

OYO Travel Softball Policies

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Terminology	In this document, Full-Time Travel will be noted as FTT and Recreational (or Rec) Travel will be noted as RT .																
Selection of Coach	<p>A. Full-Time Travel – It is the responsibility of the Travel Softball Commissioner to obtain applications for Head Coach. The Commissioner shall send out notice of Head Coach Applications no later than June 23, and all applications for vacant positions must be received by June 30. At that time, the Commissioner shall send all applications for vacant head coach positions to the Executive Board for review.</p> <p>The Executive Board shall make their selection no later than July 1. The Executive Board, at their discretion, may interview potential candidates. The Executive Board shall also receive input from the Travel Softball Commissioner. After the selection is made by the Executive Board, it is up to the Travel Softball Commissioner to notify all applicants of the Executive Board’s decision.</p> <p>B. Recreational Travel – The Travel Softball Commissioner shall obtain applicants for Head Coach. The Commissioner shall send out notice of Head Coach Application no later than November 1 and all applications must be received by November 25. At that time, the Commissioner shall send all applications to the Executive Board for review.</p> <p>The Executive Board shall make their selection in their December meeting. The Executive Board, at their discretion, may interview potential candidates. The Executive Board shall also receive input from the Travel Softball Commissioner. After the selection is made by the Executive Board, it is up to the Travel Softball Commissioner to notify all applicants of the Executive Board’s decision.</p> <p>C. Full-Time Travel Head Coach Term – The selection of the Head Coach is for the next calendar year’s team, where there is a vacancy. Once a head coach is named, they will move forward annually with the team into the next annual season unless either (1) executive board votes to accept applications for the respective age group or (2) the head coach submits his/her resignation.</p>																
Mentoring New Coaches	The Travel Softball Commissioner shall be available to mentor any new head coach to either FTT or RT. This includes meeting with the new head coach on a consistent basis and offering friendly advice.																



