

OGAA SOFTBALL ALL STAR RULES

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 softball 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 softball 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.

SELECTION PROCESS

The head coach will be determined by coaches & director of division nomination. Once nominations are received, the softball board members will decide. The All Star head coach and assistants will select no more than 13 players to roster. Each team's head coach has the option to recommend players to the All Star coach. The head coach will have two challenges in the selection process. Each player has the option to accept or decline the consideration for All Stars for their age group. The head coach also has the right to ask for an on field evaluation of players. If requested, two independent evaluators will assist in evaluation.

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.

All-Star teams will have no more than (2) mandatory practices a week for a period not to exceed (90) minutes per practice. A coach may set other practices, but those are optional.

Coaches may schedule offsite practices but MUST notify OGAA of location and time.

The only tournaments that are required are any OGAA Sponsored Tournaments.

We suggest each All Star team seek sponsors to assist with the expenses of the All Star season. Parents of the All Star teams may be asked to volunteer in the park during OGAA sponsored tournament to help work the tournament entry gate, t-shirt stand, etc.

All Star uniforms will be Black & Gold in color with **Oak Grove All Stars** displayed. OGAA **strongly recommends** the All Star coaches keep the cost to a reasonable amount, if no sponsor, so not to create a burden on parents.

OGAA SELECT SOFTBALL GUIDELINES

Select season runs from August – August.

Fee- \$125.00 for select & both recreation seasons and/or \$100.00 for select only.

OGAA will recognize 1 team per age group unless board approves additional teams. Select coaches and assistants will be voted on and approved by the OGAA board.

Tryouts will be held the end of July or first of August for all age groups or if needed. Players not able to attend scheduled tryout will be allowed individual tryout. All tryouts must have at least 2 independent evaluators present. Independent evaluator must consist of someone knowledgeable of game and not a coach or potential coach, team manager, or parent of player being evaluated for that age group.

Select coach/coaches are allowed 2 selections/ challenges regardless of evaluation results.

ALL players MUST pay select fee before they are allowed to practice.

Select teams are discouraged from playing any tournament if roster is not in OGAA system.

Offsite practices/scrimmages are authorized but OGAA must be notified of location and time.

Pickup players not associated with OGAA play tournaments at their own risk & will not be added to the roster until a tryout is held and they make the team.

Players playing on a recreation team in season can be used for select team pickup only. All Star recreation teams will have the first option on these players and if there is a conflict on tournament play the All Star team has priority. Recruiting players from recreation teams during season is not allowed.

For questions concerning All Star rules please see OGAA SOFTBALL All Star rules posted on the website under documents.

During recreation season a select team can enter into league play under the following conditions; if the select team wants to stay together they must play up in age group or the select team can be divide into thirds and the select coaches take those players plus recreation players to complete a team.

Select Team must participate in all OGAA sanctioned events; tournaments, raffles, opening ceremonies, etc.

TOURNAMENT TEAMS

OGAA will allow for one tournament teams per age group
Coaches must be approved by the Board of Directors.

If you are interested in coaching a tournament team you must turn in your coach's application by July 15th of every year. You will be asked to come to the August board meeting and discuss why you are the right coach for that team. Board will vote each year for tournament team coach.

75% of the players rostered must play in the OGAA Park and either play fall ball or spring ball.

Team must pay dual participation fee before first practice.

Tournament teams will abide by same rules as select with the above exceptions.