



West Side Little League Travel Team Coaches Policy

The growth of travel baseball across America has become prolific. WSLI is not isolated from the impact of this growth and, therefore, like other Little Leagues, we have instituted a Travel Team Policy that we hope will encourage our WSLI Managers, Coaches, Parents and Players to remain appropriately committed to West Side Little League's primary Spring/Summer season.

Little League All Star Teams are not Travel Teams. Little League All Star Teams are assembled for the specific purpose of playing for and representing WSLI in the Little League International District, State, Region and International Tournaments held from late June through August each year. Travel Teams (formed by individuals, Coaches or Managers from within WSLI league boundaries or by outside, unaffiliated companies) are not associated with WSLI or Little League International. Travel Teams as defined under this policy exclude school baseball teams.

Little League International Rules, Regulations and Policies have been formulated over more than seven decades to ensure a safe, fun and healthy environment for children. WSLI follows these rules and as a part of Little League International, we also need to abide by its general and specific rules on Travel and Tournament play. For further information on the Little League International policy on Travel Teams, please see this reference:

<http://www.littleleague.org/learn/rules/positionstatements/TravelTeams.htm>.

WSLI neither advocates nor discourages extending play beyond our normal programs; however, we do ask that Travel Teams continue to support WSLI programs. Therefore, anyone wishing to become a WSLI Coach or Manager must pledge that he will follow WSLI and Little League International Policies and Procedures regarding independent Travel Teams, and must pledge that he will not simultaneously Coach or Manage a WSLI Team and a Travel Team during our normal Spring/Summer season, as defined below. Stated simply, "dual coaching and/or managing" of a WSLI Team and a Travel Team is not permitted during our normal Spring/Summer season. Travel Teams will also be responsible and accountable for properly maintaining and caring for WSLI equipment, materials and fields. Travel Teams must first receive approval to use the fields, materials and equipment from the WSLI Executive Board. Any Coach or Manager who fails to honor this pledge will have his involvement with WSLI terminated.

ALL CURRENT BOARD MEMBERS, MANAGERS, COACHES AND VOLUNTEERS MUST HONOR THIS PLEDGE.

The WSLI Spring/Summer season begins the day of our first scheduled WSLI game and concludes with the last WSLI Playoff game in June.