

Woodstock Minor Ball Association (WMBA)

Wranglers Tryouts Policy

Purpose:

WMBA has established this policy to address procedures and timelines for Wrangler player tryouts. It is the goal of WMBA to field two competitive teams at each age group annually. WMBA however reserves the right to adjust policies to reflect changes in participation/registration or other factors that may influence the viability of multiple teams at each age group.

Policy:

Prior to team tryouts, head coach interviews and selections will be made and announced. Refer to WMBA Policy on Coach Selection Process.

1. All players wishing to play travel baseball must first try out for Team 1. This includes players wishing to play on Team 2. The Team 1 coach has the first selection right to choose a player looking for a spot on a travel team. All players must participate in at least one tryout session. Any exceptions to this rule must be obtained from the WMBA Executive through the Travel Director.
2. All players attending tryouts must register on the WMBA website registration page prior to participation. For the protection of WMBA and players, anyone not registered for tryouts through the online tryout registration form will not be able to participate until the form is completed.
3. Players from other centres must supply a release from their local association as well as their affiliate association before being allowed to participate in tryouts. Adding a player from another centre must be approved by the Travel Director.
4. All players not selected for Team 1 will be eligible to try out for Team 2. Team 2 tryouts and coaches will be posted where numbers warrant and when Team 1 tryouts have been completed.
5. Only WMBA scheduled/approved tryouts are permitted. Team 1 and Team 2 coaches are expected to hold **three tryouts** within the specified time frame and to secure diamond times from the Scheduling Director. Changes to the tryout schedule are subject to diamond availability and must be approved by the Travel Director and/or the Director of Player Development.

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6. Coaches may roster up to 6 selections on day 1 of tryouts and an additional 3 selections (for a total of 9 players) on day 2 of tryouts. Final selections cannot be made until the last tryouts are completed.
7. A minimum of 12 players will be rostered on each team unless WMBA Board of Directors specify differently.
8. Players can be removed from consideration by the coach for Team 1 after the 1st tryout.
9. Final Team 1 player selections must be made within 24 hours following the final tryout and submitted to the Travel Director prior to the start of Team 2 tryouts. The Team 1 coach must provide the Travel Director a list of all tryout participants who did not make the Team 1 team.
10. Team 2 tryouts will immediately follow Team 1 decisions. There will be three team tryouts. Coaches may roster up to 6 selections on day 1 of tryouts and an additional 3 selections (for a total of 9 players) on day 2 of tryouts. Final selections cannot be made until the last tryouts are completed.
11. A minimum of 12 players will be rostered on each team unless WMBA Board of Directors specify differently.
12. After the Roster has been submitted to WMBA, any roster additions or deletions need to be approved by the Travel Director. In the event player circumstances change, in consultation with the Travel Director, coaches may make player demotions and additions up to the final ICBA roster submission date. After the final ICBA roster submission date, players can be added up to the final Baseball Ontario Roster date.
13. Any players being rostered by a WMBA travel team for the first time must supply WMBA with a copy of their birth certificate or a valid passport.
14. From Minor Rookie up to and including Midget, the Team coach should approach any player not making the team to thank them for trying out, to provide feedback and discuss other potential levels of play within WMBA. The coach will also use the approved acknowledgement letter complete with handwritten carefully planned feedback for both players that do and do not make the team and should be reflected in the one on one discussions. A parent or guardian of the player has the right to be present during the discussion and may request another Coach/team helper to be present as well.

Player Acknowledgement Letters

In order to be consistent with messaging to players accepted or released to a team, WMBA provides standard letters to be used in conjunction with the coach preference on personal interviews. Letters are attached to this policy and are available electronically by request to the Travel Director.

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Sample Letter to Notify Players of Successful Acceptance to a Team

Woodstock Wranglers

{Enter Division} Wranglers Team

[Enter date]

2018 Tryouts

[Enter Player First Name],

I thank you for trying out for a position on the Wranglers [Enter Division] Ball Team. I look forward to be coaching this team and enjoying a great summer of baseball.

A number of official tryouts were held over the last few weeks and based on these tryouts, I have formed a team for 2018. My evaluation of each player was based on skills (batting, catching, throwing and running), coachability (listening/understanding), attitude (respect for others/team player) and potential (baseball sense/improvement).

I am pleased to inform you that you have made the team and will be a [Enter Division] Wranglers player for 2018. I expect you to work hard at practices, have a positive attitude and dedicate yourself to this team's goals.

I look forward to an exciting year and together we can enjoy success, satisfaction and have fun.

[Enter Coach Name]

Woodstock Wranglers [Enter Division] Head Coach

Coach's Personal Comments:

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Woodstock Wranglers

[Enter Division] Team

[Enter date]

2018 Tryouts

[Enter Player's First Name]

I thank you for trying out for a position on the Wranglers [Enter Division] Travel Team.

A number of official tryouts were held over the last few weeks and based on these tryouts, I have formed a team for 2018. Tough decisions had to be made in order to bring our roster to 12 players. My evaluation of each player was based on skills (batting, catching, throwing and running), coachability (listening/understanding), attitude (respect for others/team player) and potential (baseball sense/improvement).

I regret to inform you that you are being released from the [Enter Division] Wranglers at this time. You showed good overall skills, a great attitude and a desire to play baseball. I encourage you to continue developing your skills and continue to play baseball.

I wish you the best this summer and hope to see you again in the near future. If you wish to discuss this further, including options to remain in baseball, do not hesitate to contact me.

[Enter Coach Name]

Head Coach-Woodstock Wranglers [Enter Division] Ball Team

[Enter contact phone number]

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