



# HIGHLANDS TRAVEL BASEBALL

ALLENDALE HOHOKUS SADDLE RIVER UPPER SADDLE RIVER

In Cooperation with USR Recreation Commission

## 2020 8U-14U Registration Open

**\*\*\* 12U Deadline: October 16<sup>th</sup> \*\*\***

**8U-11U & 13U-14U Deadline: November 15<sup>th</sup>**

**Tryout Dates: TBD**

**12U:** 2 dates\*, tentatively **10/19 3:30-5:00 & 10/27 2:00-3:30** (Hess Majors)

**8U-11U & 13U-14U:** tentatively early December

\* attendance at both encouraged; details forthcoming on website and email

As in past, tryouts will be conducted by independent evaluators.

**Note:** HTB is no longer offering a Spring or Summer Only option.

Please see important information on the Registration Link including updated information on 11U to 12U transition and general commitment expectations.

**[Age Eligibility Chart](#)**

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(or visit [www.highlandstravelbaseball.com](http://www.highlandstravelbaseball.com))

*Those who register after the respective deadline (in advance of the tryouts) will be assessed a \$50 late fee. Registration fees are refunded for those who do not join a team, less \$25 tryout fee for those who decline.*

This Highlands Travel Baseball registration covers 7U-14U in 2020. (A likely future registration will cover HTB H.S. Summer Baseball.) Please see an [age chart](#) as needed.

**Player Commitment:**

*Travel baseball is in addition to recreational baseball (required) and is intended for the player that wants to further develop their skills in a more competitive environment. Attendance and a strong*

commitment to the travel team during BOTH the spring and summer seasons is expected in order to participate. Please keep this in mind when registering. Poor commitment will impact future eligibility.

### **11U/12U:**

12U is a signature year for youth travel baseball, often with a trip to an extended tournament (Cooperstown, etc). As we ask commitment from our players, HTB attempts to return the commitment – **in order to be priority-eligible for any 12U team, participation at 11U is a prerequisite.** Extenuating circumstances will be considered by the Board.

### **8U-14U Programs:**

As highlighted elsewhere, the 8U-14U Highlands Travel Baseball programs include Winter training (\*see note below), the Spring and Summer seasons and one tournament. Winter training for the 8U-11U ages will be a multi-session age-specific program at Teel's in Wyckoff likely beginning in late February, potentially followed by a few indoor team sessions. Winter training for the 12U-14U ages will be tailored at the respective coach's discretion. The Spring season is primarily in April and May, with roughly one game and one practice a week (~7-8 games), concluding with playoffs for teams that qualify. A weekend tournament, often Memorial Day weekend, will also likely be part of the Spring season. The Summer season runs June and July, with 2-3 games a week (~14 games) and typically one practice, and also concludes with playoffs for teams that qualify. Days of the week for games/practice are impossible to specify at this time other than to say Spring season games are typically on Sundays (subject to raindates or other conflicts). Uniforms are included for all participants. An HTB helmet is mandatory but players can use their previous helmet if it is in good condition – we have reduced fees accordingly. Helmets are available for those that need them.

\*In the event a team does not have adequate volunteers, the funds for that team's Winter training will be utilized to provide in-season paid coaching. Winter training will then be available at an added cost.

### **7U Program** (details in 2020):

The 7U Highlands Travel Baseball program will largely consist of a Spring practice schedule and a Summer game season. The expectation is to have the team participate in the NEBAS baseball league, unlike the other age groups who traditionally participate in NJSBL, and enter the 7U/8U Coach Pitch division. This division only exists in the Summer and is in contrast to the 8U Kids Pitch division. Last year's template was 2 games a week for 5 weeks (10 games), running mid-June to mid-July. Most of the practices will occur in May and early June, 1-2x a week, with a prospect of some additional hired training scattered in. "Tryouts" are anticipated for late April/early May and are mostly designed to help ensure safety of the kids and equally divide teams. Uniforms and helmets are included for all participants.

Formed in 2017, Highlands Travel Baseball encompasses all 4 towns comprising Northern Highlands Regional High School – Allendale, HoHoKus, Saddle River and Upper Saddle River.

We encourage parents to volunteer as a coach, assistant coach, team parent and helping with the field maintenance. Donations are welcome - we are a 501c3 nonprofit organization.

Stay tuned for more information or visit us at

[www.HighlandsTravelBaseball.com](http://www.HighlandsTravelBaseball.com)

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