



GENEVA BASEBALL ASSOCIATION 2010 TRAVEL RULES and PROCEDURES

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PURPOSE:

Geneva Baseball offers competitive travel teams for those ballplayers that display an interest in developing their baseball skills while playing a highly challenging and competitive schedule. The goal of Geneva Travel Baseball is to increase the overall skill level of the ballplayers involved and to instill the ideals of sportsmanship, respect, teamwork, loyalty, competition and commitment.

OPERATIONAL GUIDELINES:

I. GENERAL:

1. This travel program offers full-time and/or part-time travel teams for the following age levels: 10, 11, 12, 13 and 14. The legal age of players is any youth who attains the associated travel team age before May 1st of the current season. While it is permissible to "play up" in age, it is strongly suggested that a player play with his own age group. Players must declare what age group they are trying out for, and are not allowed to try out for more than 1 age group.
2. There will be no more than twelve (12) ballplayers placed on each individual travel team.
 - a. The full time travel team manager, with the oversight of the league president, will select three (3) additional players to be included on the rosters submitted to the Kane County Bronco League. These three ballplayers must be selected from teams in the associated in-house league. The manager must get permission from the families involved, prior to including their names as alternates on their team's Kane County Bronco League roster. The Travel President must also approve all alternates selected. At least one of these three alternates should be selected from the pool of players that tried out for travel but were not selected. Every alternate must be an active and

registered GBA player at the start of the current season.

3. A second travel team (at each age level), may be sponsored by Geneva Baseball if in the opinion of the Executive Board, there is enough interest.
 - a. If a second team is created every effort will be made to place the top twelve (12) ballplayers on one full-time travel team.
 - b. The format for these second teams (either full or part-time) will be determined by the Executive Board.
 - c. The first travel team selected will be named the "Geneva Baseball Travel Vikings – **Blue** Squad". If there is a second team at an age level it will be named the "Geneva Baseball Travel Vikings – **White** Squad".
 - d. The goal of the white squad is to provide a travel experience for the players involved, while refining their skills and talents. The players on the white teams will get to play more games than an in-house team, at a higher competitive level within local tournaments and leagues.
 - e. No matter if the format of the white squad is full or part time, this team will not replace the various in-house travel all-star teams traditionally selected shortly after the all-star games.
4. No swearing or throwing of helmets, bats or equipment will be tolerated by coaches or players. The manager will discipline as needed. Under no circumstances will there be any arguing on the field. Players and coaches will treat all officials, opposing coaches and players with respect. **Managers** are responsible for the conduct of their players, parents and coaches. Any such actions will be reported to the league president and disciplinary action may be taken.
5. Parents, guardians, relatives and friends of Geneva Baseball travel ballplayers are **expected** to be models of behavior. Sometimes these spectators make the game a truly enjoyable experience for the players involved and sometimes the opposite is true. Geneva Baseball expects our fans to be positive role models at games through their own actions and by censuring those around them whose behavior is unbecoming. These spectators will not argue with the coaching staffs, other spectators or the umpires during the game. If this model behavior is not followed, the Executive Board may intervene and require those individuals to not attend games in the future. If it's a parent or guardian involved it may affect the status of the associated travel ballplayer.
6. Uniforms are to be worn properly, tucked in, with proper socks, hats etc.

7. Disciplinary action toward a player (beyond benching during a game in progress) must be approved in advance by the league president. The Executive Board must approve disciplinary action toward a manager.
8. In order to provide a source of replacement players, managers may arrange for replacement players from:
 - a. From their list of alternate players for KCBL games.
 - b. The associated white squad travel team (if it's a blue squad that is short players) for non-KCBL games or tournaments.
 - c. From the in-house leagues based upon player availability for non-KCBL games or tournaments.
 - d. Replacement players must bat last in the lineup and will not play more defensive innings than a regular rostered player.
9. Players rostered on one of Geneva Baseball's full-time travel teams may not participate in any in-house regular season or post-season games.
10. Those players selected to the travel teams will be required to pay an additional fee, (set by the Executive Board) to offset any additional costs directly related to the travel team.

II. MANAGERS & ASSISTANTS:

1. Those individuals interested in managing a travel team must submit their intention to the League President prior to the August Executive Board meeting.
2. Potential managers must have a child participating in Geneva Baseball at the age level he/she wishes to coach at.
3. The League President will review the individuals interested in managing a travel team and will submit a list of potential managerial candidates to the Executive Board at the August board meeting, at which time the travel team managers will be selected by a majority vote of the Executive Board.
4. If a second travel team (white squad) has been approved by the Executive Board then the manager for this team will be chosen in one of two ways:
 - a. The League President will submit a list of potential managers to the board and the Executive Board will select the managers by a majority vote, prior to travel team tryouts.
 - b. Or the manager will be selected, after tryouts, from the pool of available Parent (or guardian) volunteers whose children were

selected to be on the white squad. If there are no volunteers or volunteers approved by the League President and the Executive Board, then a special meeting will be held by the Executive Board to discuss alternatives.

