

Lake Zurich Travel Baseball Options

FULL-TIME TRAVEL | COUGARS

PART-TIME TRAVEL | GRIZZLIES



Cougars Baseball Full Time Travel



Cougars Youth teams compete at the 9U, 10U, 11U, 12U, 13U and 14U levels in spring/ summer league and tournament play. Cougars players do not participate in the Lake Zurich House Leagues. Each team has a volunteer Head Coach, selected by the Lake Zurich Baseball & Softball Association. The goal is to create a high-quality, competitive full-time travel program that is community-based for the Lake Zurich area with a focus on increased player development and team success by competition against highly skilled opponents.

League Games

The Cougars typically participate in the Mid-Suburban League (MSBL), McHenry Travel League. These leagues are made up of the Elite Level, A Level and B Level program in the surrounding areas. Each Cougars Team will compete around the Lake and Cook Counties and will play approximately 8-14 league games (half home, half away)

Schedule

Tryouts take place in late July/early August (depending on age division); Practices begin the fall until winter then they resume in January and the season runs April - July

Tournaments

In addition to league play, each Cougars team will participate in 3-5 tournaments. Teams will be placed in tournaments based on the individual team's skill level. For questions about what tournaments you can expect, please reach out to the Manager for your age division on that team's home page or Cougars President.

grizzlies Baseball Part Time Travel



Grizzlies Youth teams compete at the 8U (can include a few 7 yr olds) , 9U, 10U, 11U, 12U, 13U and 14U levels in spring/ summer league and tournament play. Grizzlies players must play in the Lake Zurich Baseball House League. Each team is made up of volunteer coaches, selected by the Lake Zurich Baseball & Softball Association.

League Games

The Grizzlies season will overlap slightly with the LZBSA House Leagues. The Grizzlies Teams will participate in the Northern All-Star League (N60) and play teams from the surrounding areas. Each Grizzlies Team will play approximately 4-8 league games (half home, half away).

Schedule

Tryouts take place in late February/early March, Practices begin in May and the season runs May - July

Tournaments

In addition to league play, each Grizzlies team will participate in 3-4 tournaments (Lake Zurich Bear Claw Tournament), depending on age. Teams will be placed in tournaments based on the individual team's skill level. For questions about what tournaments you can expect, please reach out to the Grizzlies President for more information.



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	Cougars	Grizzlies	House league
Program Goals	Provide competitive baseball with player development with year-round practices and competitions	Provide additional games (after LZ House League) at a higher level of competition, focusing on player development	Provide a fun and safe enjoyment for player of all ages with the focus on player development at a reasonable cost and time commitment
Games Played	Approx. 30-45 games 15-20 League 15-25 Tournament	Approx. 25-35 games 12 LZ House 4-8 N60 League 9-12 Tournament	Approx. 15-18 games 12 League 3-6 Post-Season
Estimated Cost	\$1,000-\$1,500 Fundraising required	\$250-\$300 This is in addition to the LZ House league fees	\$200-\$300 Depending on age level
Time Commitment	Practices: 2x per wk Jan-March Games: 2-5x per wk April-July Volunteer: Fundraising, team activities, coaching	Practices: 1-2x per wk May-June Games: 1-2x per wk May-July Volunteer: Coaching	Practices: 1-2x per wk Apr-June Games: 2x per wk May-June (Rookie – June-July) Volunteer: Coaching
Age Eligibility	9U-14U Age on April 30 or younger	8U-14U House League Rules by grade	Pre K-14U House League Rules by grade

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