

## **Travel Baseball – What To Expect**

- 1) Teams generally consist of 11-12 players and the regular season goes from mid April to late July
- 2) Teams will generally hold indoor practices once a week from January to mid April.
- 3) During the season, you can expect 2-3 games per week and maybe one practice.
- 4) The season will typically consist of 30-40 games depending on the number of tournaments entered. The regular season will consist of roughly 20 games and an additional 3-5 tournaments.
- 5) Travel for the regular season at the younger age groups will generally consist of a maximum distance of Lorain to the West, Medina to the South and Hudson to the East. Tournaments can be extend beyond that range at the older age groups at the discretion of the coach.
- 6) Travel baseball involves a high level of competition and is appropriate for players that have shown an aptitude and love for the game.
- 7) Due to the high level of competition, travel players are expected to play multiple positions. This will help them as they eventually transition to HS baseball.
- 8) The cost per player for a travel team approximates \$500-\$600 dependent on the tournaments entered. This amount can increase around age 12 as the teams begin to travel out of state to destination type tournaments.
- 9) The cost to play travel baseball is more than rec baseball, but SIGNIFICANTLY less than the cost to play for a club baseball team.
- 10) Westlake travel teams compete very well against the club baseball teams at a far lower cost.
- 11) The expectation in travel baseball is that players will attend most every game with any missed games discussed with the coach months in advance. Players should attend all winter practices unless they have conflicts with games in winter sports.
- 12) At the 8U-12U level, all players typically bat in every game and play in the field most innings. At 13U+, playing time becomes less guaranteed.
- 13) Starting around age 10, many teams choose to play in fall baseball leagues as well.
- 14) Tryouts are held each summer. A roster spot is not guaranteed just because you were on the team last year.
- 15) Travel baseball is a lot of fun, friendships are made and it can be a very rewarding experience for the player who has the skill level/dedication to the game.