

## FAQ for the Boys Traveling Program

### **Q: What is included in the registration fee?**

A: The Hudson Boosters provide each player with a complete uniform (jersey, pant, socks, belt, and hat). Each team is supplied with a set of catcher's equipment, and extra glove and mask, practice baseballs, game baseballs, whiffle balls, batting tees, and first aid kits. Bats are handed out on request of the coach. Also included are association fees, field grooming and maintenance costs, umpire costs, and a budget for tournaments. There are no administrative costs in our programs, the Hudson Booster programs are run entirely by volunteers.

### **Q: How does the Hudson Booster fee compare with other associations?**

A: The Hudson Booster program fee is comparable to the associations with which we compete.

### **Q: Are there any work expectations for parents of players?**

A: Yes. The Booster club has set the DIBS requirements at **6 hours per player, with a family maximum of 12 hours**. Families not fulfilling their DIBS hours by December 31st will be charged \$250 for 4 hours not completed and an additional \$250 for 8 hours not completed.

Coaches, assistant coaches, and team managers will still have their Dibs/volunteer hours WAIVED. This is a great chance for you to volunteer, teaching sportsmanship and game skills to the youth of Hudson.

There will be plenty of opportunities to help run our programs, or even to help out at Booster Days in July.

### **Q: Who can participate in the Hudson Booster Boys Traveling Program?**

A: Boys meeting the Hudson Booster age and residency requirements wishing to participate in the Traveling program will be given the opportunity to try out. Players must not be a member of another baseball or softball program whose participation would conflict with the Hudson Booster program. School teams are exempt from this conflict rule

### **Q: What are the Traveling program's residency requirements?**

A: Children who go to school within the Hudson School District or Children who live in the Hudson School District or Children who have a parent or guardian residing in the Hudson School District meet the residency requirements.

### **Q: Are there any exceptions to the residency requirements?**

A: Yes. If it is necessary to fill-out a roster for a team without enough Hudson participants, players from other communities may participate in one of our programs as long as it does not force a Hudson player off of a team.

### **Q: What are the Traveling program's age requirements?**

A: The age of a player in the Traveling programs is determined by the rules and regulations of the association administrating the Traveling league in conjunction with the Baseball/Softball Committee. (See the Age/Program chart in the "Baseball/Boys Traveling" tab.)

### **Q: Can girls participate in the Boys Traveling program?**

A: Yes

### **Q: Who places players on the teams?**

A: The Boys Traveling Baseball Player Selection Committee is responsible for placing players on a team. This committee consists of knowledgeable baseball people, none of whom shall have a child that is trying out for the team being selected. This committee will ensure that the selection process follows Hudson Booster guidelines.

**Q: What process is used to place players on a team?**

A: Players are evaluated in a try-out process using an evaluation form that has been approved by the Boys Traveling Player Selection Committee. No parent may participate in any aspect of the tryout when their child is being evaluated. The Players Selection committee reviews all data and selects up to 10 players to a team. The coach assigned to that team can then chose additional players from those remaining to fill out the team's roster. Those additional players must be approved by the Player Selection Committee. Generally, 12 players are selected to a team. Evaluation scores are confidential, and will be compiled by the Player Selection Committee.

**Q: What skills are evaluated at the tryout?**

A: The skills and percent of total score evaluated at the tryout are:  
Hitting-30%, Infield-25%, Outfield-20%, Pitching-20%, Speed-5%

**Q: Can I see the evaluation scores after the tryouts?**

A: A parent may see or be given their son's scores, but cannot view other player's scores or evaluation placement. The purpose of giving a parent their son's score is so they will know what skills the player may need to work on that summer.

**Q: Can a player try out for a team older than his age?**

A: No. The Hudson Booster Boys program does not allow players to "play up" an age.

**Q: How are coaches selected?**

A: All candidates for coaching go through an evaluation interview conducted by the Boys Traveling Coach Selection Committee. No person may serve on the Coach Selection Committee if that person (or spouse) is a Traveling team applicant for that age group. After all candidates are interviewed, the Coach Selection Committee selects a head coach for each team. Assistant coaches are selected by the head coach. All coaches must go through a background check.

**Q: What happens if my son does not make a Traveling team?**

A: The Hudson Boosters will give players the opportunity of playing in our In-House program if offered for that age group. This would include tournament teams if offered for that league. We strongly recommend that players not selected for a traveling team play in our In-House program, especially at 13 and 14 yr old level.