



10u/12u Travel Softball Information



Program Description: These are non-for profit, rec level travel teams. Our goal is to help players grow and develop. We are looking for competitive girls who love to play and are wanting to better themselves on the field. Positive attitudes and respect for teammates and coaches is also expected. It is required for players to also play in the FYL in house league. The travel season is from April until July. There will be some conditioning days prior to that. There will be two to three practices a week starting in April. These are held on Mondays, Wednesdays, and/or Saturday mornings. 10u participates in local scrimmages with other travel teams, these are used to help develop players. 12u participates in the local Seriously Softball League. Both teams will travel for 3-4 out of town tournaments up to two hours away that may extend over a period of days.

Program's Mission: The purpose of the program is to develop and maintain a competitive softball program that extends beyond the normal recreational season. This rec level travel program offers a more competitive atmosphere without committing to the demands and cost of a full A/B full travel program.

Divisions: There will be (2) divisions consisting of a 10U (10 or under on 1/1/2024) and 12U (12 or under on 1/1/2024) travel team, however execution will depend on both coach and player participation. If your player is interested in playing on a travel team, please fill out the tryout form and plan to have your player at one of the travel tryouts. If you are interested in coaching, please contact the softball commissioner at FYLTravelSoftball@gmail.com

- 10u <https://tinyurl.com/10uTryout>
- 12u <https://tinyurl.com/12uTryout>

Tryout Guidelines: Any player who participates in the FYL regular season is eligible to tryout for the travel teams. Players will be evaluated by experienced softball leaders and coaches.

Tryouts may include the following evaluations or assessments:

- Fielding: Proper fielding technique and mechanics
- Hitting: swing mechanics, contact, bat speed/power, etc.
- Throwing: Proper throwing technique, accuracy, and arm strength
- Pitching: Pitching form/technique, accuracy, and speed
- Speed & Agility
- Sportsmanship and 'coachability' of the player.

Team Selection Guidelines: The head coach and softball committee will conduct evaluations based on the mechanics mentioned above. Head coaches will extend invitations to players soon after ranking and evaluations have been completed. Players (parents), who receive an offer, will need to pay the \$50 deposit by the end of September to hold their spot on the team. This is a non refundable deposit that will go towards players fees.

Breakdown of Costs: The estimated fee of \$150 will cover the cost to play in 3-4 tournaments (\$250-400 per tournament) for all players. It will also be used for local game umpire and field



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chalking fees. An additional uniform package must be purchased. Uniforms consist of two jerseys, a sweatshirt, a pair of pants, two pairs of socks, and a belt. This package usually runs about \$145. Additional items may be purchased but are not mandatory such as team helmets and bags.

Equipment Requirements: Players are required to provide their own equipment. This includes a bat, glove, cleats, facemask, and batting helmet.

Tournament/Game Play/Practice: The head coach will schedule all tournaments and adhere to the assigned budget in place. It is anticipated that players may be required to travel up to 2 hours in distance from the New Paris fields. Tournaments will compete against other rec travel teams in a tournament style setting. These tournaments typically take place on the weekends through June-July. Practices will be determined by the head coach. Practices begin in early April, with a few potential conditioning dates prior to that. Mondays, Wednesdays, and Saturday mornings the fields are reserved for travel practices.

Important Dates (tentative):

Tryouts: August 12 and/or 19th, 9-11am

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Deposit Due: September 22, 2023

Fall/Winter: Conditioning/team building days (TBD)

March: Uniform orders due

April: Parent meeting
Practices begin
Team Pictures

April-July Travel Season

Commitment: The FYL travel programs require time and commitment from the players, families, and coaching staff involved. The below guidelines relay expectations and commitments for the program. Failure to fully execute the commitments below may result in an athlete being asked to leave the program. Each player represents the FYL organization, and our mission is to always develop and influence those around us in a positive manner.

Coaching Commitment:

- Be responsible for scheduling tournaments and practices with the commissioner
- Determine the roster based on tryouts and player evaluations



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- Focus and be responsible for providing a positive coaching experience and encourage good sportsmanship at all times.
- Attend all practices, games, and tournaments.

Parent Commitment:

- Be responsible for words and actions throughout the season to help create a positive playing environment for the kids.
- Encourage good sportsmanship with all players, coaches, parents, and officials.
- Be responsible for getting your player to practice, events, and games on time
- Respect the coaches and refrain from coaching from the sidelines.

Player Commitment:

- Be responsible for words and actions throughout the season, on and off the field
- Encourage good sportsmanship with all players, coaches, parents, and officials.
- Be a positive role model by putting yourself second to the team's success.
- Practice and play at your full level and potential at all times.