

**Softball Travel Team
Policies and Procedures
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Travel Team Procedures

Softball

Team Formation

Travel softball teams for 10U and 12U will be formed on or around September 1st of each year. Travel softball teams for 8U will be formed on or around June 1st of each year. In the event the 10U or 12U team is short players for the upcoming summer season, a tryout will be held on or about June 1st each year to fill any open slots. Selected and non-selected players should be contacted within a few days of tryouts. The 10U and 12U teams will stay together until on or around August 31st of the following year (from the main tryout date in September). The 8U team will stay together until August 31st of the same year. The League goal is to have at least one team at each level; 8u, 10u and 12u.

In September of each year, the players will be regrouped to conform to the age group team on which they will be eligible to play the following spring. For example, the current Little League age 10 players will combine with the current Little League age 11 players to form the 12u team for the purpose of fall tournaments and winter training. Girls on the 8U team, entering 3rd grade in September, are welcome to play and train with the 10U Team throughout the fall and winter until a new 8U team is formed in the spring.

Team age groups will be based upon standards set by Little League International. Travel play will begin at Little League age 7. Players will be eligible to play on an age-appropriate travel team only. Players will only be eligible to play on an older travel team if there is not enough players for that younger player at her appropriate level to field a team and the older team is short players. The players moving up cannot displace an older player. The younger player can only be added on.

Girls will be selected from Plainview intramural teams for the PLL Travel Team. If there are not enough girls from Plainview to field a team then we will ask girls from the intramural interleague division, if girls are not available via the interleague, then other surrounding towns may be contacted. The Softball Travel Director must approve all players on all teams.

Girls playing for an outside travel/club team can only play on the Plainview Williamsport Team if they participate in the spring intramural program and meet the LL requirement of playing in at least 60% of that season's intramural games. The Plainview Williamsport team must be the first priority for all Williamsport games if any conflicts arise.

Girls will be selected to play on the PLL travel team based on their availability over the summer months, skill level, presence, and ability to follow direction as well as the attitude of both player and parents. Parents found not following the league code of conduct during the intramural season or travel season, regardless of their child's skill level, could negatively impact their child's ability to be selected or remain with the travel team.

Managers and Coaches

Travel Softball Managers for the 12U and 10U teams will be named on or around September 1st of each year, while the manager for the 8U team will be named on or about June 1st of each year. The Softball Travel Director, along with the approval of the Board will decide on the managers. The current manager and coaches are not guaranteed to be the manager or coach for the following season. Should a manager or coach need to be replaced during a season, the replacement will be named by the Softball Travel Director in his/her sole discretion with approval of the board.

A manager must be a manager during the intramural season in order to qualify to manage a travel team. If there is no manager that is available then a coach will be considered.

'B' travel team managers will be named by the Softball Travel Director, with approval of the Board, after the 'A' travel team rosters are named.

Travel team coaches will be named by the Softball Travel Director, with approval of the Board, after the travel team rosters are named.

A coach must have managed or been an official coach during the intramural season in order to qualify as an official coach of a travel team.

Because softball teams are made up of 2 age groups, managers and coaches will stay with the team for which their daughters are eligible. For example, a manager with a Little League age 10 daughter will manage the 10u travel team and then once his/her daughter becomes eligible to move up to the 12U team, the manager will follow as long as approved as mentioned above. In the event the 10U manager moves up to 12U, while the current 12U manager is in place, the returning 12U manager may retain that position, or pass it on to the upcoming 10U Manager, with approval as directed above.

Little League (Williamsport) Tournament

The League will place a 10U and a 12U team in the annual Little League Softball Tournament (an 11U team may be created if possible or necessary). Rosters for these teams will be named on the dates specified by Little League International. Each 'A' travel team (10u, 12u) must participate in the Little League tournament. There is no guarantee that a player making the Plainview Travel Team will be on the Williamsport Tournament roster. The make-up of this roster is at the sole discretion of the team manager. Due to the intricate and specific rules of the Williamsport Tournament, a child may be added to the Williamsport roster, but may not play in any games, or specific games.

Any child who meets the eligibility requirements set forth by Little League may try out for the Williamsport tournament roster regardless of her availability for the remainder of the summer. Any eligible player may be placed on the roster for the Williamsport tournament in addition to, or instead of, the girls on the Travel Team roster.

Team Activities

Travel teams are expected to have activities in each season – Summer, Fall, Winter, Spring. These activities may include tournaments, practices and/or training sessions.

Spring

Travel teams may play 'pre-season' tournaments in March until opening day of the intramural season.

During the intramural season Plainview Softball Travel Teams may only play games or tournaments that do not directly conflict with any intramural games. This would typically include Saturdays, spring break, Mother's Day and Memorial Day Weekend.

Summer/Fall

Travel teams may play in any tournament in which they wish to play during the summer and fall seasons.

Winter

Travel teams are expected to hold training sessions at an indoor facility during the winter months.