Tryouts	<p>A. Date of Tryouts – The date of tryouts for both full-time travel and rec travel shall be determined by the Executive Board in conjunction with the Travel Softball Commissioner.</p> <p>The FTT tryout dates shall be established no later than July 1 and shall be listed on OYO’s website. FTT teams shall conduct a minimum of two open tryout dates.</p> <p>The RT tryout dates shall be established no later than March 15 and shall be listed on OYO’s website. The league shall schedule three tryout dates for each age group that do not conflict with any rec league activities. The first two tryout dates listed are official tryout dates, and the third listed is as a rain date, if needed in the event either the first or second tryout is canceled. If the first tryout is canceled due to poor weather or field conditions and a second tryout is at risk for similar conditions, then the OYO Exec Board should support the RT program by assisting with securing an indoor facility and providing reasonable financial support to offset rental costs.</p> <p>B. Tryout Communications – After initial email from OYO Executive Board announcing travel program, including tryout schedule and individual coaches, all individual FTT and RT coaches may market their respective tryouts. RT Coaches must communicate with all eligible players in their respective age groups. List of eligible players in our database will be provided to coaches by executive board members before each tryout period.</p> <p>C. Method of Tryout – The head coach is responsible for the method of tryout.</p> <p>D. Team Selection – The selection of the team and announcement of those selections are up to the Head Coach. The Head Coach can either individually contact each potential player to let them know that they have either been selected or not or can post the roster on the website. If the Head Coach chooses that option, he or she must make themselves available for explanation by all potential players.</p> <p>E. Roster Defections – In the event a team loses a player to departure or injury and seeks to select a replacement, the head coach must submit a replacement strategy to the Travel Softball Commissioner and Vice President of Travel Softball, for approval. In the case of FTT teams, they may select an OYO Rec League player, but that player must not have already been drafted by/assigned to a OYO Rec League team.</p> <p>F. Additional Tryouts – If a FTT team cuts a player at the official tryout, and then, at a later date, elects to add a player(s), that team must conduct an open tryout to add additional players, unless otherwise approved by the Travel Softball Commissioner, Vice President of Travel Softball, and OYO President. The team must give at least one week’s notice and post the tryout on the OYO website. All other tryout specifications shall be followed. In RT, if an age group has enough interest to form a team (typically 11 players or more) during the published tryout period, then additional tryouts will not be scheduled. The RT coach must select from the players who participated in the tryouts.</p> <p>G. Rec Travel Tryout Timeframe – No RT Tryouts shall be conducted prior to all OYO Rec League teams being published, nor before the first published date of spring practice. Once rec team rosters are announced, the league shall distribute a leaguwide email announcing all travel coaches and scheduled tryout details, including date, time and location.</p> <p>H. Tryout Eligibility, based on Fees – To participate in travel tryouts, the player’s OYO Rec League registration fees must be paid in full. The OYO Treasurer should run a report of all players not paid in full prior to the tryouts and submit it to the OYO Vice President of</p>
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	<p>Travel Softball to review against list of selected players. Any player who received a scholarship grant to participate in the OYO Rec League for the current season is not eligible to be selected or participate on a RT team, unless all scholarship funds from the current season are reimbursed to OYO.</p> <p>I. Tryout Eligibility, based on Division Participation – To be eligible for selection to a travel team, a prospective player must participate in a tryout for the eligible age group.</p> <p>J. Declining Team Offer – If a player is offered a roster spot on a travel team and declines, then the player foregoes participation in any travel activity for that season.</p> <p>K. Team Selection Review – All final RT team rosters are subject to review by the OYO Travel Softball Commissioner and/or Vice President of Travel Softball. If the OYO representative identifies the team has selected an ineligible player, the player must be removed from all team activities effective immediately and the head coach shall notify the player’s family. To replace the player, refer to Section E.</p> <p>L. Charging Tryout Fee for Full Time Tryouts – FTT teams may charge individual players for tryouts if the fee is applied as follows:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a. If player is selected and accepts, the tryout fee is applied toward team fee b. If player is not selected, the tryout fee is refunded c. If player is offered a roster spot but declines, then the tryout fee may be retained by the team and deposited into the team’s account <p>M. Charging Tryout Fee for Rec Travel Tryouts – RT teams may never charge a player to participate in a rec travel tryout. This is part of the league fee a player pays to participate in the OYO Rec League.</p> <p>N. Team Roster to OYO – All FTT and RT coaches must submit a full roster, including player name, jersey number, date of birth, parent names, parent emails and parent phone numbers, within 30 days of final roster being announced. Team’s coach is responsible for communicating any changes to roster to Travel Softball Commissioner in a timely manner.</p> <p>O. Team Acceptance Letters and Payments – All parents of players who accept a roster spot will need to sign a parent/player acceptance agreement that specifies team fee, payment schedule, code of conduct adherence, and no refund policy. This will be an official, consistent agreement issued by the Travel Softball Commissioner to all coaches before each new season of full-time tryouts. FTT and RT coaches are only permitted to customize the section pertaining to team fee and payment schedule.</p>
<p>Travel Team Equipment</p>	<p>Equipment purchased by and maintained for each travel team belongs to the team. Any team-specific equipment left at the end of the season will carry over to the next year. For example, catcher’s gear, helmets, bat, balls, etc. left over after 10U season is complete are to be used by the 10U team the next year. That is the case even if there is a new coach the following year.</p> <p>If there is no team the next year, then all equipment shall be donated to the league to be used at the discretion of the equipment committee. For example, if a 12U team will not go forward as either a 12U or 14U team and has equipment leftover at the end of the 14U season, those items should be submitted to the OYO equipment committee.</p> <p>For RT teams, OYO offers a courtesy team equipment bag. Such equipment may be used by the RT team for the duration of its season.</p>



