

2026 JAYBAL

11 and 12-Year-Old Eagles Travel Teams

If registration numbers allow, JAYBAL plans to offer competitive travel baseball teams at the 11 and 12-year-old level. Team practice will begin in April, games in May. The season will conclude with the state tournament or equivalent type end of year tournament. The season will end no later than August 2nd.

Age Breakdown

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Players born between May 1st and July 31st have the opportunity to play with their grade level. This is a slight deviation from the age chart where the normal age cutoffs are 5/1/XX - 4/30/XX. This policy will allow for those players that are young for their school grade to petition the board to play with their classmates.

11 and 12-Year-Old Eagles Teams

Our 11- and 12-year-old Eagles focus on continued skill development, confidence, and learning how to be a good teammate in a competitive environment. Coaches emphasize fundamentals, teamwork, and effort while helping players develop at an appropriate pace. Playing time will vary based on skill, effort, attendance, behavior and team needs, but our goal is to provide meaningful development opportunities for all players. A consistent commitment to practice and games helps ensure the best experience for both the individual and the team.

Tryouts

If needed, JAYBAL will host tryouts for the 11 and 12-year-old teams. Players must have registration deadline of January 31st to participate in the tryout. Players who do not make the travel team will be refunded the registration fee. JAYBAL currently does not offer a non-travel ball option for the 11–12-year-old age group.

Practice and Game Schedule

Players are expected to attend practices, as playing time will depend on attendance.

- Before Summer Break: Plan for 2-3 evening practices per week.
- During Summer: Plan for up to 3-4 practices per week. The practice time is TBD depending on the coaches' and field availability.
- 11 and 12-Year-Old Eagles teams will typically play 35–40 games. This includes participation in 5–6 weekend tournaments and weekday doubleheaders (home and away). No games will be scheduled for the weekend of July 4th.

Note:

Due to a ND State Level Cal Ripken policy change, Jamestown's 11 and 12-year-old teams are now required to play at the AAA level. In past years, most JAYBAL teams at these ages competed at the lower AA level, which we believe has been the best competitive fit for our players. Because of this change, the JAYBAL Board is reviewing end-of-season tournament options, including the possibility of an alternative tournament instead of the ND Cal Ripken State Tournament.

Questions:

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