



Travel Softball Questions You Should Be Asking

The Carol Stream Travel Softball Baseball Association (CSTSBA) knows that travel softball and baseball is a major commitment and lifestyle change for new families. We understand that all organizations are not the same and that travel ball isn't for everyone. Below are some of the questions a family should be asking organizations they are interested in. Our hope is that these questions help you and your family make an informed decision when deciding if travel ball is for your child and if the Carol Stream Travel Softball Baseball Association is a good fit for your player and family.

While our primary goal is to build a strong Carol Stream Storm organization, we realize that we can only accomplish that by also helping build youth softball in Northern Illinois. With that in mind, we are happy to help answer any questions you might have regardless of if they are about the CSTSBA and Storm Softball or just travel softball in general. All CSTSBA and travel softball questions can be emailed to cstsba.softball@gmail.com

Organization and Philosophy

- Is the organization non-profit?
- Is the organization park district affiliated?
- Is the organization for profit or privately owned?
- Why is or isn't the organization non-profit or park district affiliated?
- What is the organization's philosophy?
- Does the organization have a board or oversight committee?
- What is the role of the of the board or oversight committee?
- If there is a board, who's invited to be involved in with board?
- Are board and/or owner meetings open to players and families?

Costs & Finances

- How much does it cost to play an entire season?
- How much is the commitment fee?
- Is the commitment fee refundable?
- What is included in the player and/or team fees?
- Does the team fundraise?
- Does the fundraising count towards my "all in" total?
- Are there other ways to offset fees?
- Is fundraising mandatory?
- Are uniforms included in my fees?
- How much of my fees go towards my player and team?
- Are balance sheets and statements available to parents?
- Are previous years statements available for review?

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Team, Roster & Coaches

- How many players are rostered on a team?
- How many players are returning?
- How do players get developed?
- How many positions can my player play?
- How should I expect players to be rotated between positions?
- How many coaches are returning?
- How much coaching experience do the coaches have?
- Are the coaches paid or compensated in any way like discounted player fees?

Softball Seasons & Other Sports

- When does the Spring season start?
- Is there a fall season?
- How much time off is provided during the year?
- How are family vacations handled?
- How does the organization support multi-sport athletes?

Games & Travel

- How many games should I expect?
- How many tournaments should I expect?
- How often are tournaments scheduled?
- Are games/tournaments played on holiday weekends?
- How far should I expect to travel for "local" games and tournaments?
- How many hotel tournaments are planned?

Practices & Training

- How often will my child be on a field?
- How often will my child practice?
- Where are the practices located?
- How soon before games do practices start?
- What times are practices?
- Is winter training provided?
- What type of winter training is provided?
- Where is winter training located?
- When does winter training start?
- What "outside" coaching is expected of my player?

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