

GSLW TRAVEL PROGRAM OVERVIEW - 2019

8U		
	SUMMER TRAVEL	FALL TRAVEL
Age Groups	Birthdates in 2010 and 2011	Birthdates in 2010, 2011 and 2012
Season Commitment	Early June – End of July	Early Sept – Late Oct
Targeted Weekly Commitment	<p>Four early evening days per week, typically from Mon – Fri, which includes both games and practices.</p> <p>One or two tournaments on select weekends</p>	<p>Two games and one practice per week, typically at various times from Thu - Sun.</p> <p>No tournaments</p>
Philosophy	<p>Developmental - Encourage and develop players of varying abilities who share a growing interest in softball with the goal of developing travel-quality skills across all teams</p>	
Coach Assignments	Parent Coaches	
Player Eligibility	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • All Westfield residents are eligible • Eligibility for non-residents who attend a Westfield school is subject to approval by the directors of the host league/tournament • Travel players must attend tryouts to be held in May, 2019, on a date and at a time to be announced • Travel players must register and play in at least 50% of the games in the GSLW Instructional Recreational League from mid Apr – early Jun 2019 • Full time players are expected to attend all practices and games, however, players are eligible for selection if there are no known conflicts at the time of registration for at least 75% of the games in the Summer season (50% of the games for the Fall season) and at least one of two tournaments in the Summer season (n/a for the Fall season) • Players may opt to register as a reserve. Reserves will be called upon based on the game-by-game need of the team. 	
Player Selection	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Travel players are selected and teams are formed by the Travel Committee of the GSLW Board of Directors • Selections are based upon a combination of the try-out results registration totals, player evaluations from previous seasons, if applicable, and player commitment/availability • Teams are distinctly selected for each travel season within a given year (i.e., Summer and Fall team rosters may differ) • Selection to a travel team does not guarantee selection to a team in any subsequent travel season 	

10U/12U

	SPRING TRAVEL	SUMMER TRAVEL	FALL TRAVEL

Age Groups	Birthdates in 2008, 2009 (10U) or 2006, 2007 (12U)		
Season Commitment	Mid March – Late May	Early June – End of July	Early Sept – Late Oct
Targeted Weekly Commitment	Two games and one practice per week, typically at various times from Thu - Sun. Possible tournament	Four early evening days per week, typically from Mon – Fri, which includes both games and practices. One of two tournaments on select weekends	Two games and one practice per week, typically at various times from Thu - Sun. No tournaments
Philosophy	Summer Preparation - Blend of Summer and Fall approach	Competitive - Field the most competitive teams possible	Developmental - Maximize opportunities to develop travel-quality skills across all teams
Coach Assignments	Typically parent coaches	Typically a combination of hired head coaches and parent assistant coaches	Typically parent coaches
Player Eligibility	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> All Westfield residents are eligible Eligibility for non-residents who attend a Westfield school is subject to approval by the directors of the host league/tournament 10U and 12U travel players must attend tryouts to be held in February 2019, on a date and at a time to be announced. Tryouts for 8U are held in May 2019. Travel players must register and play in at least 50% of the games in the GSLW Instructional Recreational League from mid Apr – early Jun 2018. Full time travel players are expected to attend all practices and games, however, players are eligible for selection if there are no known conflicts at the time of registration for at least 75% of the games in the Summer season (50% of the games for the Spring and Fall seasons) and at least one of two tournaments in the Summer season (n/a for the Spring and Fall seasons) Players may opt to register as a reserve. Reserves will be called upon based on the game-by-game need of the team. 		
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14U & Above			
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Age Groups	Birthdates in 2005 or before		

Season Commitment	Mid March – Late May	Early June – End of July	Early Sept – Late Oct
Targeted Weekly Commitment	Two games and one practice per week, typically at various times from Thu - Sun. Possible tournament.	Four early evening days per week, typically from Mon – Fri, which includes both games and practices. One or two tournaments on select weekends.	Two games and one practice per week, typically at various times from Thu - Sun. No tournaments.
Philosophy	Competitive - Field the most competitive teams possible		
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