# 9 and 10-Year-Old Eagles Travel Teams

JAYBAL will offer travel baseball teams for 9 and 10-year-olds. These teams will compete in the North Dakota Cal Ripken AA division. Practices will begin in mid-April to early May, depending on spring weather. The season will conclude with the state tournament held the weekend of July 30th-August 1st. If your player may be interested in continuing baseball beyond age 10, JAYBAL highly encourages starting travel baseball at age 9.

## Age Breakdown

9YO | May 1, 2015 – April 30, 2016 10YO | May 1, 2014 – April 30, 2015 Players born between May 1st and July 31st have the opportunity to play with their grade level. This is a slight deviation from Babe Ruth baseball where the normal age cutoffs are 5/1/XX - 4/30/XX. This policy will allow for those kids that are young for their grade to petition the board.

## **Tryouts**

If we have more than 15 players registered for each team JAYBAL will host tryouts for the 9 and 10-Year-Old Eagles teams in March. Players must be registered by February 15th to participate in the tryout. Players who do not make the travel team will be refunded the travel ball fee, and will have the opportunity to register for JAYBAL's 9-10 Year Old non-travel Minor League.

#### **Practice**

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

- **Before Summer Break:** Plan for 2 evening practices per week.
- **During Summer:** Plan for about 3 practices per week, Please note that practice may be held during the day, to accommodate the coach's schedule and practice field availability.

#### **Game Schedule**

The 9 and 10-Year-Old Eagles teams will typically play about 35 games. This includes participation in 5-6 weekend tournaments and weekday doubleheaders. (*Double headers are 2 games on the same day*) No games will be scheduled during the first weekend of July.

## **Coaching Opportunities**

If you are interested in helping coaching please contact: Michael Smith 📞 (701) 320-9027

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May 9-11	Fargo Invite
June 6-8	Buffalo City Bash Jamestown
June 27-29	Badlands Battle Dickinson
July 11-13	Ben Berg Memorial Bismarck
July 30-3	9U State Tournament Wahpeton   10U State Tournament West Fargo