

IBL Traveling Team Formation

All traveling players must participate in tryouts each year. Any exceptions must follow the tryout rules as written.

Who Will be involved in forming teams: Committee involved involves members listed below

- President
- Vice President
- Travel Director
- Age Level Director
- Age Level Coach (where necessary) for coach picks

*Player performance is not public information to coaches, parents or players. To be respectful of a child's privacy tryout numbers are seen only by the persons forming the teams. Those members may not share this information. If a number is questioned, the age level director for that age group and/or the registrar may be consulted for review.

If players are determined to be moved up or moved down based on age/ability/team numbers, the team formation committee will form the team/s and present to the board for approval prior to team being formed.

Age-Driven Tryout Philosophy:

It is the goal of IBL to keep players in the same grade together where possible. It is the right of IBL to move a player up (or down if age permits) in order to form as many teams as possible. Age qualification is as follows: Players should register with their age/grade level. If their birthday falls after May 1, a player has the choice to register for one of two different levels. Players will not be permitted to register a grade up. All players will register at their age/grade level. Any movement past their grade, is by IBL discretion in order to form a full team at any level. This will vary year by year based on numbers for that year. This will be proposed by the team formation committee and brought to the board for approval. This process can/may change from year to year based on registration numbers/tryouts as approved by the board.

Team Formation Process:

IBL forms teams based on tryouts. A top team is formed (top team does not necessarily mean AAA) and if enough players remain at that age group a middle team will be formed, and so on until there are not enough players to form a team at that age group. This process will pertain to all age groups and levels of play.

1. 9U-19U (IBL plays up to 15U as of now, but that could change)
 - a. Top Team
 - b. Middle Team
 - c. Lower Team

*All based on tryouts and coach picks

*Players with siblings where age permits in the IBL have the option to have both players on the same team by entering a written request to the traveling director. Both players would need to play on the lower level team where applicable but must have registered

Coach Selection:

Coach selection is necessary at all age groups.

The process to select the “Head” coach at the age level will be as follows:

1. Coaches will have volunteered on the registration form.
2. All head coaches will participate in an interview process.

The Board will interview coach candidates separately. Any members with players in that age group will leave the room so the other members can make an unbiased vote.

If there are multiple volunteers for the “Head” coaching position, and multiple teams at that age level the coach selection process will be followed. If a coach is selected as a lower team coach they reserve the right to pull their player to the lower level.

Prior to team formation, the IBL will have coaches assigned, provided there are enough volunteers to be the Head Coach at all age levels. If there is not a coach for a team, the league will continue to promote for an open coaching position.

If there is no head coach volunteer at any age level, the board will move to other volunteers as checked on the registration forms in order of 1. Assistant Coach 2. General Helper until they are able to secure a coach.

Automatic Placement/Coach Picks:

Within each age group the IBL will attempt to form a Top (not always AAA) team and middle team (not always AA) team.

The Top team will automatically have the Top 6 players, according to tryout scores, with the highest combined scores. The next 4-6 players will be selected to fill out the team by the Head Coach of the Top team.

The 2nd team will automatically have the Top 6 players left, according to tryout scores, with the highest combined scores. The next 4-6 players will be selected to fill out the team by the Head Coach of the 2nd team.

This procedure will continue until all teams are formed.

*Team sizes will be 10 to 12 players, if a coach feels it necessary to have less than 10 or more than 12 that coach can request in writing for approval from the board.