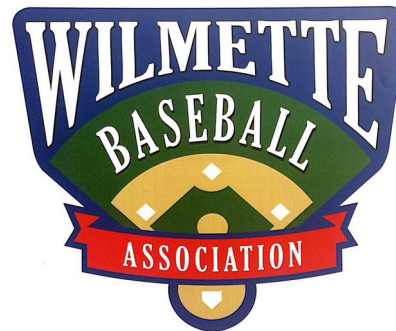


2023 Bronco Summer Travel

Parent Meeting – November 7, 2022



Welcome to Bronco Travel

Looking forward to a great 2023 season!!!

- Robust year-round program will help ensure player development
- Tryouts were competitive - many players did not make a team, and some movement between teams
- Players that made a team should be proud of their accomplishment while supporting those that did not make a team
- Players not selected are encouraged to play WBA Summer House League, which has a travel element

Teams & Selection Process

- Teams were selected based on all available information: travel & fall skills coach feedback, travel & house league play and the evaluators at tryouts
- Cutting players is the least favorite part of volunteering for WBA

Program Highlights & Updates

Best in Class & Cost-Efficient Program

- Designed in coordination with New Trier Feeder Baseball for 13U and 14U travel players
- Fall team selections and team-based winter work-outs, with flexibility in the event of schedule conflicts
- Spring house league still required. Sunday's generally reserved for travel practices & scrimmages run by IBA
- Summer weekday travel baseball camp after school year ends
- IBA hired to help identify and develop coaches
- Coaches are forced ranked based on WBA Board and IBA observations, as well as parent feedback
- Attendance will continue to be monitored in 2023 at all Bronco Travel events
- Performance and attendance feedback shared with WBA league managers
- Cooperstown DreamsPark trip for 12 Green, Blue and Gray – June 27th to July 3rd

Program updates for 2023

- Winter Workouts will continue to be scheduled at The Yard, which moved to a larger facility in Northbrook at 722 Landwehr
- KWBA Bulldog tournament on Memorial Day Weekend, plus Jim Christ in Glenview in July
- Wilmette Park District fields will continue to see a lot of construction in 2022, so schedules might change after posting

Commitment & Expectations

Player and parent commitment required to make the season successful

- Player attendance and positive attitude are critical
 - Focus on other players and make sure a team can be fielded for all games
 - Players to always help teammates with positive encouragement
 - Playing time may be limited in the event of absences or behavioral issues

- Parent volunteers needed:
 - Collect regular feedback on team dynamics and report back real time to WBA in a constructive manner
 - Help organize the Cooperstown trips, and coordinate travel season logistics
 - Coach spring house league teams
 - Always stay positive in front of the players – channel feedback through team parent or WBA board (again, real time). Stay out of the dugout, and do not provide advice or criticize coaches or umpires during games

- WBA is a non-profit and its board is 100% volunteer based

What's Included & Payment Dates

Top quality year-round travel program...

- Winter workouts run by senior IBA coaches
- All travel players required to play Bronco Spring House League (separate fee)
- Sunday travel practices in April & May run by senior IBA coaches
- Weekday summer camps run by senior IBA coaches
- LSFBL regular season & playoffs
- 2 local tournaments per team, plus Cooperstown tournament for all 12U teams
- Uniforms & team gear
- Coaches – two full time, plus one intern or extra full time (if available), per team
- Additional fees for Cooperstown trip include: tournament fees, player lodging, player meals, coaches, umpires, trading pins, personalized pin towels, team banners, and uniforms (except pants)

Payments for 2023 Travel Season

- Initial deposit of \$975 due 11/14/22 (plus \$995 for 12U Cooperstown)
- Balance of \$975 is due on 2/28/23 (plus \$995 for 12U Cooperstown)

Other

- Bronco Spring House League is required – separate registration and fees
- Fall Skills clinics and Fall House league are optional – separate registration and fees

Bronco Travel Coach Expectations

WBA Board and IBA will work with all of our travel coaches prior to the season to help ensure excellence in the following areas:

- Attendance & punctuality
- Preparedness
- Attire
- Behavior
- Practices
- Games
- Communication

2022 Travel Baseball Calendar

Travel Tryouts – October 1st and 2nd 2022 – Roemer Park

Rest Arms – October through December

Winter Workouts – mid January through mid March

Spring House League – February through May (separate registration required)

Sunday Practices in Spring – April and May

Summer Travel Camp – weekdays the weeks of June 12th and June 19th

Summer Travel Season – June and July - LSFBL playoffs end on July 23rd, 2022. Hold July 24th in the event championship games rained out.

