

Twinsburg Baseball League



Mission Statement

The Twinsburg Baseball League is an all volunteer, non-city affiliated entity that serves to provide a positive and developmental youth baseball experience for the 1,200 children annually that participate in our recreational baseball leagues, travel baseball program, and other events throughout the year.

Facts & Figures - 2016

- Spring/Summer Recreational League – 67 teams, 808 players
- Fall Baseball League – 24 teams, 301 players
- Travel Baseball Program – 6 teams, 68 players
- Twinsburg Stars & Stripes Travel Baseball Tournament – 46 teams from OH & surrounding states entered in 2016
- Twinsburg World Series of Wiffle Ball – 73 teams entered in 2016 – largest Wiffle Ball tournament in America
- Board of Directors – 31 parents of current or former TBL players

TBL Guiding Principles

- To provide a positive youth baseball experience for children of all age and talent levels
- Parity and fairness in team construction through use of player evaluation forms and removal of all people connected with a division from the process
- Keep costs low to families through team sponsors, fundraisers, and other TBL events
- Through positive coaching, we want the kids to be sad when the season ends, and excited to play the following season
- A commitment to maintaining a strong rec baseball program while also fielding competitive travel teams
- Well kept fields, updated equipment for our teams and coaches, and a safe playing environment for the kids

Impact on Community

- Nearly 1,000 Twinsburg families have children in or set to enter the program
- Stars & Stripes Travel Baseball Tournament brings 45-50 teams and 550-600 players (and their families) from other communities into Twinsburg annually the week after the 4th of July each year
- TBL's Fall Baseball League and the World Series of Wiffle Ball are 35% comprised of players from other communities, bringing families of neighboring communities to Twinsburg
- TBL awards \$500 scholarships annually to three former players
- 25% of proceeds from the World Series of Wiffle Ball are donated to local charities to help the less fortunate in Summit County
- Partnership with the Positive Coaching Alliance helps our coaches provide a positive, character-building youth sports experience for the kids of the community
- 50 local businesses are involved through team and banner sponsorship, support of those businesses promoted with TBL players, families, and community
- Employ 30-40 Twinsburg high school students and adults part-time as umpires and field maintenance crew

The TBL Annual Life Cycle

- **Jan 1 – Feb 28:** Registration for our rec league
- **Late March/Early April:** Practices begin
- **Late April/Early May:** Games Begin
- **July 4th:** All rec regular seasons and playoffs completed
- **Weekend after July 4th:** Stars & Stripes Travel Baseball Tournament
- **Mid-July:** Registration for Fall Ball opens (kids play up to next years division)
- **Late July:** Tryouts for following years travel teams (July 30 & August 6 this year)
- **Early to mid-August:** Fall Ball begins
- **Late August:** Twinsburg World Series of Wiffle Ball
- **Early to mid-October:** Fall Ball ends

New for 2017

- Modified format of Instructional League
 - More of an emphasis on fundamentals and repetitions
- Combined Coach Pitch I & Coach Pitch II
- Continued expansion of older age divisions
 - Formally incorporating four Aurora teams into Juniors age division
- Further enhancements to Liberty Park
 - Enhancements to batting cage and cage area, dugout and backstop extensions
- New equipment for younger age divisions

Rec Baseball vs. Travel Baseball

- Very difficult to maintain a strong recreational league and a competitive travel baseball program – Twinsburg is one of few communities that has
- Important for parents to choose the right path for their children
- Rec tournament teams are “middle ground” – the players get an enhanced experience, additional instruction, and get to stay in Twinsburg and play with friends – without the time commitment and financial costs of travel baseball

Rec vs. Travel – The Differences

Rec Baseball

- \$95-\$135 for the entire season
- Divisions by school grade
- All games in Twinsburg, 16-18 game schedule
- 3 month season (April, May, June)
- Rec tournament team tryouts were moved to January this year to allow teams extra practice time together

Travel Baseball

- \$295, plus additional costs throughout year & fundraising
- Age on May 1 determines division
- Games all over NE OH, weekend tournaments, 40-50 game schedule
- Winter indoor practices, season typically ends in late July

Fields & Capital Improvements

- TBL budgets dollars each year to make improvements to our fields, equipment, and facilities
 - 2015 - batting cage installed at Liberty Park
 - 2016 - additions to dugouts of Liberty 2
 - 2016 - new field watering system at Liberty to better prep/preserve fields
 - 2017 – enhancements to batting cage and batting cage area
 - 2017 – dugout extensions being added to Liberty 1 & 3
 - 2017 – backstop extensions being added to Liberty 3 & 4
- Working with schools on enhancements to fields at Chamberlain, Dodge and Wilcox
- Three person field maintenance crew preps fields from 4-6 PM on weeknights and 8-9 AM on Saturdays
- New storage shed built at Liberty to house all TBL equipment

TBL on the Web

- www.TwinsburgBaseball.com
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Questions? Comments?

We want your feedback and questions!

