



Full-Time Travel Cougars Policy

The Full Time Boys Travel program supports teams at the U9, U10, U11, U12, U13 and U14 age level as determined by the accepted age level requirements of several national organizations.

LZBSA Full Time Boys Travel Baseball's fiscal year Begins on August first and ends on the following July 31, or at the completion of the last tournament any team is registered for, whichever occurs later. LZBSA Full Time Boys Travel President will review and approve all team practice schedules, including winter indoor sessions, prior to any teams first practice. Practice for Full Time Boys Travel participants focuses on improving fundamental fielding, hitting and pitching skills. Full Time Boys Travel participants will typically play between 45 and 60 games per year divided between league play and tournaments. Tournament play for Full Time Travel Participants will be a combination of local "Travel" tournaments and may include travel to Michigan, Nebraska, Ohio, and Tennessee, Wisconsin or other distant locations.

In general, the Full Time Boys Travel program is intended to support those players that want to take their baseball playing experience to the next level by participation in leagues and tournaments with teams comprised of like minded players. Participation in the Full Time Boys Travel program requires a significant commitment from the player and the players' family to fully realize the benefits of participation.

Full Time Boys Travel Baseball Policy and Procedures

1. Full Time Travel teams will be allowed to form and/or operate beginning at the 10 year old level. No 8 or 9 year old travel teams will be allowed without the approval of the LZBSA Board of Directors.
2. The LZBSA Boys Travel teams will be known as the Lake Zurich Cougars.
3. Boys Travel teams historically have registered in a minimum of one of three leagues: Mid-Suburban League, McHenry Travel League, or another league as approved by the Travel President and Boys Vice-Commissioner. The Travel League President and each team manager will review travel league availability and team talent level to determine appropriate placement in a travel league. LZBSA will support multiple teams at each age group as determined by the Boys Travel President and Boys Vice Commissioner. Teams will play in separate primary leagues as determined by the Travel President and team manager with the assistance of the Boys Vice-Commissioner. Boys Travel teams will be affiliated with a national organization based upon the affiliation of the league joined by a specific team. The Boys Travel President will annually review travel league availability for teams sponsored by LZBSA.
4. All teams must be approved on an annual basis by the Boys Travel President, LZBSA Board of Directors and Executive Committee. There will be a designated "A" and "B" team in those years when multiple teams are approved for a single age group. The Number of teams at each age group will be determined by the level of interest of players and families, the ability



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of a team to compete at the travel level, and the availability of qualified managers as determined by the Boys Travel President, Vice Commissioner of Baseball, and the Executive Committee.

5. All team managers must be approved by the LZBSA Board and selected by Travel League President (assistance from Executive Committee may be solicited). Candidates for team manager must submit a letter requesting the position to the Travel League President before August 1. Team managers will be required to participate in all player evaluations during team tryouts. Team managers will be required to sign a Manager Agreement as developed by the LZBSA Board of Directors. Should a manager candidate for a Full Time Travel team at any age also be the LZBSA Boys Travel President, then, the LZBSA Executive committee will be responsible for candidate interviews and manage selection for the position in which the LZBSA Boys Travel President is a candidate.
6. Tryouts will be held on an annual basis, prior to the upcoming season and they must be approved by the League President and Vice Commissioner or the Executive Committee. All eligible players will be offered the opportunity to tryout for the team. Any player interested in participating in full time travel baseball may still be considered for a spot on a team if he was unable to make the designated tryout date if the absence was excused by the Boys Travel President prior to the scheduled tryout date. Selection for participation in any one year is not a guarantee of selection for subsequent years.
7. Full Time Boys Travel Teams can have up to 15 players on the roster. The minimum roster shall have at least 11 players unless specifically approved by the LZBSA Board of Directors.
8. Player Borrowing: LZBSA recognizes that events during a playing schedule, injuries, illness, etc. can leave a team understaffed for short periods of time. Full Time Travel Teams are authorized to borrow players for limited participation in Full Time Travel games as defined below:

*Players may be borrowed from another LZBSA Full Time Travel Team with players playing up no more than 1 year. That is, the 14 Year Old Team can borrow from the 13 Year Old Team, the 13 Year Old Team can borrow from the 12 Year Old Team, and the 12 Year Old Team can borrow from the 11 Year Old Team etc.. In all situations, the borrowed player must attend to his original team's games before being made available to the borrowing team. Under no circumstances can a player choose to miss his team's game to play up. An individual player is limited to playing no more than 3 games up in one year or one tournament. Each Full Time Travel Manager will need to verify that borrowing as described above is within the rules of the Travel League in which the team plays.

*Alternately, each Full Time Travel Manager can choose to solicit up to three Part Time players from their respective in-house leagues. Part Time players will only participate in a Full Season Travel game or tournament if the Full Time Travel Roster falls below 10 players due to injury, illness, etc. Part Time players must be an active participant in either the Major or Pony League's of LZBSA. Part Time players' first obligation is to practice and play with his In-House team.



