

III. TEAM FORMATION & PLAYER PLACEMENT

GYAA offers multiple sports (baseball, softball, football and cheer and others as adopted). Each season, divisions may vary by sport.

Spring Baseball -

a. Drafted/Evaluated Divisions

Divisions that require player evaluations and a draft include:

- Coach Pitch 6U (if offered)
- Coach Pitch 8U
- Minors 10U
- Majors 12U

*Players who do not attend evaluations will be placed by the Commissioner, with input from team managers requested as necessary.

b. Non-Draft / Assigned Divisions

Younger divisions are assigned by the Commissioner, including:

- Tee Ball 6U

c. Draft Procedure

The league will utilize a structured draft process to assign players to teams. GYAA will use a randomized draft order followed by a “snake” draft, with players drafted based on evaluation results. The draft will be facilitated by the Commissioner, who will establish the draft order, confirm player eligibility, and communicate all applicable rules in advance. Managers must participate in the draft as scheduled or designate an approved proxy. Any deviations from draft procedures or disputes will be resolved by the Commissioner to ensure fairness and consistency.

d. Parent Requests

Parent requests for specific teammates or coaches may be considered only in non-drafted divisions and are not guaranteed. Requests may be submitted in drafted divisions; however, due to the nature of the draft process, such requests will likely not be considered. GYAA cannot

guarantee approval of any placement requests and prioritizes league balance, fairness, and established draft procedures when forming teams.

*The days of practices and games are subject to field availability, coaching availability, umpire availability and other opposing leagues availability (if applicable).

e. Play-Up Requests

1. Players may request to “play up” a division if all of the following criteria are met:
 - The player attends skills evaluations for the higher division;
 - Evaluation results support that the player is developmentally ready;
 - The Commissioner, with input from team managers, determines the player is eligible to play up with player safety as a primary consideration; and
 - Roster space is available in the higher division.
2. All-Star Eligibility for Players Playing Up
 - Any player approved to play up out of their league-aged division will only be eligible for All-Star participation in the division in which they were rostered for the regular season. This policy is in accordance with DYB Tournament Rules 11.04 (“League Option”), which allows a league to require that a player may only participate on the tournament team for the age division in which he or she was rostered/played during the regular season.

f. Play-Down Requests

Requests for a player to play down will be considered only in non-drafted divisions and only for safety reasons. Approval is at the sole discretion of the Commissioner, and such requests are extremely rare, requiring a compelling and documented justification.

IV. INJURED PLAYERS

An injured player may not participate until a doctor’s note clearing full return is submitted to the Commissioner or GYAA President.

Injured players may be in the dugout but may not wear full uniform pants or coach bases.

V. FORFEITED & RESCHEDULED GAMES

Games canceled due to insufficient players may be forfeited or rescheduled based on a decision by the Commissioner.

VI. MANAGER/COACH ELIGIBILITY

All managers and coaches must:

- Apply annually as volunteers.
- Be able to pass an annual background check.
- Uphold, and encourage, the GYAA Code of Conduct.

Prior service **does not guarantee reappointment.**

VII. ALL-STAR / TOURNAMENT TEAMS

a. Intent to Participate

Once notified of selection by the All-Star team manager, the player and guardian must fully commit to attendance, practice expectations, and any associated financial obligations. Players must have participated in at least 11 regular season games, as required by DYB rules, to be eligible for All-Star selection. Failure to meet these commitments or eligibility requirements may result in removal from the team and replacement by an alternate player.

b. Fees

Tournament and All-Star fees will be set annually by the Commissioner and the GYAA Board.

c. Player Selection

Player selection for All-Star teams will follow a structured and transparent process:

- Managers will evaluate all players throughout the regular season during games.
- Player performance may include book statistics, season game observations, and will be used to guide evaluations.
- Managers will nominate and vote on players for team selection.
- Players receiving unanimous manager approval are automatically placed on the team. Remaining roster spots are filled based on the results of manager voting.
- In the event of a tie or dispute affecting roster placement, the Commissioner has final authority to ensure fairness and consistency.

d. Manager Selection

Interested coaches must indicate interest and will be reviewed by the Commissioner. Applying to be a manager does not mean that request will be approved. Being a coach or manager does not give your child an automatic all-star roster spot.

e. Coach Selection

Tournament managers may select their assistant coaches from eligible, approved GYAA volunteer coaches from that current season. Being a coach or manager does not give your child an automatic all-star roster spot.