

MIDDLEBURG HEIGHTS RECREATION DEPARTMENT

... TRAVEL TEAM POLICY ...

The goal of the Middleburg Hts. Recreation Department is to offer residents who feel they have the skills to compete on a higher level and are willing to commit an opportunity to compete on a travel team against other cities in established leagues.

Due to the population of Middleburg Hts. and the fact we have limited facilities to offer our recreational and returning travel teams, our goal is to offer only one travel team per age group in any sport. Only if enough interest is shown for more than one team will we look into entering a second team in the same program.

IF the Athletic Director determines there are enough residents for a second team in the same age group, and IF the A.D. feels there are sufficient practice and game facilities available the A.D. may decide to look at a second team if the following conditions are met:

- The Recreation Department will interview and select the Head Coach
- At least one-half the final roster must be residents
- The new team may NOT sign players from the original team without the Coach's written permission
- The new team must understand that practices and games may be at any available field - original team facilities will not be moved or changed due to a new team entering the program.

The policy specifics on travel team formation will be as follows:

- The Recreation Department will advertise for open tryouts for teams - Tryouts will be conducted and players selected by the Head Coach - NO group of players may enter as a complete team without tryouts and NO Coach may deny open tryouts to players.
- Travel Coaches from the previous year may return and either remain in the same age group or move up at the discretion of the Athletic Director as long as there were no problems or concerns on the part of the A. D. If an opening for a Head Coach occurs the Recreation Department will advertise for the position and will interview the candidates before selecting one - Head Coaches must undergo *Background checks*.
- At least one-half of the final roster must be residents of Middleburg Hts.
- Travel teams will be responsible for all league fees - including Entry fees, Game fees, Trophies, Tournaments and equipment . . . some specific equipment may be available at the Athletic Director's discretion.
- Only Recreation Department sanctioned teams are considered part of the Recreation Department's program and as such will be provided with practice and home game facilities.
- All travel team coaches, players and parents will abide by Recreation Department rules and policies in addition to any league rules.

The Recreation Department can not allow competition between coaches for players and facilities. If, in the opinion of the Recreation Department. our facilities can not assume another team without affecting recreational and returning teams, new teams may not be allowed. This will be at the discretion of the Athletic Director.