

2027 BBC Travel Baseball Tryouts

*****Carefully read all the below information prior to registering your child for 2027 Travel Baseball Tryouts*****

2027 Branchburg Baseball Club Travel Tryout Schedule			
<u>DATES</u>	<u>TIME</u>	<u>AGE GROUP</u>	<u>LOCATION</u>

DATES AND TIMES FOR 2027 TRYOUTS HAVE NOT BEEN FINALIZED.

EXPECT TRYOUTS TO BE HELD ON WEEKNIGHTS STARTING IN MID-SEPTEMBER.

TRYOUT SCHEDULE WILL BE FINALIZED BY EARLY SEPTEMBER.

Location:

White Oak Park, 235 Baird Road, Branchburg, NJ 08876

Field: #1

BBC TRYOUT ELIGIBILITY CRITERIA

Eligibility Overview

All players must meet the age requirements outlined in the Age Group Chart below to participate in tryouts. Players who meet the age requirement for their designated age group are automatically eligible to try out for that group. Additionally, players may be eligible to try out for the age group above their current age group if they meet the grade level requirement for that higher age group.

2027 Age Chart			
Your child's playing age is their age on April 30, 2027			
Age Eligibility Chart			
Age Group	Earliest Birth Date	Latest Birth Date	Grade
7U	May 1, 2019	April 30, 2020	1st
8U	May 1, 2018	April 30, 2019	2nd
9U	May 1, 2017	April 30, 2018	3rd
10U	May 1, 2016	April 30, 2017	4th
11U	May 1, 2015	April 30, 2016	5th
12U	May 1, 2014	April 30, 2015	6th

Eligibility Exception & Advancement Rule

Automatic Eligibility

Players who meet the age requirement for their designated age group are automatically eligible to try out for that age group.

Advancement to Higher Age Group (new for the 2027 travel baseball season)

Players may also try out for the age group above if they meet the grade level requirement for that higher age group, regardless of whether they are at the minimum age for that group.

Example 1:

Player A is 11 years old with a 7/17/15 birth date and is going into 6th grade (young for his grade level). According to the Age Group Chart, this player meets the age requirement for 11U tryouts. Since Player A is in 6th grade, he also meets the grade level requirement for 12U. Therefore, Player A is eligible to try out for both 11U and 12U. To be considered for either team, he must attend BOTH tryout sessions.

Example 2:

Player B is 9 years old with a 9/10/16 birth date and is going into 4th grade. According to the Age Group Chart, this player ONLY meets the age/grade level requirements for the 10U tryout. He is not permitted to attend a tryout session for any other age group.

Attendance Requirement

Mandatory Attendance for Multiple Age Groups

To be considered for a team in each age group for which a player is eligible, the player must attend the complete tryout session for that age group. Attendance at all relevant tryout sessions is required for full evaluation and team placement consideration.

Additional Notes

- Roster placements will be determined by tryout evaluations and the use of data from the prior travel season (except 7u).
- For questions regarding eligibility or tryout logistics, contact the BBC Travel Director (Nick Antivachis: nikosantivachis@gmail.com)
- Tryout dates and locations will be posted on the BBC website: <https://branchburgbaseball.com/>
- 6U eligible players are permitted to try out for 7U assuming roster spot availability.

Tryout Information

Information Regarding BBC Travel Baseball

- The primary function and top priority of the BBC is to provide a recreational baseball league for the children of Branchburg and its surrounding areas. The BBC travel baseball program is an off- shoot of our recreational baseball program and provides the opportunity for our BBC rec baseball players to participate on more advanced and competitive teams.
- **TRAVEL BASEBALL PLAYERS ARE REQUIRED TO PLAY IN THE BBC SPRING REC LEAGUE.**
 - All players in the 7U through 12U age groups who are selected to play on a 2027 BBC travel baseball team will play in the BBC spring rec baseball league.
- The expectation is that all players, managers and coaches who are selected to participate in travel baseball will make a **FULL COMMITMENT** to their travel teams for the **ENTIRE SEASON**.
- Players can expect to participate in winter training, team practices and travel leagues and tournaments during the spring, summer and fall.
- The amount of off-season training and the number of practices and games played during the travel baseball season is dependent on the plans of each individual travel manager, not the BBC Board.

Tryout Details

- Tryouts are open to all players that fall within the ages outlined above.
- Online registration is required to guarantee a player's spot in the tryout. Proceed to the BBC website at www.branchburgbaseball.com.
- Players who intend to tryout are required to register in advance. Walk up registrants will not be accepted.
- Tryouts are open to all children who reside in Branchburg and Somerville only.
- Players must attend the tryout for their specific age group so that they can fairly be evaluated against their peers.
- All players must bring their own equipment to the tryout. Players that want to tryout at the catcher position must bring their own gear. The BBC will not have catchers gear available at the tryout.
- All players attending a BBC tryout are asked to dress for baseball – hat, t-shirt, baseball pants, socks. **DO NOT WEAR BBC UNIFORMS FROM PAST TRAVEL SEASONS.** Players who arrive at the tryout in a BBC uniform will be asked to change into something else prior to being allowed to proceed to the tryout field.
- Plan to arrive 30 minutes before the tryout start time to check-in and warm up. A check-in desk will be located near the snack shack. After check-in, players will be directed by BBC personnel to field WOP1 for the tryout.
- **PARENTS WILL NOT BE PERMITTED TO ATTEND OR VIEW THE TRYOUTS.**
 - Parents are asked to return promptly for player pick-up when the tryout ends.
 - Each tryout is expected to last for 2 hours.

- **THERE WILL BE NO MAKE-UP SESSIONS FOR TRAVEL TRYOUTS.**
 - To be fair to all players participating in tryouts, players need to be evaluated against the peers in their age group.
 - Please adjust your schedules accordingly to ensure your child's attendance at the tryout for their age group.
 - A rain date will be provided for tryouts that are cancelled due to poor weather.
- The BBC reserves the right to reschedule, cancel or combine age groups for tryouts based on the number of registrants in each age group.

Travel Team Formation

- The BBC will make every effort to complete team formation as quickly as possible after tryouts are complete. Tryout results for all teams will not be announced until after all 2026 fall travel seasons are complete in early November.
- Players will be notified via the BBC website, email and phone if invited to have a roster spot.
- **MAKE A NOTE OF YOUR PLAYER'S TRYOUT NUMBER.**
 - Results will be posted on the BBC website by player tryout number. No names will be posted.
- Travel managers for all 2027 teams will be announced simultaneously with the posting of travel teams. Team managers will not be announced prior to teams being announced.
- If a player is selected to play on a travel team, the player will need to register to play travel baseball and pay the applicable fee for the team that the player is invited to play on. Fees for the 2027 travel baseball season have not been determined and will be communicated out to all travel players once finalized.
- Players accepting invites to play on a BBC travel team are allowed to participate on one travel baseball team. If a player decides to play on a team from an outside organization simultaneously with a BBC travel team, that player will be dismissed from the BBC team.
- Additional team costs to pay for leagues, tournaments, winter training and uniforms will be presented by each team manager after team formation is complete.
- All team information will be covered by the appointed Manager at a parent / players meeting to be held after team formation is complete.
- Blue teams
 - Blue travel teams **MAY** be formed once all gold team rosters have been confirmed.
 - Blue team formation is contingent on the number of players that tryout and not invited to play on Gold teams, as well as the availability of a volunteer to manage the team.
 - The BBC does not guarantee that Blue teams will be formed in each age group.
 - The BBC reserves the right to combine age groups in order to have enough players to complete formation of a Blue team.