5. The Executive Board, by a majority vote may suspend, expel, or terminate the assignment of any manager or assistant coach whenever in its judgment; the best interest of the Association will be served thereby. Any such action taken by the Executive Board shall be justifiable, without prejudice and with cause.
6. Assistant coaches shall be selected by each individual travel team manager. These coaches may only be the parent (or guardian) of the players selected to be on that manager's particular travel team. Assistant coaches will NOT be chosen until the travel teams have been selected. The Executive Board must approve all assistant coaches.
7. In the event that problems arise from a lack of player participation and/or discipline, the travel team manager will have full discretion on how to handle the situation. If any such action is taken it will be the responsibility of the travel team manager to immediately communicate his actions to the league president. Any parent or player protest regarding a manager's handling of a disciplinary situation can be appealed to the league president and the Executive Board.

III. TRYOUTS:

1. Travel team tryout session(s) will be held for those players wishing to be on the travel teams. The League President, the travel team manager and anyone else the League President selects that is not associated with that particular travel team will evaluate the players participating in the tryouts. Players will be selected to the travel team based on the tryout evaluations and taking into consideration the manager evaluations from the previous season.
2. The league president will hold a travel team tryout evaluator's meeting prior to the tryouts to explain the procedures and the purpose behind these evaluations.
3. Travel team tryouts will operate under the following guidelines:
 - a. At least two (2) days of tryouts will be held.
 - b. Players will be evaluated in the following areas: hitting, throwing, base running, quickness, infield defense, outfield defense and pitching.

4. Travel teams will be selected by the League President and the travel team manager using the following guidelines:

General Tryout Guidelines:

- a. Previous participation on a travel team does not guarantee a spot on the current season's team. In other words, players must "re-tryout" each year in order to earn a spot on any of the Geneva Baseball travel teams.
- b. The evaluation forms will be collected and scores will be averaged out for each player that participated in the evaluations. These scores will be organized from highest to lowest. The league president, one other Executive Board member and the travel team manager will use these forms to select the teams. Full disclosure of evaluations will NOT be made, except to members of the Executive Board.

Travel Team Selection Process:

- a. If there are multiple teams at an age level then the blue squad will be selected first.
- b. The manager's child is automatically placed on the travel team.
- c. The other players will be selected based upon the scoring system under 4B 'General Tryout Guidelines' and the following chart;

Age Level	Number of Automatic Selections	Number of Manager Selections
10	9	2
11	8	3
12	7	4
13	7	4
14	7	4

- d. The number of automatic (highest scoring) selections is based upon the age of the travel team. For example: at the 10 year old age level the nine (9) highest scoring players (excluding the manager's child) will automatically be placed on the team. At the 11 year old level the eight (8) highest scoring players (excluding the manager's child) will automatically be placed on the team, and so on and so forth through each age level. The automatic selections for the white squads will not include any players already selected to the blue squad.
- e. The travel team manager will select the final players to be placed on the travel team. Again this is based upon age level. At the 10 year old level the manager will select the final two (2) players to be on the team, at the 11 year old level the manager will select the final three (3) players etc. These "manager selected"

players must come from the pool of players that have signed up to participate in the travel program. The manager selections for the white squads will not include any players already selected to the blue squad.

- f. While it is recommended, it is not required that the "manager selected" players come from the players who participated in the travel team tryouts. These selected players may not have been able to tryout due to illness, injury or other special circumstances. If this is the case, the League President must approve the selection of these players.
- g. Players may decline to play on the full-time (blue squad) travel team if they wish to instead play on the part-time (white squad) travel team if a part-time team is available. Players may NOT however decline to play on the full-time (blue squad) travel team in order to instead play on the full-time (white squad) travel team (see section 3A of the General Travel Guidelines) unless they have a sibling on the White team and parents disclosed prior to the tryouts that they desire to keep their children together.

IV. FIELDING:

1. All team members must play four defensive innings and not sit out three consecutive innings in a regulation length game. **Note:** This guideline will apply to all games where "free substitution" is allowed by the rules of the game.
 - a. Throughout the season, every attempt must be made by the travel manager to provide a fair amount of playing time to each rostered player.
2. Pitchers may pitch up to four (4) innings in any one game. **Note:** This also includes games that go into extra innings.
3. All catchers are REQUIRED to wear an athletic supporter with a cup while participating as a catcher in games, practices and warm-ups. It is STRONGLY SUGGESTED that all male players wear this safety equipment at all times.
4. Catcher must wear full catcher's gear (shin guards, chest protector, mask and cup) while a catcher in games and practices.