



BYB Travel Onboarding Summit

Coaches Review
December 6th, 2025



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Umpires

Booking

Hotline

Where is the umpire

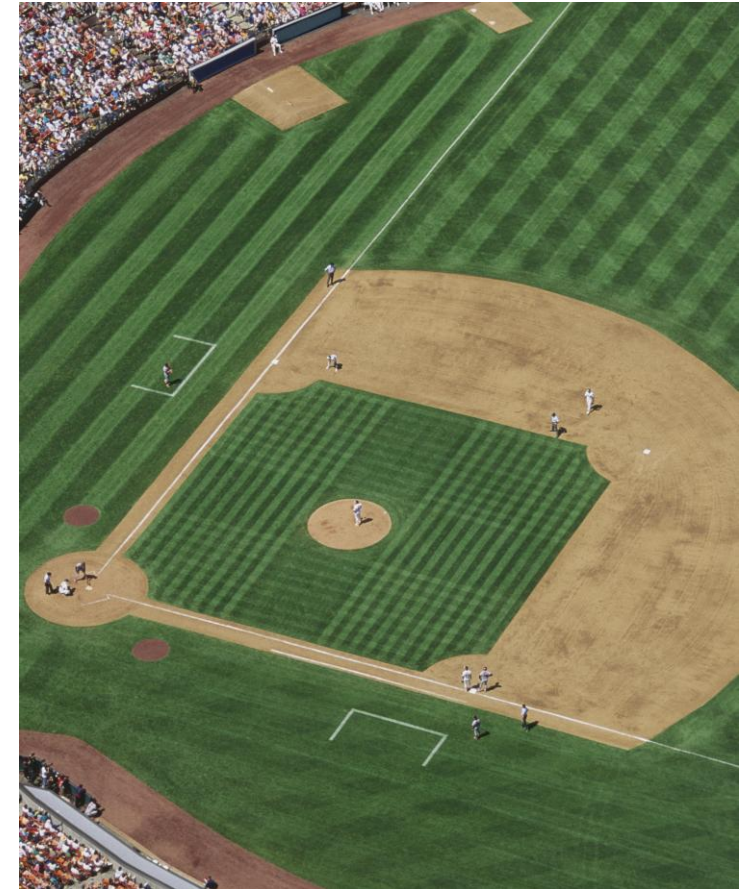
Feedback

Cancelling

How to talk to umpires

How to discuss calls

Practice bad calls with your team





Code of Conduct

Ejections, offense, or filed complaints.

- 1st offense- 2 games
- 2nd offense- 3-weeks (possible loss of coaching)
- 3rd offense- Loss of coaching (may reconsider the following year)

Offenses include but are not limited to:

- Examples may include:
- Offensive language
- Under the influence of drugs or alcohol
- Bullying

Head Coach is also responsible for Assistant Coach's and Parent's behavior at games.
Bataviabaseball.com > Resources > Forms



Winter Training Program

12 Week Rotation

- 4 weeks of training
- Evaluation week 5
- 6-8 adjustments
- 9-12 live at bats

Evaluations

- OnForm Video Swing/pitching evaluations
- Rapsodo Data evaluations
- Accounts needed for both

S&C and Catchers

- Different plan for 9u-11u & 12u-14u
- Limit 20 S&C 16 Catchers

Must login to see training plan at Bataviabaseball.com > Resources > Travel > 2026 Winter Training Program



Winter Training Program

- Strength and Conditioning and Catchers clinic will be released weekly on Sunday Mornings
- Waiting list gets first choice the following week
- Booking will be available at Bataviabaseball.com/travel NEED THIS SET UP
- Winter Training Runs 12 weeks 1/5/26 – 3/29/26
- Players show up 10 minutes early to warm-up – Warmups will be provided
- Always bring other shoes (shoes worn outside are not allowed on the turf)
- Always wear Baseball Pants, Hat and Batavia baseball shirt
- Need 2 coaches to run sessions
- When sessions finish and the team is talking, the next team should come onto the turf without disturbing discussion (this will help the flow of training).



