

Apple Valley Travel Baseball Board Meeting

April 7th, 2025 at 7:00pm

Board Members Present: Krystle Avila, Jose Avila, Cameron Kackman, Gary Wurtzberger, Ryan Tauer, Steve Howe, Brad Willis, Christel Ingles, Tim Bartram, Gabriel Quiroz

Members Absent: Luke Ingles, Mac Noland

2025 Final Registration Numbers

- 123 total players
- Volunteer numbers
 - Board Member kids: 13 players
 - Non-Board member Coaches: 7 (8 players)
 - Total of 21 players taken out of the volunteer pool

Fields/VMS Nets

- Are field boxes/shed ready to go
 - Brad to check field boxes and chalk/quick dry levels
- Plan for nets
 - Sunday 4/13 @ 9am

Fieldhouse Move

- Most likely need to do an additional purge per big board for all sports.

Uniform

- Any updated estimate on uniform/spiritwear arrival timeline?
 - Update from Luke - Jerseys will be in early next week. If it works, I would recommend scheduling pick-up for next Wednesday or Thursday, April 16 or 17. Please confirm which date works and I will send out an email. There is no update on hats, but I would expect them the week before our first hosted tournament.
- Spirit Wear (update from Luke) Spirit wear will be in by the end of the month. Coaches jackets and long sleeve warm up tees were ordered together and I hope to have those by the end of the month as well.

Picture Day

- Picture Day Wednesday May 14th @AVHS pond
 - 2 teams that need to go earlier

Tournament Updates

- May 9-11 - Any openings? - 10AA spot open - want to send an email for a reduced cost to fill the spot or ask one of the 10A teams already in the pool if they want to move up and play in the 10AA.
 - Jose will post it discounted till the end of this week. If the spot isn't filled by early next week, Cameron and Jose will offer the open spot to a 10A team either already in the tournament or in the 10A pool already

- *UPDATE* Open 10AA spot was listed at half price and filled on Tuesday by a 10AA team.
- Tasks to complete
 - Get the game schedule to the city and the umps by end of next week
- June 14-16 – Any openings? - 3 spots open at 9AA
 - Tasks to complete
 - Finalize schedule and give to the city/umps by end of May
 - For next year - think about eliminating the 9AA tournament due to lack of state bids the last two years.

Board discussion

- Tryouts
 - Most evaluators showed up without even bothering to download the app or look at the instructions provided ahead of time.
 - The tryout layout process was good, but the execution was not to our standards.
 - Next year we need to allow ourselves more time to run tryouts and possibly do smaller groups.
 - Need to look into evaluators who actually know what they are doing and actually care about evaluating these players.
 - Scoring for hitting needs to be looked at differently and possibly use prospective coaches instead of evaluators.
 - How do we make coach evaluations equitable for the kids whose coaches don't take the time to fill out evaluations?
 - Idea was put forth to have each head and assistant coach fill out their own evaluation so we have more on each player for a well rounded coach eval.
 - Discussed moving the tryouts to an end of the season - issue brought up is that there is so much growth by players during the off season that it could skew teams and doesn't allow for kids to improve during the off season in the hopes of moving to a more advanced team.
 - We need to consider holding a separate tryout for the 11U kids to create a cooperstown team instead of putting the weight on the 11AA team. This could happen at the end of the season to allow families time to still fundraise during the year, but give kids the season to work towards something. Originally suggested by 11A parents in our meeting with them last month.
 - There needs to be a separate tryout committee moving forward. They need to come up with a tryout process and summary to present to the rest of the board. There should be no coaching applicants on this committee to avoid any possible conflicts of interest.
 - We need to look into other options instead of high school kids for tryout drills. Machines are an option, need pros and cons from everyone before finalizing.
 - What are we trying to fix with coach selection? Tryout committee needs to come up with a plan for the coach selection and interview process. Might be more beneficial to hold coach interviews earlier so there are more opportunities for the committee to interview applicants with all members present.
 - Need to dial in processes before trying to move or fix anything moving forward.

NEXT Meeting May 5th @ 7:30