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Part Time players that choose to miss an In-House game to play in a travel game will be dismissed from his In-House team without a refund of player registration fees. Full Time Travel Managers that choose to use a Part Time player that has an In-House game commitment will be suspended at least 1 week and must appear before the LZBSA disciplinary committee before rejoining the team. Part Time players will be limited to no more than 3 Full Time Travel Season games or one tournament. Players that are borrowed under these guidelines will maintain their eligibility for LZBSA sponsored Post Season Travel Teams.

9. Full Time Travel players can not participate in a non-LZBSA sponsored Travel Team as a Full Time or Part Time player during the spring and summer season of a given year in which they are a registered member of a LZBSA Travel Team without the permission of the Boys Travel President. Full Time Travel players that participate on non-LZBSA sponsored Travel Teams as either a Full Time or Part Time player during the spring and summer season of a given year without permission will be removed from the LZBSA Full Time Travel roster without registration refund.
10. Each manager and all players must be registered and be in good standing with LZBSA before practice can begin.
11. Each player/family must sign an LZBSA approved travel/competitive letter of commitment before they will be accepted to participate in the travel program.
12. Each team's uniform must include the Lake Zurich name or Lake Zurich logo and must be approved by the Boys Travel President.
13. Registration fees will be determined by the LZBSA Board of Directors on an annual basis. These fees will cover the cost of insurance, uniforms, some equipment, baseballs, tournaments, umpires, property management and field sets.
 - a. Travel fee of \$360 applied to each team for field repairs and general maintenance on all fields used by LZBSA travel teams.
14. Boys Travel game and tournament fees included in the registration fee are:

10U, 11U, & 12U:	Travel League Registration Fees	Tournament Fees	Home games Set up, umpires etc
13U & 14U:	Travel League Registration Fees	Tournament Fees	Home games Set up, umpires etc

Note: The number of league games varies from age group and league. There can be anywhere from 8-14 home games. The number of tournaments will vary and depend on the number of league games played. All team schedules will be reviewed by the Boys Travel President prior to the season.

15. Additional home games will be allowed contingent on field availability. Additional home games will be at the discretion of the Manager, Full Time Travel President and based on field availability. The cost will be billed back to the individual team.



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16. Each Full Time Travel team will be encouraged to have a team goal of earning a bid/slot in a National Full Time Travel Baseball Tournament of a recognized national organization, such as, CABA, USSSA, etc. The LZBSA Board of Director's will support team efforts to qualify and fund participation in National Tournaments in which a team has qualified or earned a bid, including some level of funding, if appropriate and required.
17. Any team wanting to participate in a prepaid national tournament, where participation is solely based upon paying a significant entry fee without a requirement of qualify or earning a bid to participate through other qualifying tournaments, such as, Cooperstown or Cal Ripkin, require approval of the Executive Committee. Any team Manager committing to such a tournament without prior approval is subject to dismissal as team manager.
18. The Boys Full Time Travel playing season will commence on or near April 1st of a given year's with a spring and summer playing season, league games, playoffs and tournaments, to be completed by the end of the first week of August in the playing year. A participating player on a Boys Travel team will not required to miss school days in order to be a member in good standing on any LZBSA Boys Travel team.
19. For Boys Full Time Travel Only – All members of an authorized team must reside in the defined LZBSA boundaries. This rule applies to all Boys Travel teams. There will not be a "Non-resident" team member option.
20. Teams will report to their respective Travel League President or Vice Commissioner.
21. A request for refund should be submitted in writing and will be considered by the Travel League President and the Executive Committee.
22. Boys Full Time Travel Team Fundraising: Teams will be allowed to have team fund raising events, food sales, garage sales, golf outings, etc. with the funds used to support a teams' training, travel or equipment needs. Participation in the Boys Full Time Travel Program will require participation in fund raising events.
23. Budget and reporting practices will be followed by each team for reporting of income received from fund raising, LZBSA disbursements, etc, and expenses paid by the team for equipment, training, travel league and tournament registrations, etc. LZBSA will maintain funds and manage disbursements for team expenses. All fundraising moneys will be deposited with LZBSA and will be earmarked for team use. Requests for disbursements shall be made to the Travel League President, League Admin and Treasurer. Requests for disbursements must be for approved expenses and generally fall in line with submitted budgets and include supporting documentation. A full accounting of income and expenses will be made available to each team monthly by the Treasurer. , At the end of the spring and summer league, an individual team should have a balance of \$00.00 for the playing year. Funds raised in any single year can not be brought forward to a second year by the team manager or treasurer as players must earn their slot on a team roster on a yearly basis so fund raising dollars should be spent during the year in which those dollars were raised by a specific team and its members. The exception is money earned during the LZBSA Wood Bat Tournament may be carried forward to the next year. Any overage in team accounts will be used by LZBSA for field improvements or field maintenance.
24. Fall Baseball - LZ Cougar Full Time Travel Players when registering for LZBSA Sponsored Fall Ball will be required to play up one year or one league as appropriate. An 11 year old player will play Major, a 12 year old player will play Pony, and a 13 year old will play Pony while a 14 year old will be registered in Pony also. Individual Full Time Travel Team Managers can



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request approval for registration in a Full Time Travel Fall Ball League. Approval is required from the Travel President.