Maintaining Fields

	Before Game	After Game
Arrival/Departure	Unlock storage, inspect for hazards	Lock Storage, Clean garbage, sweep and empty dugout
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Booking Fields



Confirm

Always confirm
availability (BYB
Schedule is Public)

Send

Reach out to Brian
Houdek
(708) 983-4055

Confirm

Confirm BYB site
and crossbar
match



Team Finances



Any team expenses can be paid by BYB (bags, hoodies, helmets, extra tournaments, subscriptions)



Fundraising and sponsorships back to BYB to pay for it

Sponsors need to be related to the team



If you raise under your target, March travel installment goes up. If you raise over your target, March travel installment goes down.

Only available for expenses that are distributed to the entire team





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<https://www.mlb.com/pitch-smart>



To Do's

- Get fingerprinted TODAY (general code is being deleted)
 - Available tomorrow 12:30 - 2
- Share team photos Travel > Team Photos
- Horizon Web Access
- Complete your coach application
- Revisit coach checklist
- Set up teams in Rapsodo and Onform in the coming weeks

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The background features several abstract geometric shapes: a large orange semi-circle on the right, a purple circle in the upper left, a green L-shaped line, a blue dashed line, and a green square outline. In the top left, there are two vertical blue dashed lines. In the top right, there is a blue circle and a black icon of an adult and child walking.

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Parent and Player Review

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Umpires

-  The Perfect Season
-  Part of the game
-  You can only damage
-  Know the rules



24-hour rule



Wait 24 hours

- Do not discuss issues with coach after the game
- Calmer heads prevail



Write it down

- Start an email and don't send it
- Make a note for a conversation



Rewrite and reach out

- Revisit your email or note
- Make sure it is productive and not personal
- Do right by the team, not just your player



Issue Escalation

Start with
Coach

Report the
issue

Contact
travel rep



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What to Expect of Regular Season

Season runs 4/1/26 – 6/30/26 (Playoffs until 7/12/26)

Minimum of 16 League games + playoffs

Teams are separated into divisions based on skill level: A, AA, AAA, Elite

16 teams get into the playoffs in each division

5 or more tournaments, 3 – 4 game guarantee + bracket play

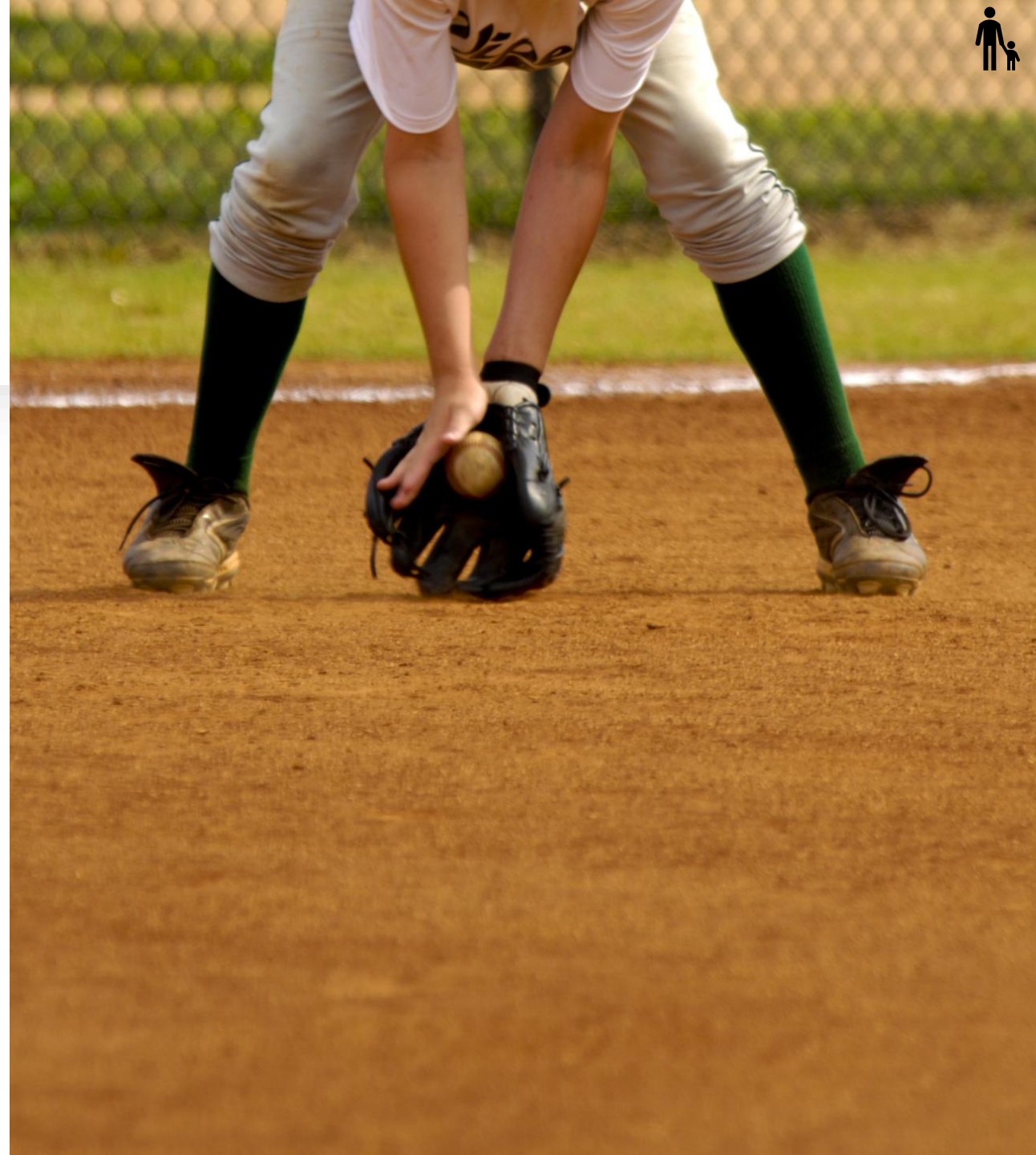
Minimum 28 games, should be less than 50

