

## Team Selection Guidelines

### Eagan Traveling Baseball

- 1) The Eagan Travel Baseball Board selects the number of teams by the number of player registrations, coaches, and available fields. To be eligible to play Eagan Traveling Baseball, a player will live within the designated boundaries determined by EAA, and be of a specific age by April 30. If a player desires to play with his grade level, this must be declared prior to tryouts. Players may not participate in tryouts for Eagan Traveling Baseball if they live within the boundaries determined by EAA and have participated in tryouts for another community's traveling baseball program in the same year calendar year.
- 2) The Eagan Travel Baseball Board determines the playing level of teams (AAA), (AA), (A) by the number of teams, the perceived player talent, and the tryout outcome with the goal of forming effective teams.
- 3) Evaluation of skills will consist of hitting and fielding at the Rosemount Dome. Players will be ranked according to their assessed tryout scores as apportioned by the weighted percentages described in the tryout guidelines. Missing all or a portion of the tryouts is strongly discouraged. However, if this is necessary, the tryout director must be notified a minimum of seven (7) days in advance. The player may make up one missed session of the hitting trials by being evaluated twice on the day he is available for hitting. Fielding may be made up by participating in tryouts with a different age group. Should these options not be possible, a player's scores from the immediate previous year may be utilized. If prior year's scores are used the director, in consultation with the database and tryout directors will apportion the final score according to the current year's weighted percentages if they are different than the prior years percentage weights. In no case will the current year ranking be higher than the ranking in the prior year. Also, lock status will not be allowed for a player using a prior year's score and any player who would lock under these procedures will be reduced in ranking so as to not have lock status.
- 4) After the completion of the skills portion of tryouts, cuts will be made if necessary.
- 5) It is our intent to place players on teams commensurate with their tryout placement. This is not an exact science but historically players have not been dramatically misplaced. Our intent is to group skill level as accurately as we can and assign players to teams as close to that level as possible in forming teams. It is our goal to form effective teams. Therefore the number of players in the(AAA) pool shall be determined by the number and level of the teams to be fielded at that age level. Traditionally ETB has most often fielded 3 teams at each age level 1 (AAA)and 2 (AA). With the advent of the (A) league and varying player numbers

- at age levels always considering 36 uniforms and the top 20 as the(AAA) pool is an insufficient measure. In cases where the numbers and splits of the levels vary from the norm the(AAA) pool will change as shown below. The 55% line is determined by the number of teams. Players scoring in the top 55% of players to be uniformed will be placed on a team. Players in the(AAA) pool who are not chosen for(AAA) will be placed on a (AA).team if one is available.
- 6)
    - a. One Team – 1(AAA)
      - i. All players in the top 16 by tryout scores shall be in the (AAA) pool
    - b. Two Teams – 1 (AAA), 1(AA)
      - i. The top 16 players by tryout scores shall be in the (AAA) pool
    - c. Three teams - 1 (AAA), 1 (AA), 1(A)
      - i. The top 16 players by tryout scores shall be in the (AAA) pool
    - d. Three or more teams - 1 (AAA), 2 (AA)
      - i. The top 20 players by tryout scores shall be in the (AAA) pool
    - e. Four Teams or WITH 2 (AAA)teams – 2 (AAA), x (AA), y (A)
      - i. The top 28 players by tryout scores shall be in the (AAA) pool
  - 7) It is the current policy of the Eagan Travel Baseball Board of Directors that a player may only be on the pool list for one age group.
  - 8) The top two players by tryout score in the (AAA) pool shall be automatic locks and will be assigned to an (AAA) team.
  - 9) Coaches shall be ranked by the board’s coach selection committee. It is the position of the Eagan Travel Baseball Board that the coach selection committee ranks the coaches and that in cases of parent coaches the coach follows the child. Therefore, for parent coaches, the (AAA) coach’s son must score in the (AAA) pool in the skills portion of tryouts in order to be considered the (AAA) coach.
  - 10) Any player that scores in the (AAA) pool by combined skills score shall be assigned to a team of (AA) or better. Any player that scores in the top 55% of those to be uniformed shall be assigned to a team.
  - 11) (AAA) coaches will be provided with a list and ranking of the players in the (AAA) pool and the two locks.
  - 12) No coach may tamper with or recruit players from the (AAA) pool prior to the selection of the (AAA) team by the (AAA) coach.
  - 13) (AAA) Coach will select the 2 designated locks, 6 out of the next 10 players and may select 4 out of the remaining players in the pool. The (AAA) coach may select 1 player that is not in the AAA pool to his team if there is a need for a

catcher or pitcher. In this case, one player in (AAA) pool drops into the (AA) pool.

- 14) The selection pools shall consist of the following:
  - (AAA) Players by tryout score as determined in Section 5
  - (AA) Remaining players  
(Remaining Players from (AAA) pool must be selected)
  - (A) Remaining players not selected on (AA) teams  
Players scoring in the top 55% of those to be uniformed must be selected on a (A) team or better.
- 15) (AA) Teams will be selected by alternating selections by each (AA) coach. The highest rated (AA) coach will have the option of making the first selection or passing the selection in favor of making the second and third selections in that order. Once the highest ranked (AA) coach exercises one of the options, coaches will alternate selections choosing one player at a time. In the case of multiple (A) teams the same process will be followed.
- 16) A player that elects not to play on the (AAA) team must declare this fact prior to the start of tryouts. If this player scores in the AAA pool he will automatically become #1 in AA pool. Therefore the player who was 1<sup>st</sup> in the AA pool by score will become last in (AAA) pool.
- 17) All team selections must be complete by the day designated by the Director of Eagan Traveling Baseball.
- 18) The Director of Travel Baseball shall make interpretations and clarifications of these rules when necessary.