Players who are going from Little League age 7 to Little League age 8 and who were on the 8U team, may train with other players from the intramural program or may train with the 10U travel team during the fall and winter.

Adding Players

Players may only be added to a travel team roster for a specific tournament and only if the team will be forced to forfeit games without the additional player. A player added to a roster for a specific tournament is not 'on the team.' The following procedures must be followed in the order shown to add a player for a tournament:

- Must pull from 'B' team if any
- If no 'B' team, must pull from the pool of spring intramural players
- If no spring intramural players are available then can pull from interleague intramural player
- If no interleague player is available, may pull from surrounding towns.
- Softball Travel Director must approve all additions

No players may be added to the team for winter activities (other than the regrouping described above) unless such player is newly registered.

Removing Players

All travel players and their families are bound by the League code of conduct. Any player who fails to uphold the code of conduct may be removed from a travel team. Any player whose family/friends fail to uphold the code of conduct may be removed from a travel team.

Before a player may be removed/suspended from a team, a hearing must take place before the League

disciplinary committee.

If a player is removed/suspended from the team or voluntarily quits the team, a substitute player can be added through the procedure above.

Team Fees

Fees for all team activities will be paid by the team and may be broken out on a player by player basis to account for players added to a roster for a tournament.

Tryouts

Tryouts for all teams will be conducted by the League Travel Committee. All rosters are subject to approval by the Softball Travel Director and League President.

Tournaments and Summer Leagues

Typical 8U Tournaments:

East Meadow Futures Tournament – Late June. 3 games and a minimum of one playoff game (single elimination).

East Meadow Summer Sizzle Tournament – Middle of July – Early August. Six game season with one game during the week and one game on the weekend. Minimum of one playoff game (single elimination).

Plainview Summer Slam – First two weeks of August. Four games plus minimum of one playoff game (single elimination).

Exhibition games in-between tournaments

Local Fall Tournament – Over 1 or 2 weekends – Three to four games early fall. This will occur only if enough interest exists.

10U Tournaments:

Little League Tournament (WilliamSPORT) – Single or double elimination district wide tournament. Winner of district tournament will play in the sectional tournament and keep moving on as long as they keep winning at each level, until they reach the NY State wide tournament and Regional Tournament. If a team wins the district tournament, further play may interfere with other registered tournaments.

East Meadow Summer Sizzle Tournament – Middle of July – Early August. Six game season with one game during the week and one game on the weekend. Minimum of one playoff game (single

elimination). Games are played at the East Meadow Little League Facility.

Glen Cove Mayors Trophy Tournament (POSSIBLE)- Middle of July – Early August. Six game season with one game during the week and one game on the weekend. Top four teams in the division make the playoffs. Games are played at the Glen Cove Little League facility.

South Shore Tournament (POSSIBLE) – early July to middle of August. 8 Game season with one game during the week and one game on the weekend. Minimum one game playoff (single elimination). Open only to Town Teams. Half of the games played in Plainview, other half away.

12U Current Tournaments:

Little League Tournament (Williamsport) – Single or double elimination district wide tournament. Winner of district tournament will play in the sectional tournament and keep moving on as long as they keep winning at each level, until they reach the NY State wide tournament, Regional or National Tournament. If a team wins the district tournament, further play may interfere with other registered tournaments.

East Meadow Summer Sizzle Tournament – Middle of July – Early August. Six game season with one game during the week and one game on the weekend. Minimum of one playoff game (single elimination). Games are played at the East Meadow Little League Facility.

Glen Cove Mayors Trophy Tournament (Possible) - Middle of July – Early August. Six game season with one game during the week and one game on the weekend. Top four teams in the division make the playoffs. Games are played at the Glen Cove Little League facility.

NJBL (Possible) - Beginning of July – Mid August. 14 game season with one game during the week and one DH on the weekend. Top four teams in the division make the playoffs. Games are played throughout Long Island.

South Shore Tournament (Possible) – early July to middle of August. 8 Game season with one game during the week and one game on the weekend. Minimum one game playoff (single elimination). Open only to Town Teams. Half of the games played in Plainview, other half away.

Local USSA Tournaments
PA Tournaments-Hershey
NY Tournaments-BBH, Fastpitch
NJ Tournaments-Monroe Classic
CT-Triple Crown-Hartford

Senior Softball Travel Team Procedures

Procedures for post-Little League travel softball will be similar to those for Little League softball travel teams with the following exceptions:

- Travel teams may play in tournaments/work out all year-round
- Travel teams may play in the Junior League or Big League tournaments but it is not required
- Players living in the POB District must be given first priority on the team. Any open slots can be filled via an open tryout and must be authorized by the Softball Travel Director to complete a roster
- If necessary, age groups may be combined to form teams with the approval of the Softball Travel Director
- Senior travel teams may hire outside managers and/or trainers
- If the Senior League Team plays year round, players may not play for a Senior League travel team and another travel team at any time during the year.
- Teams that do not play year-round will be considered intramural teams. Players on intramural teams may play for other teams as well.