



EDINA BASEBALL

ASSOCIATION



Parent Meeting for incoming 9U Travel Baseball

Program Review and Q&A

January 28th, 2026

Agenda



Please remain muted during the presentation and type any questions you have in the Chat box.

- Welcome and Introductions -
 - Scott Kemp & Jason Strodl, Travel VPs
 - Paul Abdo, 9U Travel Coordinator
- Edina Travel Baseball Overview
- Tryout Process
- Schedule
- Playing time & Commitment
- Coaches
- Q&A

Travel Baseball Overview



Edina Baseball's Top Priority:

- To create a positive environment for athletes to develop their skills and passion for the game
 - Provide those interested in playing competitive baseball the opportunity to play and enjoy the game at a level that is consistent with their current skills and commitment
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- Travel Baseball is open to boys and girls that either live in Edina or go to school in Edina
 - 9U Travel is the Youngest MBL Travel League available, however can include both 8- and 9-year-olds (kids completing 2nd and 3rd grade)
 - If have questions regarding your players readiness for Travel baseball contact scottjkemp@yahoo.com & jason@adapturedb.com
 - Players typically play with their grade. Baseball Age is determined based on a May 1st cutoff. Players cannot be older than the age limits based on league rules. For example:
 - 3rd grader that is 10 before May 1st cannot play 9U Travel, if that is the case reach out to review playing options
 - 9U typically has 1 AAA , 1-2 AA, & 1-2 A teams depending on registration numbers and skillset
 - **9A level is new in 2026**
 - MBL League Opponents will be in West and SW Minneapolis Metro

Travel Baseball Overview



- Travel Baseball fees: \$75 non-refundable tryout fee plus \$500 for 9u and ~\$150 uniform fee for 2 jerseys and 1 fitted hat due March 1st – Financial Assistance Application → [Scholarships](#) | [EBA](#)



Tryout Process

Hosting Tier 1 Pre-tryout practice
– February 15th & 22nd 10-Noon



- Hitting Tryout – February 26th (5-7pm)
 - Each player will participate in four Hitting stations that will be approximately 45 minutes.
- Fielding Tryout – February 28th (morning)
 - Infield and Outfield fielding evaluations in Braemar Dome approximately 90 minutes.
- Final Tryout – March 1st (morning)
 - Final assessment at Braemar Dome in preparation for final team placement.
- Players will be assigned a time to arrive that will be emailed and posted on the EBA website closer to the tryout date. Closed to observers, only perspective Head Coaches allowed to attend.
- Players are **strongly encouraged** to prioritize attendance at all tryout sessions
- Evaluations are completed by an outside third-party with same evaluators grading all sessions by age group and skill. Tryout grade will dictate team placement.
- To obtain the proper roster size and competitive balance we will not guarantee all players to be placed on a Travel team, however we have other programs to assist skill development through Summer ball
- Rosters are final following team selection

Season Schedule



- Practices begin with Braemar Dome indoor sessions for both kids and coaches, league games begin in late April and season concludes mid-July
- Additional training space available at Brower for 1-hour team trainings
- Expectation is for 3-5 activities per week
 - Games are six innings or 2-hour time limit
 - ~30-45 minute warmup before start time
- Participate in Metro Baseball League (MBL)
 - 14 games split between home/away in southwest/west metro (games generally during the week)
 - Coaches coordinate schedule with other teams based on field availability
- Participate in 3 weekend tournaments and season ending state tournament(s)
 - Three weekend tournaments in Minneapolis area
 - Required to qualify for state tournaments –
 - MBT: July 17-19
 - Gopher State: July 10-12 9AAA, & July 24-26 9AA/9A
- Practices are coordinated by coaches no more than 2 weeks in advance as we're required to be flexible to accommodate games for weather delays

Playing Time & Commitment



- We have guidelines for all our coaches to follow in the pursuit of developing a large and extremely talented group of baseball players.
- Within the season, no player should play more than 10% more than any other player; measured in innings played and plate-appearances
- All players should have the opportunity to play different positions.
 - Play at least 2 of the following 3 classifications of positions in the field: 1) infield; 2) outfield; 3) pitcher/catcher during each regular season and playoff games
 - Coach has discretion on which positions suits the players skills the most
- Coaches are afforded latitude to temporarily reduce time for players who exhibit poor conduct or a distinct lack of commitment to the team.
 - Coaches are required to communicate the specific reasons for playing time reductions to the player and parents, and to work with the player to help rectify the situation.
- Travel Commitment Policy
 - **Commit to Baseball being top priority if scheduling conflicts arise with other sports or activities**
 - Players are expected to attend scheduled team related activities (practices, games and team events). If an absence is required early communication with coaches on potential conflicts is requested.

Coaches



- Parent coaches for 9U levels, ideal to have 1 Head Coach & 3 Assistants per team
- Willingness to coach will have no impact on players placement as Coaches are assigned after the evaluations are completed
- Coaches are invited to attend tryouts as observers
- Benefits:
 - You get to coordinate your own MBL and practice schedule
 - Coaches Connect resource for practice planning and drill support
 - Past coaches here to help
 - Memories for life!
- **If interested in coaching, please complete the registration link and reach out to paul.m.abdo@gmail.com**
- [Welcome | 2026 Coach Registration | Edina Baseball Association](#)

Questions?

Registration Feb 1st – Feb 22nd



Contact scottjkemp@yahoo.com & jason@adaptredb.com if you have any additional questions.



Appendix

Youth League



■ League Objectives:

- To provide an opportunity for players to enjoy playing the game of baseball in a positive environment to have fun, develop their skills and passion for the game

Newly Combined Mid-Summer and Fall League Highlights

- Open to boy and girl players from inside & outside Edina
- Ages: pre-K – 5th Grade
- 2 evening during the week (Monday-Thursday)
- 8-week season beginning in August
- Parent coaches
- Pitching: Tee (preK/1st), Pitching Machine (2nd), Kid/Coach (3/4/5th)
- Each age will be grouped by school and/or player requests
- Registration opens April 1st

**We have a place for everyone who wants to play, develop and enjoy the game of baseball!
Please let us know if you have any questions or how we can help.**