

Dublin Green Sox Travel Baseball – Frequently Asked Questions Answered



1. Dublin Travel Baseball consists of Green Sox teams for kids aged 7U-16U.
2. The child's birthday on 4/30/2025 determines what age they should play during the 2025 season.

- Age Group Clarifications:

7U: Players who turn 8 prior to 4/30 of the current season are not eligible unless they are in 1st grade. Any player turning 9 prior to 4/30 is not eligible.

8U: Players who turn 9 prior to 4/30 of the current season are not eligible unless they are in 2nd grade. Any player turning 10 prior to 4/30 is not eligible.

9U: Players who turn 10 prior to 4/30 of the current season are not eligible unless they are in 3rd grade. Any player turning 11 prior to 4/30 is not eligible.

10U: Players who turn 11 prior to 4/30 of the current season are not eligible unless they are in 4th grade. Any player turning 12 prior to 4/30 is not eligible.

11U: Players who turn 12 prior to 4/30 of the current season are not eligible unless they are in 5th grade. Any player turning 13 prior to 4/30 is not eligible.

12U: Players who turn 13 prior to 4/30 of the current season are not eligible unless they are in 6th grade. Any player turning 14 prior to 4/30 is not eligible.

13U: Players who turn 14 prior to 4/30 of the current season are not eligible unless they are in 7th grade. Any player turning 15 prior to 4/30 is not eligible.

14U: Players who turn 15 prior to 4/30 of the current season are not eligible unless they are in 8th grade. Any player turning 16 prior to 4/30 is not eligible.

15U: Players who turn 16 prior to 4/30 of the current season are not eligible unless they are in 9th grade. Any player turning 17 prior to 4/30 is not eligible.

16U: Players who turn 17 prior to 4/30 of the current season are not eligible unless they are in 10th grade. Any player turning 18 prior to 4/30 is not eligible.

3. Your child may consider trying out for an older age group if it is to play with their classmates. Players are discouraged from trying out for older age groups for other reasons.
4. Everyone must register at [DYA.com](https://dya.com) to tryout. There are no exceptions.
5. Generally speaking, players should be Dublin residents or reside within the boundaries of the Dublin City School District, however, players may live outside those boundaries and make a team if there are no qualified Dublin players. This rule does not apply at the high school level.
6. The tryout fee is non-refundable and covers the cost of evaluators, practice sessions, and field use.
7. Tryouts are a one-day tryout.
8. There are no make-up sessions.
9. Players are evaluated by up to five evaluators. One of the evaluators may be a returning Green Sox coach. The others are appointed by the Director with at least 2 being independent evaluators.
10. Players are scored 0-5 in the following categories: speed, throwing, fielding, hitting, and

pitching/catching if age appropriate.

11. Players are ranked from highest to lowest based upon their score. If there is a returning Green Sox coach, he is required to select players ranked 1-8 at the conclusion of evaluations. He then has the option to select up to 4 of the next 10 players. After the first Green Sox team is formed, the next 1-8 players are automatically on the second Green Sox team. The Green Sox coach then can select up to 4 discretionary picks. If there are enough eligible players for a third Green Sox team, the same process holds true.

12. Not all participants trying out will make a team. Some players based upon their score may not be eligible for travel baseball. In this case, they will be encouraged to play DYA Recreational Baseball for the next season. In other cases, there may not be enough players to satisfy more than one team. In either case, there are no tryout registration fee refunds offered.

13. Coaches are selected by an interview committee. The committee considers baseball experience, coaching experience, coaching philosophy, ability to relate to players, survey results from returning coaches, evaluations conducted throughout the season, etc. If a Green Sox coach is selected to return, he may participate in the tryout, however, the coaching decision may be reversed if their child does not make the team. There is no pre-positioning for coaches' children. Each player must earn their spot.

14. Tryout results are posted electronically. You will be notified of your coach only. You will not be notified of the other players until the team is finalized.

15. Once tryouts are over, official Green Sox invitations will be distributed via email by 8:00 AM the morning following tryouts. Parents will have until 12:00 PM that day to accept their invitation with a payment of \$250 to DYA to be paid online ONLY. This is a commitment fee which reserves your player's roster spot. Once team one is set, official team two Green Sox invitations will be distributed by 2:00 PM the day following tryouts and parents will have until 6:00 PM that evening to accept their invitation with a payment of \$250 to DYA to be paid online ONLY. If necessary, official team three Green Sox invitations will be distributed by 8:00 PM the evening following tryouts and parents will have until 12:00 AM to accept their invitation with a payment of \$250 to DYA to be paid online ONLY. Under no circumstance is the commitment fee refundable once payment is made. \$240 will be applied to your account to offset your player's fair share of fees. The other \$10 is an administrative processing fee.