Most league games will occur during the week



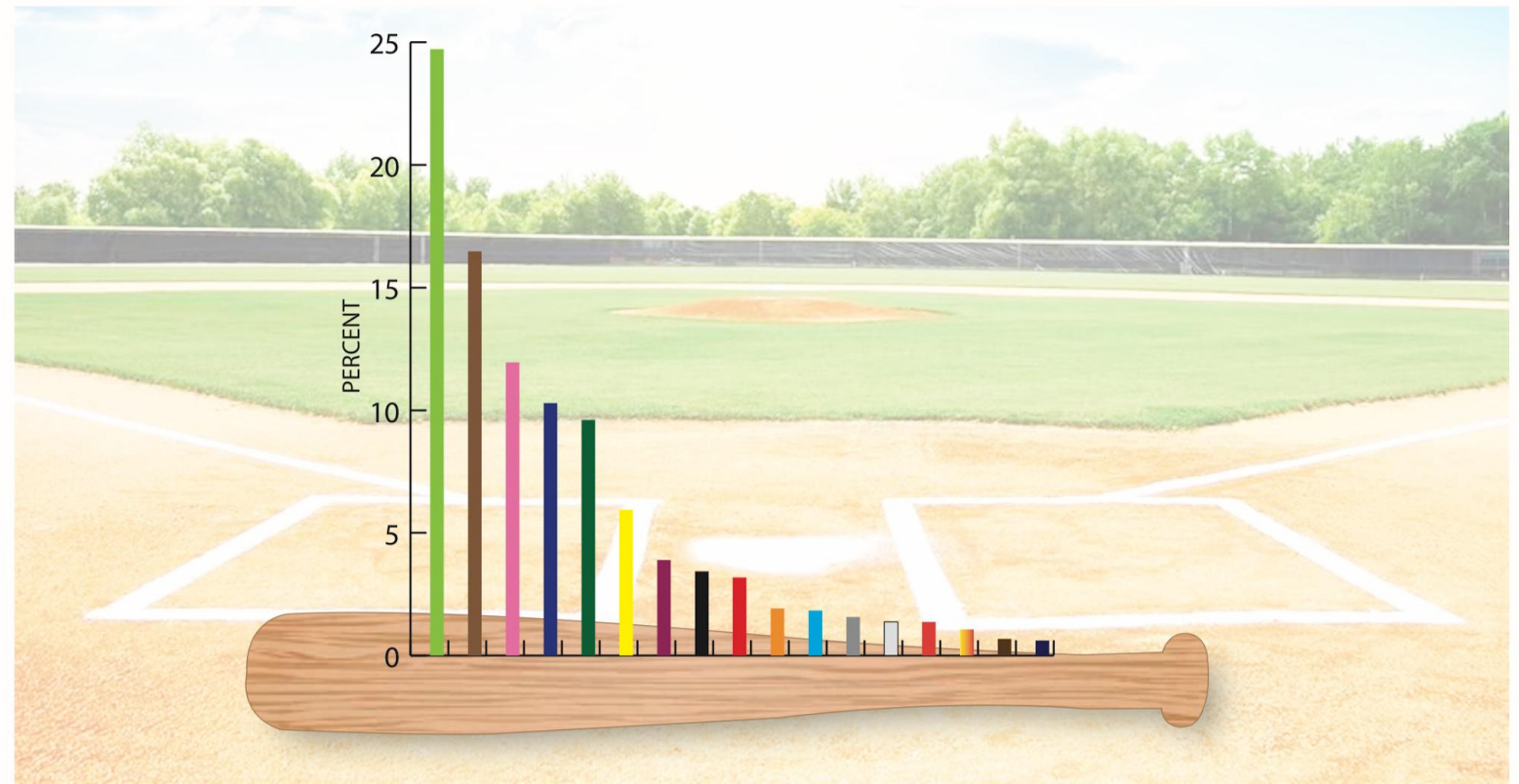
What to Expect of Tournaments

- Tournaments typically consist of 2-3 pool play games
- Teams are seeded and then go to bracket play
- Rules change! (know tournament rules)
- 4 local or away tournaments and a home tournament
- Additional tournaments on an individual team basis
- Home tournament is all volunteer based
 - Team tournament administrator will likely create a sign up genius





Show me the money



Dog Pound Overhead.....	24.72%
Uniform Costs.....	16.48%
Winter Training.....	11.96%
Tournament Fees.....	10.30%
Field maintenance	9.61%
General Admin Costs	5.95%
Umpires.....	3.89%
Equipment and safety	3.43%
Credit card fees	3.18%
(registration, camp/clinic and tournament fees)	

Fields for the Future.....	1.92%
League fees.....	1.83%
Pitch Clinic Training	1.57%
PD Tournament Cost	1.37%
Park District Fee	1.37%
Catchers Clinic Training.....	1.06%
Try Out Fees.....	0.68%
Strangth & Conditioning Training	0.61%



Financial Breakdown

Expense	Amount
Dawg Pound overhead	\$400
Uniforms	\$270
Winter Training	\$190
Tournaments	\$160
Fields	\$160
Other (Equipment, ccard, umps, league, PD fee)	\$415





How to use GameChanger (Ask Coach)



Communication

Team chat for updates, stay positive, ALL can see

Individual (more personal):
Separate chat, Text or Group Me



Scheduling

RSVP all events, Especially declining events (Coaches look)

GC is always the source of truth

Calendar sync works very well



Scoring/Stats

Great for live updates

Easy to lookup opponents for league play, tournaments or friends and family

NEVER COMPARE to teammates, stats (especially errors) vary wildly based on scorekeeper

Monitoring stats may show individual trends



Streaming

Great for Gramma, but she'll hear everything.

Easy player clips, but May require subscription or community pass



How to use the BYB site

Book S&C and Catchers clinic

Team page, contacts > Link to
GameChanger live stream

Coaches corner & Travel resources

Schedule is public (only reflects
field reservations)



Resources

WSBL Site

- Schedule, Standings and Rules

Tourney Machine

- Tournament Schedule, Results and Standing, Rules, Brackets (not all tournaments)

Matheny Manifesto

- How parents should act

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FAQs

How much playing time should I expect this season?

How do you decide batting order and positions for the players?

What if we're going to miss winter training, practice or games?

Should I do private lessons in addition?

Are all tournament expenses included?