

# OGAA Baseball All-Star Policy

The Oak Grove Athletic Association offers All Star programs for all age groups 6 years old and older. We value our All Star teams and want them to be successful in their summer tournament schedule. The players that participate in All Stars will experience a fun, exciting and competitive baseball experience. Unfortunately many parents find themselves unprepared for the confusion and scheduling issues that can accompany All Star postseason play. It's the intention of this document to help guide parents through the process to ensure everybody has a great all-star baseball experience.

The items below are intended to explain what is expected of each player and family that elects to be considered for All Stars and those that are chosen for the teams.

1. Each player has the option to accept or decline to be considered for the All Star team for their age group.

2. Players that accept consideration for the All Stars, and are chosen for the team, are expected to complete the All Star season with their All Star team and not leave to join another team until the All Star season is complete. Any player that is selected as a member of an All Star and leaves to join another team during the All Star season could be subject to expulsion from the park for the following season. Accepting to be considered and being selected to an All Star team is a commitment that must be honored.

**3. All-Star teams will have no more than (3) mandatory practices a week for a period not to exceed (2) hours per practice. A coach may set other practices, but those are optional.**

4. All-Star players may elect to miss a week of practice for summer vacation, provided it is not the week of the District, State or Regional Tournaments. We ask that you discuss this with your coach so that everyone knows what your summer schedule will be before the season starts. The only tournaments that are required are any OGAA Sponsored Tournaments, the District tournament, and if the team qualifies, the State tournament.

5. All-Star teams do not have to participate in Regional Tournaments if they are held out-of-state, though we would prefer the team to participate. If an All-Star team qualifies for the Regional Tournament and it is held in Mississippi, they are required to participate. If an All-Star team wins State, but decides not to participate in the Regional Tournament, the State Commissioner reserves the right to exclude that age group from the State Tournament the next season. This means if the 10 yr olds win State and elect not to travel to an out of State Regional, then they would not be allowed to participate in the State Tournament as 11 yr olds.

6. We suggest each All Star team seek sponsors to assist with the expenses of the All Star season and each team will also receive a sponsorship from the OGAA proceeds of the All Star Warm-up Tournament we host in early June. Parents of the All Star teams will be asked to volunteer in the park during that tournament to help work the tournament entry gate, t-shirt stand, etc.

