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### **INTRODUCTION**

The intent of having the Select Teams is to provide house league players with opportunity to play at a higher competition level than the house league season may provide as well as provide opportunities to play with new friends, travel to other organizations and provide a longer season than the house league season.

The Baseball and Softball Programs shall intend to field teams in all divisions that meet the following criteria;

- a. Is there interest from enough players?
- b. Is there a qualified and acceptable adult willing to manage/ coach?
- c. Are there appropriate opponents to play against?

### **Select Team Divisions;** (ages as of January 1<sup>st</sup>)

TC intends to field Select teams in every age group that we can on an annual basis.

Jr. T-Ball	5 year olds
Sr. T-Ball	6 year olds
Rookie Baseball	7, 8 year olds
Mosquito Baseball	9, 10 year olds
PeeWee Baseball	11, 12 year olds
Bantam Baseball	13, 14 year olds
Midget Baseball	15, 16 year olds
Mite Softball	7, 8, 9, 10 year olds
Squirt Softball	11, 12 year olds
Novice Softball	13, 14 year olds
Bantam Softball	15, 16 year olds

### **Coach/ Manager Selection:**

Typically, in the February time frame, a post goes out on the web and through email blast asking for volunteers to apply for the Manager/ Coach position of the select teams in all divisions. Applications are reviewed by the board and interviews are set up as required in each division. Successful candidates are notified so that they may begin to prepare for tryouts and scout for tournaments.

Coaching staff should not be chosen ahead of tryouts so that fair and equitable evaluations can be held during tryouts.

All coaches will be required to meet appropriate coaching credentials and provide valid police clearances.



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### Budget/ Costs:

Each team is designed to operate on a “zero budget” basis. What that means is, each team will be responsible for the organization fees as a team and then from that point on, the costs are subject to team direction with board approval.

Select Team Organization fee:	\$150.00	This fee is for grounds maintenance.
Select Team Insurance:	N/A	The organization fee includes this cost.
Team Specific Fees:	see below	

**Note: Typically to reduce team costs, the players re-use their house league pants, and hats. Managers will be requested to develop a budget with their teams and submit for review to the TC board.**

- Team Jerseys	\$ see team budget	Colours and designs required board approval
- Misc. Equipment	\$ see team budget	more baseballs, new bat, misc. etc.
- Tournament Fees	\$ see team budget	how many tournaments? Where?
- OBA Championship Fees	\$ see team budget	need to qualify for provincials.

### Tryouts:

Each season TC will schedule open invite tryouts in each division where there is a manager chosen to field a Select Team. The tryouts will be scheduled for mid to end of May typically (weather dependent).

Tryouts will be conducted over a week or two in which 3 tryouts (min) will be planned. Players will be required to attend a min. of 2 tryouts to be considered.

TC will encourage and plan for unbiased/ non-partial evaluators who will not have connections to each team in order to assist with fair evaluations. TC has standard criteria that each evaluator will use for the purposes of evaluating players in each division.

### Season Schedule:

Each season TC reviews the newly created diamond availability to identify the diamond times available around the house league, and travel schedules that will be reserved for Select teams.

Each team is intended to have at least one diamond time per week from mid-May through August. This is in addition to their regular house league time.

Teams are encouraged to request batting cage time and keep an eye on the “Diamond Availability” on the website should there be a desire for more practice or game time.

Select team activities MUST NOT interfere or negatively impact with regular house league operations. If conflicts arise or persist, TC reserves the right to cancel the Select team in any or all divisions.

Any and all games/ tournaments will be the responsibility of the manager to arrange. Each team will be responsible for the coordination and communication of their commitments with the parents, and the TC board.



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### **Management:**

Team Managers will be expected to participate in the tryouts. Managers will be encouraged to stay as unbiased as possible and discuss evaluations with the other evaluators as fairly as possible. Managers may need to justify some player choices to the board if there are disputes.

Managers are expected to attend any manager meetings requested by the TC board.

Managers are expected to hold a parents meeting with each of their teams and review, discuss issues of interest; budget, tournaments, travel to and from locations, etc. Managers should keep themselves available as the point of contact for their team communication and for board communication.

Managers are expected to be responsible for all of their teams staff and players at all times. Managers should be aware that they are representing TC and should be respectful of that responsibility by conducting themselves in a professional manner.

Managers are responsible for providing a great environment for players and parent to enjoy this game and want to return to TC year after year.

### ***CONCLUSION***

With the intent of having the Select Teams being to provide house league players with opportunity to play at a higher competition level than the house league season and to grow skills and abilities, TC wants to remind players and parents that the core of TC is built in the house league system. The priority of Tc will be to maintain the strength of the house league program and find new ways to promote higher levels of play in conjunction with the social aspect of the family oriented park atmosphere.