<p>Travel Team Finances</p>	<p>All FTT and RT teams must conduct all their banking matters at the same financial institution as the league. Each team should have two individuals listed on the account, one being the head coach and one being the team’s assigned treasurer, to provide proper oversight and checks-and-balances.</p> <p>Finances for each travel team belong to the team. Any funds left at the end of the season will carry over to the next year. For example, funds left over after 10U season is complete are to be used by the 10U or 12U team the next year, whichever is most predominantly featured among the team’s player composition. That is the case even if there is a new coach the following year. Players’ families are not eligible for any level of reimbursement or refund should there be a surplus at the end of the season.</p> <p>If there is no team the next year, then any funds left over shall go back to the general travel softball fund, respectively, to be used at the discretion of the Travel Softball Commissioner. For example, if a 12U team will not go forward as a 165U team and has funds left over at the end of the 12U season, those funds are given to the OYO travel softball fund. In addition, OYO FTT and RT players are not entitled to receive a refund of prior fees paid, regardless of their circumstances.</p> <p>Any monies left over from any 8U RT team shall be used for the benefit of the 8U or 10U RT team and not any 10U FTT team. This same rule applies to any age group that represents the earliest age group for full-time travel.</p> <p>FTT teams are to be fully self-funded. No contributions will be provided by OYO. In addition, all FTT teams will be responsible for an OYO fee for each player on its roster as of March 31. The fee schedule is as follows:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • \$65 per player – All Red Storm FTT teams • All fees will be automatically transferred on March 31 by the OYO Treasurer, unless otherwise approved by the OYO Travel Softball Commissioner and Vice President of Travel Softball <p>RT teams are also mostly self-funded. The OYO Executive Board will support all RT teams with a start-up fee in the amount of \$200. The amount should be reviewed and confirmed by the Executive Board annually. These funds will be transferred to the team’s account after the team roster has been released and approved by the Travel Softball Commissioner and Vice President of Travel Softball.</p> <p>All FTT and RT head coaches must develop and a preliminary detailed budget at time of announcing team fees. This budget must accompany the player/parent acceptance agreement outlined in Tryouts, Section O.</p> <p>Any player who received a scholarship to participate in the OYO Rec League is not eligible to tryout for, be selected or participate on a RT team, unless all scholarship funds are reimbursed.</p> <p>Every player, including children of any coach, must pay their full travel team fee to be in good standing with the team.</p>
<p>Fundraising/Sponsorships</p>	<p>FTT and RT teams are encouraged to raise funds to offset expenses and control costs.</p> <p>FTT sponsorships are acceptable and teams may establish independent sponsorship packages so long as no commitments are being made on behalf of OYO. If any package involves OYO recognition, e.g. website listings, signage displayed, etc., then the FTT team’s sponsorship packages and terms must receive OYO Executive Board approval.</p>



	<p>RT sponsorships are acceptable so long as they follow the pricing structure set forth by the Travel Softball Commissioner and approved by the OYO Executive Board. All companies that sponsored OYO Rec League teams during the previous two seasons are to be considered off-limits and will be listed in the league’s Do Not Call list.</p> <p>For example, in 2021, FTT and RT teams shall not solicit any support from OYO sponsors in 2019 and 2020 until after they commit to the rec league in 2021.</p> <p>No sponsorship recruitment for rec travel teams shall be conducted until after the team roster is officially released. At this time, the aforementioned Do Not Call list will be provided to each team’s head coach.</p> <p>In addition, all RT teams must use the same sponsorship packages/forms, which will be developed in tandem by the OYO Travel Softball Committee and OYO Ways & Means Committee. That said, it is acceptable for a sponsorship previously tied to a player in our rec league one season to follow the player to a FTT or RT team the following season.</p> <p>All FTT and RT teams are permitted to conduct as many different fundraising activities as their respective teams can support. However, OYO has limited how many of these fundraisers can take place at OYO Veterans Memorial Park, while OYO rec league teams are participating. The terms of these exclusive onsite fundraisers are:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • FTT teams are permitted to hold one on-site fundraiser, of which the OYO Executive Board approves, during both the spring and fall ball seasons (two total per calendar year). The activity at Veterans Memorial Park must start and complete on the same calendar day. • RT teams are permitted hold one on-site fundraiser, of which the OYO Executive Board pre-approves, during the spring season. The activity at Veterans Memorial Park must start and complete on the same calendar day. • This excludes any fundraisers that a FTT may conduct as part of its own Bomber Bash or Red Storm Classic summer tournaments.
<p>Establishment of New Team</p>	<p>OYO will host one RT and one FTT travel team per age group. If there is a minimum of 22 players, who participate in the <u>rec travel</u> tryouts for a specific age group, then a proposal may be submitted to the OYO Travel Softball Committee within three days of when the first team was announced. No additional tryouts may be conducted for a second team. If the Travel Committee recommends the establishment of that new team, then the entire Executive Committee shall vote on the establishment of that new team. The second team then must be formed within seven days or all efforts to form a second team will be suspended.</p>
<p>Tournaments</p>	<p>The various details of the rec. tournaments, (David Manlove Memorial Tournament and Bill Sturm Memorial Tournament) shall be the responsibility of the Travel Softball Tournament Chairperson with consultation from the Vice President of Travel Softball and Travel Softball Commissioner.</p> <p>The details of the FTT tournaments (OYO Bomber Bash and Red Storm Classic), shall be the responsibility of the various FTT coaches with consultation from the Travel Softball Tournament Chairperson, Vice President of Travel Softball and Travel Softball Commissioner.</p> <p>All participating RT teams will pay the tournament entry fee to participate in the annual David Manlove Memorial Tournament. RT teams will not be charged a fee to participate in the annual Bill Sturm Memorial Tournament in exchange for team recruitment, park preparation, field maintenance and staffing information table during the tournament.</p>