16. We ask that no postings on social media occur until your welcome packet has been received. This will allow us to solidify all teams and not jeopardize the integrity of the process.

17. Once the team is formed, there will be an all-parent meeting to cover the next steps. The meeting is held in August. This is an important meeting. Fees, schedule, winter practices, expectations will be covered. Everyone is expected to be there.

18. Teams have required uniforms. There are no options for alternative uniforms. It is important that all Dublin Travel Baseball teams maintain the established brand. Uniforms cost approximately \$40-\$45 for pants, \$50 for jerseys, \$25 for hats, \$5-10 for belts, and some teams ask players to purchase additional uniform items. Some teams have multiple jerseys as well (i.e., a home and away jersey).

Other costs include umpire fees, City of Dublin fees, DYA fees, tournament fees - all together, non-uniform fees will range from \$350-\$800, depending on age. The 12U team fees will be significantly higher as they participate in a mandatory trip to Cooperstown, New York. 7U fees will not exceed \$400 for a team of 12 plus uniform costs. Fees are collected in installments throughout the year.

19. Fundraising to offset costs is a team decision. It is not mandatory. Teams should only collect fees to cover their estimated expenses. They should not collect anything additional. There are no refunds whatsoever. If a team does have extra money, it will carry over with the team the following

year – NOT THE PLAYER. If the player goes to another team or does not return, the money stays with the current team. There are no exceptions.

20. Teams will play a lot of baseball during the season. Teams are expected to schedule sufficient games (to protect against weather cancellations) to ensure that they get in the following: 7U & 8U: 20 games minimum; 9U & 10U: 25 games minimum; 11U & 12U: 30 games minimum; 13U: 35 games minimum. Many teams will go beyond this number during the season. This will be discussed at the initial team meeting. 7U-12U are required to participate in Central Ohio Youth Baseball League (COYBL). 13U is strongly encouraged to participate in COYBL.

21. Middle school and high school baseball players are not permitted to work with their travel team from mid-February until they are released by their school coach. There are some additional restrictions that your high school coach will cover with you.

22. Every team is expected to participate in tournaments in addition to their regularly scheduled games. There are many tournaments that are around the I-270 loop. All teams (8U+) are expected to participate in at least one out-of-town tournament per season. 7U is not expected to have an out-of-town tournament but may do so if that is the consensus of the team.

23. All Green Sox teams are required to participate in the Wayne Williams Memorial Baseball Tournament. There are no exceptions. This is the largest fundraiser run by our organization and subsidizes player fees. Parents not volunteering during the tournament are expected to pay an additional \$300 to the program.

24. Practices begin in early January and run through Spring Break. They are generally held at Dublin City Schools gymnasiums and indoor training facilities.

25. Non-tournament teams - the season officially starts April 1 and runs through mid-July. Many teams select to finish the season by the end of June.

Tournament teams - the season officially starts March 1 and runs through mid-July. Many teams select to finish the season by the end of June.

26. While we strongly encourage players to participate in multiple sports, we do not encourage you to do so during travel baseball season from April 1 through July 15. Baseball is a team sport and when one player cannot attend practices and games because of a conflict with another sport, the entire team suffers.

27. Players in middle school and high school are strongly encouraged to play spring sports including baseball. There is no requirement to play baseball, although the extra practice is always beneficial. If you do not play baseball, play another sport. School baseball players should talk to school athletic directors and coaches about rules associated with being on a travel baseball team. The athletic director has the final say on everything.

28. Parents and players will be asked to sign a contract at the beginning of the season stating that they understand all expectations and will abide by them.

29. Playing time will be fair, but it will not necessarily be equal. Players are guaranteed 50% playing time in regular season games. Players are guaranteed 30% playing time in tournaments. This does not mean in each game but during the course of the season. Lack of attendance at practices or games can drop playing time below these numbers.

30. Parents are asked to complete a survey at the end of the season. Your feedback helps improve our program.

For further questions, email travel.baseball@dya.com.