

Spring 2011 Tournament Team Selection Process

1. Due to the changes outlined in the Tournament Team Manager’s Handbook, specifically having the tryout process in August for the next season, Piedmont will hold an abbreviated tryout process this spring to be completed prior to Memorial Day.
2. Tournament Team Selection will be based on the players where they are currently playing.

Team	Players who will be considered
12 Gold	NL East
12 Green	NL East, Central & West
11 Gold	NL East
11 Green	NL East, Central & West
10 Gold	NL West
10 Green	NL West & American
9 Gold	American League
9 Green	American & Farm

3. Players must play 75% of Piedmont regular season & playoff games to be eligible for the tournament team.
4. 12u GOLD and GREEN managers will hold an extensive “one-day” tryout to include the following:
 - a. Phase I – Player Evaluation’s will take place looking at the following baseball skills:
 - i. Speed
 - ii. Arm Strength
 - iii. Arm Accuracy
 - iv. Defense
 - b. Phase II – Player Evaluation’s will continue during scrimmage/game like situations looking at the following:
 - i. Pitching
 - ii. Catching
 - iii. Hitting
 - iv. Baseball IQ
5. 11u, 10u, & 9u GOLD and GREEN managers will hold a “two-day” tryout process to include the following:
 - a. Phase I – Player Evaluation’s will take place looking at the following baseball skills:
 - i. Speed
 - ii. Arm Strength
 - iii. Arm Accuracy
 - iv. Defense
 - b. Phase II – Player Evaluation’s will continue during scrimmage/game like situations looking at the following:
 - i. Pitching
 - ii. Catching
 - iii. Hitting

iv. Baseball IQ

6. Evaluations performed by:
 - a. GOLD and GREEN Managers/Coaches
 - b. Piedmont Tournament/Travel Team Director
 - c. Piedmont Player Development Director
7. The Piedmont Tournament Team Scouting Report will be available and sent out immediately to all NL, AL & Farm managers for additional feedback to the tournament managers.
8. At the conclusion of Player Evaluations, the Managers, Coaches, PD Director, and the T/T Director will attempt to reach a consensus on the top 30 players.
 - a. Each team will consist of a minimum of 12 players and a maximum of 15 players.
 - b. When two teams per age group are participating in tournament baseball, it is recommended teams carry 12 players.
 - c. If there are 36 or more players interested in Tournament Baseball AND manager interest, a third team will be considered.
9. When a consensus cannot be reached the Tournament/Travel Team Director will determine the best outcome considering all factors including but not limited to:
 - a. Submitted Tournament Team Scouting Reports
 - b. Phase I & II Player Tryout Evaluations
 - c. Parent/Player behavior with respect to the "Piedmont Values" and Code of Conduct
10. Managers will notify players of their selection to the Tournament Team starting with the GOLD team in each league. If a player declines acceptance to a team selection, the manager will then move to next person on the list until their team is selected.
11. A player (and a parent/guardian) selected to the GOLD tournament team (GREEN if playing State Tournament Trail) will be required to sign the Piedmont Tournament Team Commitment Form prior to participation.
12. The GOLD tournament team in each age division is required to play in the Cal Ripken State Tournament Trail (State Tournament, Regional Tournament if they win the State Tournament and World Series if 10u or 12u and they win the Regional Tournament).
13. The GREEN tournament team in each age group will have the option of participating in the Cal Ripken State Tournament Trail with the understanding if they commit to starting the "trail" they must complete the "trail" if successful.