

Pinckney Hamburg Baseball & Softball Association

Pirate Travel Division Rules

These rules are meant to unify the Pirate Travel Baseball Program within the Pinckney Hamburg Baseball & Softball Association (P.H.B.S.A) and are part of the Pinckney Hamburg Baseball & Softball Association By-Laws. All coaches, players, parents and other person's connected with the P.H.B.S.A Pirate Travel Program shall adhere to these by-laws for the length of their association with the program.

A. Coaching Selections

- Coaches must apply for a position within the PHBSA Pirate Travel Program with a full resume' including experience, references, and any other pertinent information.
- Coaches will supply the appropriate information in order for PHBSA to conduct a criminal background check.
- Coaches will be required to interview.
- Coaches must be willing to adhere to all PHBSA by-laws in order to be considered for a coaching position.
- Assistant coaches can be chosen by the head coach from players that make the team. The Assistant coach must have full approval of the PHBSA before being named as an assistant.
- Assistant coaches will provide all appropriate information in order for PHBSA to conduct a criminal background check.

B. Try Outs

- A uniform plan for tryouts will be used for all tryouts of teams that are in age brackets from 14U and below.
- Tryouts will be conducted by the PHBSA selected head coach. At least one PHBSA Board Member will be in attendance to conduct registration/sign-in and to supervise the field. The head coach will submit their rosters to PHBSA for approval.
- Players' must attend one of the two tryouts to be eligible for selection onto a Pirate Travel team. Any player who notifies PHBSA prior to tryouts of a scheduling conflict (i.e. vacation, conflicting sport, etc.) or injury, and with PHBSA Board approval, may receive a make-up tryout with the head coach and a PHBSA Board member in attendance. The head coach may hold a spot open until the make-up tryout is completed and the player has been evaluated by the head coach and the PHBSA Board member.

C. Team Selections

- Try outs that have at least twenty-four (24) eligible players attend try outs will have two teams formed in the age group for teams with ages fourteen years old and younger.
- In the case of two teams in one age group, teams will be selected in the following manner. The top rated twelve players will be placed onto the 'A' team with the next

twelve top rated players being placed onto the 'B' team (coaches will have the option of taking thirteen players).

- Coaches will have the option of refusing a players' placement onto their team, despite that players' ability, if they can site a specific reason for not choosing that player. This is subject to PHBSA board approval.
- Selection for teams will be made by the PHBSA selected coach for the age group and submitted to a PHBSA board member for approval. In the event of a complete disagreement on a players' ability, a neutral PHBSA board member will have the deciding vote.

D. Playing Eligibility

- Players' must tryout for the team in their age group based on the April 30th 11:59:59 p.m. age cut off. The Travel Softball Program allows the opportunity for any girls to try out for the travel softball team at the next age level above their own age group. The Travel Baseball Program allows the opportunity for any high school aged boys (9th grade to 12th grade) to try out for any team - 14U, 16U or 18U travel teams, as long as their age does not exceed the allowable age limit.
- Due to the KVBSA requirements of only three out of district players per team, players that are not in the Pinckney Community School district will be considered eligible on a player to player and team to team basis.
- If a team is not offered in a players' age group that player may try out for the next age group above his or her age.
- The above rule does not apply to a player if a try out was held in their age group that they did not attend.
- Players that try out for their age group and are 'cut' from that team may play up to the next age level if the team above their age is in need of players and only after the next age level up has exhausted the list of "cut" players from their original tryouts, if there were any.

E. Fundraising

- All travel teams, coaches and players' must have specific approval of the PHBSA for any fundraising effort or event that they would like to perform.
- All teams, players, coaches and parents will be expected to participate in two PHBSA sanctioned fundraisers.

F. Attire

- All players are required to wear baseball pants during practices. Coaches will be expected to enforce this at every practice.
- Players will not be permitted to wear any non-PHBSA attire with the exception of personal hygiene attire, during games or in any representation of the Pirate Travel Program.
- Coaches should not encourage the purchase of non-PHBSA attire with copy cat logos by teams or players.

G. Conduct

- Coaches shall treat all players, parents, opposing teams, umpires, and fans with respect at all times.
- Players who throw equipment or behave in a way that brings embarrassment to the Pirate Travel Program can and will be subject to disciplinary actions by the PHBSA board of directors.
- Coaches who display poor behavior while representing the Pirate Travel Program will be subject to disciplinary actions that could include suspension of coaching, by the PHBSA Board of Directors.
- Parents and Fans who display poor behavior while in representation of the Pirate Travel Program will be subject to disciplinary actions by the PHBSA Board of Directors.
- Parents and players must follow all rules set forth by the PHBSA and head coach.
- All parent meetings may have an official PHBSA board member present.
- Absolutely no one except rostered players, rostered bat boys, and rostered coaches are allowed into the dugout of the team. Anyone inside or near the bench of the team must have been subject to a criminal background check and must be listed on the roster as a coach.

H. Field Maintenance

- Coaches, Players & Parents from each travel team will be expected to maintain the field assigned to their team. Raking fields after every practice and game will be mandatory for all teams.
- Teams will also be expected to pick up trash left by their team and the opposing team before leaving the fields after a game.
- Holes at bases, mounds and batters boxes will be maintained after every practice and game by the team assigned to that field.
- Absolutely no 'soft tossing' into fences will be allowed. This includes using baseballs for batting practice when players are within fifteen feet of the fence. (batting practice should be from home plate so that we do not damage fences on the fields.)

I. Volunteering

- Coaches and parents will be responsible for assisting during our travel tournaments.
- Coaches will be asked to choose one tournament other than their own to have their team help during.
- This will help coaches to see other levels of travel play as well as unite our travel teams by supporting each other.

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