

Travel/Tournament Team Financing and Fundraising Policy

(adopted by WYB Board in March 2009)

1. Travel Program is to be self-sufficient or stand-alone from a funding standpoint. All expenses for travel need to be covered by participant fees, tournament proceeds, and any additional travel-specific fundraising.
2. Support fundraising at the travel program level. All fundraising initiatives must be reviewed/approved by Executive Board before initiating. All revenues/proceeds from these fundraising activities are handled through the WYB Treasurer and WYB bank accounts. Fundraising efforts should not begin until April 15 of each season (to avoid “competing” with our in-house fundraising and sponsor efforts).
3. “Small” or “limited” fundraising by individual travel teams is allowable. All fundraising initiatives must be reviewed/approved by Executive Board before initiating. Revenues/proceeds from these fundraising activities are handled through the individual teams – which must be able to provide a complete accounting for the funds upon request by the Board. Additionally, fundraising by individual travel teams is for the travel team, and funds should not be used to support a Tournament team. Fundraising efforts should not begin until April 15 of each season (to avoid “competing” with our in-house fundraising and sponsor efforts).
4. Travel teams may participate in local tournaments, although there is no financial support available from WYB.
4. Tournament Teams are selected via tryouts in June of each year.
5. The primary purpose and focus of the Tournament Teams is to represent WYB in the Cal Ripken Tournament. All WYB Tournament Teams should wear the official WYB uniform and be referred to as Warrington. A team name or alternative hats/uniforms should only be used for non-Cal Ripken tournament play. WYB will provide financial support of \$300 for each Tournament Team to participate in 1 additional tournament. The 9 and 11 year old Tournament Teams will also participate in the Warrington Tournament. Tournament teams may participate in additional local/regional tournaments that are funded through the team participants.
6. WYB does not have funds to offset travel expenses associated with Cal Ripken Regional and National Tournaments. “Small” or “limited” fundraising by individual Tournament Teams is allowable, but cannot begin until the Tournament Team is selected. All fundraising initiatives must be reviewed/approved by Executive Board before initiating. Revenues/proceeds from these fundraising activities are handled through the individual teams – which must be able to provide a complete accounting for the funds upon request by the Board. No funds that are raised by a Travel Team should be used to support a Tournament team.

7. WYB does not support participation in “extravagant” or overly costly tournaments. For example, to send a team to Cooperstown for a tournament is approximately \$12,000, plus associated family travel costs.

WYB will support participation in Cal Ripken Aberdeen tournaments, which by comparison run about \$800/team, plus travel costs. Small or limited team fundraising to offset these costs is permitted, subject to Executive Board review/approval as noted previously.

WYB is not prohibiting its players from playing in Cooperstown or other similar tournaments. Any player or team from WYB that chooses to participate in such a tournament can do so, but as part of another non-WYB team or organization.

Any team or player participating in fundraising activities to support participation in these types of events/tournaments must not represent themselves or their team as representing Warrington Youth Baseball.

Currently, WYB raises between \$8,000 and \$12,000 in fundraising activities to support the in-house and travel programs – and an additional \$10,000 to \$14,000 in sponsorships to offset in-house uniform costs. These activities benefit the 800-900 kids who participate in our program each year. It is important that we do not involve ourselves with other high-dollar fundraising activities that benefit very small groups of players that may jeopardize our ability to raise funds for our broader programs and participants.