5:15
2. March 18th 6:00-8:00pm RCTC Bubble
3. March 22nd 6:00-8:00pm Field House

Tryout dates for age 10 and Under

1. April 5th 6:00-9:00pm Field House
(First night check-in starts at 5:00pm)
2. April 6th 6:00-9:00pm RCTC Bubble
3. April 7th 6:00-9:00pm Field House
4. April 8th 6:00-9:00pm Field House

Bat Rules for 2010

Age	Max. Barrel Diameter	Max. Weight Differential
10 – 13's	2 ¼"	Unlimited
11 – 13's	2 ¾"	Minus 10
14's	2 ¾"	Minus 5
15's	2 ⅝"	Minus 3

Bat Length Max. 36"

2010 Traveling Fees

Level	Cost = RYBA registration fee and fundraiser plus
10U AAA/AA, 11 AAA/AA	\$195
10U A "Travel Only"	\$175
10U A, 11A/ 12 A	\$80/ \$90
12, 13 and 14 AAA/AA	\$220
15/16 AA	\$195

2009 RYBA Traveling Committee

Traveling Director: Kent Thielen
Financial Director: Rich Cyr
Tournament Directors: Mike Gozola
Tim Heightland

Members:
Scott Samuelson Bruce Kall
Mike Korte Scott Walston
Steve Lee Dan Brust
Joe Prisco

Exec Representative: Scott Rosenow
House Representative: Dave Terpstra

CLOSING COMMENTS

RYBA has been the strength and foundation for youth baseball in Rochester for over 50 years. Our Traveling Committee makes every effort to develop our program with the changing needs of our participants. We believe in working "within" our organization to develop and implement changes with consideration for our community as a whole. We appreciate your ideas and input, your volunteer efforts, and your continued support of Rochester Traveling Baseball.

We will continue to explore avenues of change that will offer our players a program for development, one that is competitive, one they can be proud of, and above all.....

A PROGRAM THAT IS FUN!

Kent Thielen – Traveling Director

"Let's Play Ball"



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RYBA 2010 Traveling Newsletter



Prepare for the Tryouts.

Improve your skills.

Prepare for upcoming season.

Main Instructor: Steve Hucke, Head Baseball Coach
RCTC Yellowjackets & Minnesota Twins clinician.
Steve has coached High School & Collegiate levels and
has conducted camps & clinics the last 20 years.

Camp Location: UCR Regional Sports Center Fieldhouse

Registration forms/information available at: www.RochesterBaseballCamps.com or 421- 6675

Rochester Baseball Camps, LLC.

Sign-up at RYBA registration **January 26 & 27**
for a chance to win one of

2 FREE Registrations for Rochester Baseball Camps Fielding & Hitting #2

New High School Level Camp Ages 14-18 *New*

Fielding and Hitting – Feb 7, 8 & 14

Camps & Dates, Ages 8-14 (All levels)

Fielding & Hitting #1 – Feb 7, 14 & 15

Fielding & Hitting #2 – Feb 21, 28 & Mar 7

Fielding and Hitting #4 - Feb 22, Mar 1 & 8

Pitchers & Catchers – Feb 21, 28 & Mar 7

Fundamentals of Baseball Camp Ages 6 & 7

Feb 7, 14 & 21

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