<p>Age Eligibility</p>	<p>Only age-appropriate players shall participate in the initial tryout for any FTT or RT team. In the event a particular age group does not secure enough interest from players in its age group during its published tryouts, the team may either select players in its age group or one age younger without conducting a supplemental tryout inviting players from younger age group(s) to participate.</p> <p>For example, an 12U FTT coach should only consider 11- and 12-year-olds for its team. If only nine kids participated and all made the team, then the 12U coaches may select more 11- and 12-year olds as well as 10-year-olds. If all initial prospective players are selected, but the team is still short of a desired number of players, then tryouts are not required for these additional selections but are not discouraged either.</p> <p>Based on the aforementioned example, a team is not required to select all nine players who attend a tryout either. Per <i>Tryouts, Section F</i>, if even one FTT prospective player is cut at the time of tryouts, an additional tryout must be scheduled, announced and conducted.</p> <p>When a player is approved to play up to a new division (e.g. an eight-year-old player in 10U Softball), then the said player may also tryout for the rec travel team tied to the respective division and/or age group. In other words, they are not mandated to play “down” into the lower division (e.g. 8U Softball) for rec travel.</p>
<p>Ejections</p>	<p>If any player, coach, parent or other spectator affiliated with an OYO travel team is ejected from a game, then it is the responsibility of the team’s head coach to notify the Travel Softball Commissioner. This may be reported as follows based on the setting:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Standard Game/Doubleheader: within 24 hours• Tournament: by noon the Monday following the tournament; that said, all host-site rules regarding ejections must be followed, including if the head coach must follow an ejected player, fan or assistant coach <p>The Travel Softball Commissioner shall then notify OYO’s Vice President of Travel Softball immediately. The Vice President of Travel Softball shall notify the Executive Board, who will then review the matter in accordance to the OYO Code of Conduct policy and determine what punishment is warranted.</p>
<p>Scheduling</p>	<p>All FTT teams must submit their most up-to-date schedule to the OYO Scheduling Chair by March 1 each season to ensure field assignments are reserved.</p> <p>All FTT teams will be allocated one weeknight and one Sunday field assignment at OYO each season from March through July. If space is available after Fall Ball schedule is released, FTT teams may schedule activities accordingly.</p> <p>All RT teams will be allocated one Sunday field assignment at OYO each season from April through July.</p> <p>If any FTT or RT coach wishes to request additional travel-specific field assignments, then the coach must:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none">(1) receive permission from the head coach of the travel assigned to the field on the designated day and time(2) receive permission from the OYO Scheduler to ensure additional assignments have not been previously made(3) secure approval from the Travel Softball Commissioner, Vice President of Travel Softball, Travel Baseball Commissioner and Vice President of Travel Baseball



All travel teams must adhere to select black-out dates to ensure all respective OYO Rec League and Travel activities can be honored. These include:

- **No Activity for Full-Time Travel:**

- All batting cages and fields reserved and assigned for RT
- David Manlove Memorial Tournament
- OYO All-Star Games
- OYO Rec League Tournament
- Bill Sturm Memorial Tournament

- **No Activity for Rec Travel:**

- All batting cages and fields reserved and assigned for FTT
- Bomber Bash
- Red Storm Smash
- OYO Rec League Tournament