



# **AYBA Travel Parent Meeting**



## Who are we?

Alexandria Youth Baseball Association (AYBA) is the community organization that manages in-house and travel baseball programs.

We are governed by a group of community volunteers who work to ensure youth baseball is an enjoyable and valuable experience for all players.

A subset of the AYBA board manages the 2-8th grade youth programs. The full board manages all youth baseball for students in grades 2-12.



## Youth Committee Executive Members (2-8th)

- In-House Director - Kasey Dillon
- Travel Director - Jason Christenson
- Financial Director- Randy Anderson
- Secretary - Monica Peterson
- IT - Jason Peterson
- Umpire Coordinator - Kasey Dillon
- Inventory/Equipment Manager- Scott Scholl



## Travel Committee Members

- Jason Christenson
- Scott Scholl
- Troy Putnam
- Tom Miller
- Jeff Anderson
- Neil Janzen
- Robyn Stepaniak
- Scott Dack



## Available Teams

- 9U
- 10U
- 11U
- 12U
- 13U
- 14U

\*Additional teams can be added per age group based on player enrollment



## Player Qualifications

- All travel players must live in Alexandria school district
- Player age group is determined by player age by **MAY 1, 2025** and/or grade.



## Evaluation Process

- Travel evaluations are scheduled for **September 8th**
  - Knute Nelson Memorial Ballpark
    - 10:00 AM - 12U
    - 12:00 PM - 13U
    - 2:00 PM - 9U & 10U
    - 4:00 PM - 11U
    - 6:00 PM - 14U
  - Players should arrive 15 minutes early to check in and warm up.
- Evaluations are closed to the public, including family members.



## Evaluation Process

- Players are evaluated by a designated group of baseball coaches who do not have players currently in the AYBA travel program.
  - This group has been created by the AYBA Travel Committee and Travel Director.
- Players are evaluated on hitting, pitching, fielding, running and throwing.





## Travel Coaches

- All coaches must apply annually for coaching positions.
- Head coaches are selected after evaluations are completed.
- Head coaches select 3 dugout staff
  - Assistant coaches/bookkeeper
- Head coaches are responsible for setting the direction of the team and selecting the tournaments they will participate in.
  - 9U, 10U, & 11U: 3 tournaments
  - 12U: 4 tournaments
  - 13U & 14U: 5 tournaments



## Fees

- \$100 registration fee (plus processing fees) -
  - \$100 refunded if player does not make a team.
    - 2nd payment is due 2/1/2025.
      - 9U, 10U & 11U: \$250 + processing fees
      - 12U: \$400 + processing fees
      - 13U & 14U: \$425 + processing fees
    - Account must be paid in full by 2/1/2025 or the player is not eligible to practice.



## Time Commitments

- Time commitments will vary between coaches/teams.
- TYPICALLY - teams will practice 1-2 times per week PRIOR to the start of season.
  - Indoor options will be available during the winter for all teams
- One practice a week during the season.
- 3-5 tournaments plus state tournament; if team qualifies.
- Gopher State weekly play
  - Gopher State weekly is only available for 12U+
- 9U, 10U, & 11U required to play in-house.



## Player Expectations

- All 9U, 10U, and 11U players are required to play in-house league
  - Player must play 75% of all in-house games in 2025 or they will not be eligible to play travel in the following season (2026)
- No in-house requirement for 12U and older



## Why is in-house required?

- Alexandria baseball mimics other travel baseball programs in the state.
  - Mankato, Sartell, New Ulm, St. Michael-Albertville, etc all have the same program requirements
- 9U, 10U, and 11U in house allows players to get more practice and more exposure to the game of baseball.



## Equipment

AYBA will provide the following equipment to all players regardless of division.

- Player jersey & hat
- Team equipment bag with catcher's gear, baseballs, scorebook and first aid kit.

We ask parents to provide the following equipment for their players.

- Baseball glove, bat & helmet
- Pants, socks, athletic protector (cup), shoes (non-metal spikes)



## Sportsmanship

- AYBA strives to promote good sportsmanship by players, coaches, umpires AND fans.
- Any unsportsmanlike behavior will NOT be tolerated.
  - This includes
    - Throwing of any equipment by players or coaches
    - Foul language
    - Badgering of opposing teams players
    - Badgering umpire
- Occurrences can and will result in suspension of player, coach or fan at the discretion of AYBA committee.



## Team announcement

Team and coach announcement date is TBD.

- Notification will be sent to players/parents who are placed on a team.
- Rosters will be posted online.





## Additional Information

Additional information can be found on the AYBA Website

<https://www.alexeyouthbaseball.com/travel-reg-evals>

- This page contains information on Travel Registration and Evaluations.
- It also contains the Travel FAQ document.



## Concerns or issues?

If any issues or concerns arise, we ask parents to first talk to their player's coach.

If, after talking with the coach, additional assistance is needed, we recommend you talk with the Travel Director.

Email - [travel@alexoyouthbaseball.com](mailto:travel@alexoyouthbaseball.com)



**THANK YOU FOR ATTENDING!**

**We look forward to seeing you and  
your player at tryouts on  
September 8th.**