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2010 TRAVEL INFORMATION

Essex offers travel softball and baseball to all players between the ages of 7 and 19 under the Essex Express name. We know that travel is extra ball for those who want to play more competitive ball. A travel team is determined by a tryout process, as not everyone who tries out will make the team. Travel runs from April 1st to approximately mid-July. There is an additional charge for travel. Please remember to sign up for travel when you register and be sure to attend the tryouts on March 7th and 14th.

There are Metro teams and Mid-Maryland teams who are soliciting players from the local area teams. Essex has been very fortunate to have been able to produce some very talented ballplayers. The Essex program puts our teams in the Baltimore County Major League, and you will be playing games from May 1st to mid July and Fall ball will be from mid-August to mid-November. The BCML also has an end-of-the season tournament that your team will be participating in. Our teams also play in the local tournaments, such as Overlea, Essex, Rosedale, and/or Hamilton over the summer. Some of our teams have gone to out-of-state tournaments in Delaware, South Carolina, Florida, and Pennsylvania. We feel that our teams are just as good as any metro baseball team.

The Essex baseball program has grown to be one of the most successful local baseball programs in Baltimore County. We have had countless number of Essex ballplayers who have been awarded college scholarships. Many of our travel players have made their varsity baseball teams at the freshman and sophomore level because of the excellent coaching they received in the Essex baseball program. We have also attempted to give our players a high level of competitive baseball as young players so much so that over 50% of our players make their high school baseball team.

Metro teams traditionally do not have as many tournaments that they can play in during the summer because they are playing approximately 32 games over a 6 week season. And that is a lot of driving for the parents. Metro also is costly and there are no guarantees that your child is going to get any playing time at all. Metro teams can carry as many as 18 players. The Essex players will possibly play 28 games over a 12 week season, and that includes at least 3 tournaments. If the team makes it to the finals in a tournament that number could increase to 40 games during the season. Our travel teams traditionally carry about 12 players, which each child a better chance of getting a lot of playing time than if they are on a team with 18 players. By playing in Essex, in a recreation program, your child will also be playing in-house games with his friends for an additional 20 games. In-house games for travel players is an opportunity to play with their friends and have fun. They don't realize it but they are also teaching their friends, by example, of how to play the game. The more games you play, the better skills and proficiency your child will develop.

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