

# Mount Olive Travel Softball Tryouts – Spring 2022

**Sunday Oct. 24 & Tuesday Nov. 2 – Turkey Brook 12**

- 4pm start on 10/24 – 8U & 12U
- 6pm start on 11/2 – 8U & 12U

**Please arrive at least 30 minutes early to check-in and warm up**



Age levels based on a player's age as of January 1, 2022

Travel Softball FAQs	
What does a season look like?	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Typically Spring/Summer season consists of 12-14 regular season games, usually twice a week. Single-elimination playoffs running ~1-2 weeks thereafter.</li> <li>• 4-6 additional weekend tournaments from late Spring thru early Summer.</li> <li>• Practices typically 1-2 days a week at the discretion of the coaches</li> <li>• <b>Spring-Summer season:</b> Regular season Spring games run April to mid-June with Tournaments typically lasting until late June or early July. States or Regional tournaments may run further into July depending on the team's ability to advance. We play on holidays! Mother's Day, Father's Day and Memorial Day.</li> <li>• Pre-season winter indoor practices starting in February. 1-2 hours per week until fields open in April.</li> <li>• <b>Fall season:</b> Games run Sept. to early Nov. with practices starting in August</li> </ul>
What is the cost?	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Travel cost is independent to any recreation or Charity Mania fees (if applicable)</li> <li>• Fees are set for each team based on the number of tournaments planned, leagues played, etc. Fees have remained steady for the past 10 seasons due to fundraising efforts of the teams.</li> <li>• First time players are provided with a uniform, bat bag and helmet. Replacements are the responsibility of the parents. This perk is funded through pre-season fundraising.</li> </ul>
Where are the games?	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Half the regular season games are at home in Mount Olive, and remaining games are played in the surrounding area. Tournaments may be further away.</li> </ul>
What are the parent obligations?	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Travel team parents <b>must</b> volunteer at the concession stand during the spring season. The majority of the proceeds go back to the travel program.</li> <li>• Each team is assigned a full week to share and also certain weekend slots. Volunteering may or may not overlap with a child's games.</li> <li>• Parents also <b>must</b> volunteer during any tournaments hosted by the Travel Softball program.</li> </ul>
What happens at tryouts?	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• All players are encouraged to attend both tryout sessions, but must attend at least one of the tryouts to be eligible for the upcoming season (Spring or Fall)</li> <li>• Players are evaluated on hitting, fielding/throwing, and running</li> <li>• There is generally one team of ~10-14 players at each age level, but depending on turnout and talent levels, certain age groups may field two teams – a "Red" and a "Gold".</li> <li>• Players will be informed about whether they made the team or not shortly after the tryouts</li> </ul>
Can you play Rec and Travel?	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Yes. While no longer required, players are certainly encouraged to play both rec and travel softball, and generally game conflicts are minimal, if any at all.</li> </ul>
Spring Fling and Fall Tournaments	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Mount Olive Softball typically hosts 1 or 2 tournaments per year. The proceeds of the tournament directly benefit the travel softball teams and <b>ALL</b> parents are expected to volunteer several hours each throughout the weekend which may or may not overlap with their child's games. Volunteer work may consist of concession stand, field duty, etc.</li> </ul>

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