

# Travel Team FAQs

## **How are age groups decided and what age group does my child belong?**

Teams are created for age groups 9U, 10U, 11U and 12U. (Age eligibility is determined by the child's age on 4/30/2016).

Your child's age on April 30 determines his age group. If he is 9 years old or younger as of April 30, 2016, he is a 9U player for the entire 2016 season. If your child turns 10 on May 1, 2016, he is a 10U player. Your child's age during the actual season is NOT RELEVANT, just his age on April 30, 2016.

## **Does everyone make a team?**

The Broncos have a limited number of roster openings for each age group, so not every player who tries out will be guaranteed a roster position. The number of teams for each age will be determined by the available coaches and the player interest at that age level. Every year we will assemble a selection committee to participate in team tryouts. This committee will be responsible for making the team selections. The selection committee will consist of the head coaches of the teams along with Dubuque PONY League Board members.

## **Do you have to be signed up and play in Dubuque PONY League?**

Yes, traditional league play will always be the focus of Dubuque PONY League. We support travel and extra baseball, but not at a disservice to the league.

If your player is chosen to be on a Dubuque Broncos team and you accept, we ask that he/she play only for it and for one traditional league team. We do this for the health and well being of the players.

## **How does pitching work for this team?**

The Dubuque Broncos are required to report their pitching to the league and register it in the same manner a traditional coach might for a league game. Pitching must be transparent to everyone for the health and well being of the players, but also to not disservice any of our teams.

## **How much does this cost?**

At present, enrollment for The Broncos travel team costs \$135 per child. The fee covers practice fields, jersey/hats and 4 tournaments. Other fees, like tournament gate fees or

field rental for scrimmage games, may be incurred. We strive to keep our fees low and reasonable.

Each coach, once the regular season has finished, may find additional tournaments to enroll a team. The traditional season runs from the middle of April till then end of June. The cost for these 'extra' tournaments will be decided by the coach and team.

**When are the tournaments?**

Dubuque PONY League attempts to space out the tournaments during the season to not overly interrupt regular league play. Coaches and the League's best efforts will be given to have the schedule set by late March or early April of each year. The Broncos will generally take a break or shut down for the year during the PONY League World Series in July.

**Do you play substitutes or alternates, if your team is short players?**

The Broncos will have a substitution list of players compiled. The substitutes or alternate players that didn't initially make the team will be allowed to practice with The Broncos and, if The Broncos are short players for a tournaments or scrimmage, can play in the stead of a regular team member. The coaches reserve the right to add players to their rosters as the year develops, but cannot drop a player during the year due to performance.

We start the season with 11 players per team for 10U on down and 10 players per team for 11U and 12U.