

## ABL 2018 TRAVEL BASEBALL GENERAL INFORMATION

<b>Coach Selection</b>	<p>Coaches must apply each year for the team that he/she desires to coach. Applicants will be reviewed by ABL Board and may require personal interviews. Coaches will then be selected for the upcoming season. Please remember all coaches are volunteers and are not paid by ABL.</p>
<b>Exempt Player Selection</b>	<p>The coach may select up to 6 players to his team prior to tryouts by written selection to the ABL board. If a player is selected, that player is exempt from the tryout process and must register and pay the required deposit before the first tryout or forfeit his exemption and thus be required to tryout. Exempt players must be on an ABL travel roster the previous year.</p>
<b>Tryouts</b>	<p>Tryouts are closed to the public. Only the player, coaches and ABL board members may be present. Tryouts are conducted on (2) separate dates, players must attend at least (1) date. Player may only tryout for (1) age group per tryout date but may try out for (2) different age groups. Age cutoff is as of May 1<sup>st</sup>. (example: Age on/before April 30 2018 will determine the player's age group for 2018 season). Teams must be made up of 100% Aurora School District residents. Unique or special circumstances will need to be approved by the ABL board of trustees.</p> <p>Player evaluations will be done by independent evaluators selected by the ABL. Evaluators may not be parents or have any affiliation with the team he or she will be evaluating. Uniform evaluation forms and tryout format will be used for all age groups.</p> <p>Players will be ranked based upon their evaluation score. The exempt players plus the top ranked evaluated players (up to 10 players) will make the team. For example, if the coach uses (4) exemptions, the top (6) ranked players make the team.</p>

	<p>The coach has the option to choose additional players who participated in the tryout (as many as desired) with a coach's pick. For example, for team of (12) players, the coach will select the last (2) players to complete the roster. For a team of (11) players the coach will select the last (1) player to complete roster. For a team of (15) players, the coach would select the last (5) players.</p> <p>If a player attends (2) tryout dates all scores will be averaged. If a player is injured or sick and cannot physically tryout, he must attend (1) tryout to register to be eligible for selection. <b>ALL PLAYERS MUST COMPLETE ALL TRYOUT ACTIVITIES.</b> This includes pitching, hitting, infield and outfield.</p>
<b>Tryout Fee</b>	There will be a fee of \$20 per player, per tryout.
<b>Cost</b>	The registration fee is \$650.00, plus uniforms. (Uniforms are purchased every two years—in odd numbered years). In addition, parents should be prepared to provide additional funding either directly or through fund raising participation in order to meet's additional needs (additional tournaments, professional coaching assistance, player development clinics).
<b>Registration Fee</b>	<b>All travel players must pay the \$650.00. registration fee to ABL no later than November 1<sup>st</sup> otherwise you will forfeit your spot on the team.</b> Payments can only be made on-line at <a href="http://www.aurorabaseballleague.com">www.aurorabaseballleague.com</a> .
<b>Commitment</b>	Travel ball is a major commitment. Coaches may begin off season practices during the winter or even fall months. You will be required to participate in practices starting January 1 <sup>st</sup> . The travel season begins April 1 <sup>st</sup> and lasts through July 15 <sup>th</sup> . The league playoffs are often the 1 <sup>st</sup> 2 weeks of July. Player attendance at all practices and games is expected. Play time will be affected by unexcused absences. Vacations are not excused absences and should be scheduled accordingly.
<b>Roster Size</b>	All teams will be required to carry a minimum of 11 players.
<b>Player Selection</b>	The Board will review the exempt player selections, the evaluation scores and the coaches' pick(s) and approve the final rosters within 30days of the last tryout date. The players will be notified via email.

