

HYAA Baseball Tryout Process

This document describes the HYAA Travel Baseball Tryout Process. It is subject to change by HYAA Baseball Commissioners without notice.

There are 1 to 2 tryouts per age group, typically starting at 7u or 8u through 12u. A player must attend at least one tryout, unless there is a previously documented injury that prevents a player from trying out, in which case alternate arrangements must be made in advance. If two tryouts are held, attendance at both tryouts is strongly encouraged, and may be factored into the selection of the team.

The tryouts are conducted by an independent evaluator. Coaches and commissioners are not involved in rating players. Sprint times are typically informational, but may be factored into rankings at the commissioners discretion.

Each team is typically composed of 12 players, though the roster size may be adjusted at the discretion of HYAA Baseball Commissioners. The top 8 players in the objective ratings are selected to be on the team. A returning coach has the option to pick 4 players as long as they are rated among the top 16 players. If a returning coach's child is rated 9-12, the players who are rated above him must be selected, and the coach's picks are reduced accordingly. If there is no returning coach, the top 12 players are selected for the team. A coach may add a 13th player of his choosing if it does not significantly impact the roster size of another team, subject to approval by the commissioners.

A player can only play on the 12u A team one year, unless there is a shortage of Holmdel players for the roster.

Players may try out for their age group, or if they are young for their grade, they may try out to play up one age group, as shown in the table below. Decisions to play up must be approved by the HYAA commissioners. Players who try out to play up and make a younger A team and an older B team are placed on the younger A team.

Table 1

Player Grade	Player Age	May tryout for
6th	11u	12u
5th	10u	11u
4th	9u	10u
3rd	8u	9u
2nd	7u	8u

HYAA Baseball commissioners retain the option of making changes to team size and roster composition if they deem it in the best interest of the organization (for instance, to balance rosters to enable HYAA to field a team in an age group that would not otherwise have enough players).

In accordance with HYAA general rules, if a Holmdel youth is a safety risk, they may not be allowed to play. HYAA Baseball will rely on the independent evaluator to identify children who are safety risks.

In case of a roster shortage, additional players may be added who have not tried out. The first priority is interested Holmdel players, if available. If no Holmdel players are available to complete a roster, out of town players may be added at the commissioners' discretion, as long as in compliance with HYAA general rules on out of town players. Holmdel players will not be cut in favor of out of town players,

unless the Holmdel player is a safety risk, or has been deemed ineligible due to disciplinary or participation issues.

If a player declines a position on an A or B team for which he has been selected, he may be deemed ineligible for future teams, at the baseball commissioners discretion.