Fall Clinic/Travel Tryout Preparation – September and early October (separate registration required)

Winter Workouts

Designed for serious players to prepare for the spring and summer seasons

- Team based practices
- IBA senior level coaches will oversee

Schedules

- The Yard (Northbrook) – January 9th through March 19th (except a make-exception)
 - 11 Green – Wednesdays 7-8pm (Turf), and Thursdays 7-8pm (Cages)
 - ❖ Replace 2/23/22 with 3/23/22
 - 11 Blue – Wednesdays 6-7pm (Cages), and Thursdays 6-7pm (Turf)
 - 11 Gray – Wednesdays 6-7pm (Turf), and Thursdays 6-7pm (Cages)
 - ❖ Replace 2/23/22 with 3/23/22
 - 11 White – Thursdays 8-9pm (Turf), and Sundays 10-11am (Cages)
 - 12 Green – Wednesdays 8-9pm (Turf), and Sundays 7-8pm (Cages)
 - ❖ Superbowl Sunday will be at 12-1pm
 - 12 Blue – Thursdays 8-9pm (Turf), and Sundays 6-7pm (Cages)
 - ❖ Superbowl Sunday will be at 1-2pm
 - 12 Grey – Thursdays 7-8pm (Turf), and Saturdays 9-10am (Cages)

If the schedule above does not work for your player on certain weeks, they are welcome to join a workout at one of the other time slots (a couple players per time slot max – ping Trey at IBA to confirm changes).

Spring House League

Why house league?

- Bronco House is awesome, with separate A and B leagues to keep games challenging for all players
- Combined 11U and 12U teams – great relationships developed that will help kids beyond baseball
- Time to get into playing condition for summer travel
- Play with buddies from school to create lifetime memories
- Opportunity for parents to coach – not that many chances left.....please volunteer!!!

Schedule

- Evaluations – **Thursday February 23rd at The Yard in Northbrook – 6:30pm to 9:30pm**
 - **Last Names: A-G 6:30pm, H-M 7:15pm, N-S 8pm, T-Z 8:45pm**
- Two indoor practices per team at The Yard in March/April (coaches to draft dates/times)
- Games played all days, except House A limited on Sundays due to travel practices
- Season starts the first week of April and will conclude with the House A and B World Series before Memorial Day
- All Star Games will be on Memorial Day

Spring house league is required for all travel players – registration will open in November

Encourage non-travel players to register

Sunday Practices in Spring

Travel teams work with senior IBA instructors outdoors to prepare for the travel season

- Individual skills of hitting, fielding, throwing, and baseball IQ
- Team oriented skills
- Regular coaches participate if available
- Teams practice two hours for 5 consecutive Sundays leading up to the travel season
- Hitting first 45 minutes, individual defense next 45, and team defense the last 30

Schedule

- **Sundays April 16, 23, 30; May 7, 14**
 - **11 Green/Blue** – Elam Field – 2:30pm to 4:30pm
 - **11 Gray/White** – Elam Field – 4:30pm to 6:30pm
 - **12 Green** – Pony Field – 9:00am to 11:00am
 - **12 Blue/Gray** – Pony Field - 3:00pm to 5:00pm

Summer Travel Camp

Travel teams & coaches work with IBA in an intensive two-week camp

- Individual skills of hitting, fielding, throwing, and baseball IQ
- Team oriented skills
- Teams practice two hours each day for 10 consecutive weekdays

