



BRECKSVILLE BEES

BTBA Baseball / Fastpitch Softball Tryout Procedure

Player Tryout Candidates and their Parents,

Thank you for considering the BTBA (Brecksville Travel Baseball Association) Member program of the CVYO (Cuyahoga Valley Youth Organization) for your child to participate in travel baseball and/or travel fastpitch softball. The program covers players from 8-18 for both girls and boys, when interest dictates. Our teams generally participate in the CVBA for boys and Emerald Necklace for girls, this may change for older teams based best position of team.

Travel Baseball and/or Travel Fastpitch Softball is a serious commitment. The goal is to prepare young boys and girls, who become young men and women, to become skillful enough to play at the high school level. A high level of participation and attendance in team activities throughout the year is expected, but especially during the playing season running mid-April to mid-July for boys and early-May to late-July for girls. It is difficult for players to develop and team continuity to develop when players are not in attendance. If you have any questions or concerns about commitment level required, please discuss with your manager prior to committing to a position on a team.

General Tryout Facts

- All players MUST tryout.
- All players will be evaluated by the manager of the team for the age group. In addition, there will be independent evaluators at all tryouts.
- Players will be evaluated on:
 - Hitting
 - Infield play
 - Outfield play
 - Running
 - Attitude
 - Hustle
 - Coachability
 - Pitching (if interested)
 - Catching (if interested)

Players should bring their gloves, a hat, water bottle and bat and helmet if they have one. Helmets and bats will be provided if needed.

Parents should allow their children to focus on the tryout. Often parents can add anxiety to their child by yelling out to the field whether it be instruction or encouragement.

Each manager will utilize the tryout evaluations from themselves and the independent evaluators to select team. In addition to this information league restrictions or limitations may enter the decision process. In some case there may be a call back to further evaluate player candidate before manager makes final decision.

Tryout candidates' parents will receive a call notifying them of the results of the tryout. This happens around 1 week after the final call backs. If your child is offered a spot on the team, the manager will advise a time frame when commitment and deposit must be made on behalf of the players. Normally this is just 24-48 hours.

Again, thank you for considering the BTBA for your child.