



Baseball Travel Team Program

Questions & Answers

Q: How old does my son have to be? When is the cutoff?

The player's age as of May 1st for the league year will determine which team they are eligible to play on.

Q: How much does it cost to try out?

There is a nominal registration fee to tryout. Players are encouraged to attend as many tryout dates as possible, however, they are not required to be at all tryouts. Players must register prior to the tryout, either online or by calling us at 508-653-7673.

Q: When are tryouts held?

Tryouts for all teams are held in the fall for the upcoming AAU season and tournaments. Please see our website for tryout dates.

Q: Who selects the team?

Frozen Ropes Travel Team Coaches and Frozen Ropes Staff will select the team collectively.

Q: When will players be notified?

Players will be notified soon after the last tryouts are held. There will be a team meeting once the team is selected with parents, players and coaches to discuss the team contract and code of conduct expected of all parties involved.

Q: How many players will be on each roster?

Our rosters will consist of 12 to 15 players.

Q: Will my son have an advantage/disadvantage for training/not training at Frozen Ropes?

We do not play favoritism with regard to who makes the team and to playing time. We are searching for the best players and for those individuals who will give the team the best opportunity to compete.

Q: Will my son be guaranteed to play a certain position throughout the year?

Just because your son tries out as a pitcher does not mean that he will be considered a pitcher for the travel team. That goes for every other position as well. Those players who come in, train and work hard to earn that spot will be considered to play that position. Players may be placed in other positions throughout the tournaments as the coaches see fit.

Q: Will my son be guaranteed a certain amount of playing time?

We do not guarantee any specific amount of playing time. All players will see game action in at least 1 game of a typical regular season double-header but other factors such as attendance at practice, adhering to player code of conduct and injuries could affect playing time. These decisions are made by the Head Coach and not up for debate.

Q: How much will the parent be involved when it comes to communicating about a coach's decision on playing time and game situations?

A Parent will not be involved with communicating to a coach when it comes to a player's playing time. At this age and level, it should be the player who will communicate with the coach if they have any questions/concerns about the amount of time they are playing and game time decisions.

Q: What is the time commitment?

It is a **10 month commitment** from when the Team Contract is signed in the fall to when the last game is played in the summer. They will utilize our professional training facility and instructors for team practices, group classes, individual lessons and individual practice time throughout the winter/spring/summer season. Players will be expected to attend all games, tournaments and team practices during the season.

Q: What will take priority between a player going away on vacation, playing for another team and having other commitments?

The travel team will take priority over everything during the IN-SEASON spring/summer schedule. Players are expected to show up for all games, tournaments and practices. Players are encouraged to play other sports during the off-season.

Q: When will the team practice?

Team practices will begin in September and run through the end of the season. Each player will also get private lessons that they can use throughout the winter workout season or during the actual Spring/Summer season. Each player will also receive a Membership where they will have rentals that they can use at their discretion during their contract time with the team. Once the season begins, the team will practice once during the week before the weekend games. The practice schedule is subject to change throughout the season. High School level teams will have a light practice schedule in the spring so players will be able to balance playing for their high school team and the Frozen Ropes.

Q: What does the High School level schedule look like?

Unlike our younger teams, High School level teams play in the summer. Games are played from mid June through early August. We will practice through the Fall and Winter with a light spring practice schedule so we don't conflict with any school spring sports. Spring practices will be optional up until the start of the actual season.

Q: Quality of play and how competitive?

The team will compete against competitive competition in the AAU (Amateur Athletic Union) Organization. Player development and teamwork are a top priority throughout the whole season.

Q: Where/When are the games and tournaments? How much travel?

The team will compete in their regular season AAU schedule. AAU games are generally played no more than an hour away from Frozen Ropes. Our home games are usually played in Wayland. We try to schedule as many home games as possible. During or after the AAU season we will schedule 1 or 2 tournaments in addition to the AAU games. One tournament may be out of state at the Frozen Ropes National Training Center's Rock Sports Park in Chester, New York. The final tournament and entire league schedule will be decided after the AAU league scheduling meeting in February. Games will be played during the months of April, May, June and sometimes July and August. Game schedules are subject to change throughout the season due to rainouts/in-season conflicts.

Q: When are the games played?

Games and tournaments will generally be held on the weekends, although weather and other conflicts may change some games.

Q: What does it mean to be a Member?

Included within the team package is a Membership for that player on the team. It is not a family membership. Each player gets rentals to use during their time on the team as well private lessons and one session of classes. Each player will also receive membership pricing on all other programs.

Q: Who do we contact to schedule lessons or rentals and how are they tracked?

Each player will have their own profile in our system. Within each profile the Frozen Ropes staff will be able to distinguish who is on the team and how many rentals and lessons each player has. Each player will also have their own Membership ID. When setting up a lesson or rental it is up to the player to call into Frozen Ropes and tell the staff member that they are looking to schedule a lesson/rental as part of the Travel Team.

Q: How long does the Season and Membership last?

Each season and player membership will begin the day the contract is signed and will last until the last game is played.

Q: Will there be fundraising opportunities?

We will consider fundraising opportunities throughout the season to help with a full team outing or event at the end of the season.

Q: How is the team paid for? Are their installments?

The team will be paid for in several installments. The first installment will be due on the day the contract is signed. Additional payment will occur throughout the Fall and Winter, with the final payment due at the start of the AAU season before the first game is played.

Q: Are there other payment options? Could my son just pay for tournaments and not the Winter Workouts?

No. This is a developmental team to prepare your son for a competitive full AAU season. This is a complete package.

Q: If my son is on the team does that mean he automatically makes it for the next season?

Just because a player is on the team the first season that does not mean that they are guaranteed a spot on the roster each year. Coaches will determine which players are given an automatic roster position for the next season.