Schedule

- Every weekday the weeks of June 12th and 19th
 - 12 Green – Roemer from 9-11am
 - 12 Blue – Roemer from 11am-1pm
 - 12 Gray – Roemer from 1-3pm
 - 11 Green – Elam from 9-11am
 - 11 Blue – Elam from 11am-1pm
 - 11 Gray – Elam from 1-3pm
 - 11 White – Pomona from 9-11am

Summer Travel Season

All teams play in the Lake Shore Feeder Baseball League

- Visit lsfbl.com for rules, bat regulations (no change expected from 2021 season), field locations, and updates
- WBA has one vote on the LSFBL board – parent feedback welcome

Schedule

- ~18 game regular season will start late May or early June
- WBA board members work with reps from the other towns to schedule games
- We do our best to start games after house season and not have too many games in a row
- Local Tournaments for all 11U & 12U Teams
 - **KWBA Bulldog Tournament – Memorial Day weekend - Winnetka**
 - **Jim Christ Memorial – likely early July - Glenview**
- Cooperstown Trip – All 12U Teams (Green, Blue and Gray)
 - **Cooperstown DreamsPark – 6/27/22 through 7/3/22**
 - **Start booking accommodations now**
- LSFBL's single elimination playoffs end on 7/23/22 (hold 7/24/22 if championship games rained out)

The Fall Clinic

Designed for serious players to prepare for fall travel tryouts

- Goal is to develop sound fundamentals by performing drills properly and repeatedly
- First 30-45 minutes of each session focused on reps at basic skills
- Second part of each session focused on controlled scrimmages, with coaches helping players anticipate what to expect on the next play, and also review what happened on the prior play
- IBA senior level coaches to run
- Separate registration and fees

Schedule

- Weeks of September 4th through October 2nd (last day is October 5th)
 - All Bronco 11U Teams – Wednesdays 4:30-6pm – Roemer
 - All Bronco 12U Teams – Thursdays 4:30-6pm - Roemer
- Registration will open in summer

Parent Volunteers – We Have Open Slots

Team	Tournament	Volunteer	Volunteer
12U Green	DreamsPark	Open	Open
12U Blue	DreamsPark	Open	Open
12U Gray	DreamsPark	Open	Open
11U Green		Open	Open
11U Blue		Open	Open
11U Gray		Open	Open

WBA to order trading pins, towels, and banners, as well as hire umpires for Cooperstown

Need parents from all 12U teams to organize “The Binder” for each team going to Cooperstown. Parent volunteers must also update the player and coach rosters on the tournament websites, where all forms are also available.

Order your player’s **Original** birth certificate now. A copy is not accepted at DreamsPark.

Parent Volunteer Roles & Responsibilities

- Lead communicators with WBA & organizing out of town tournaments
- Two Parent Volunteer for each 12U team going to Cooperstown:
 - Communicate with DreamsPark to confirm team/player registration complete
 - Assemble the binder, register online, ensure all forms are completed
 - Communicate with coaches while in Cooperstown – logistics only, not baseball related
 - Coordinate commemorative bats or keepsake for players and coaches, pictures, etc
 - Coordinate team/family events (e.g., dinners, boat trip, Hall of Fame)
 - Coordinate pins and towels, and bring WBA banner
 - Opening Ceremony needs (coordinate timing, seats, banners)

Cooperstown Next Steps

- WBA Parent Meeting #1 November 7
- Volunteers identified and they reach out to their teams November
- Parents Start to Make Accommodation Arrangements November
- WBA Orders/Pays for Pins and Towels November
- WBA Orders/Pays for Umpires November
- WBA Parent Meeting #2 March/April
- WBA Orders Team Banners March/April
- Parents Purchase Baseball Pants May
- Touch Base with coaches regarding shared item needs End May/Beg June
- Binder Complete - birth certificates, health forms, etc. June 1
- Distribute Pins/Towels Week before the trip

Tournament Dates

- DreamsPark – 12 Green, 12 Blue & 12 Gray June 27 - July 3