

SGAA All-Star Program

It is the intent of SGAA to offer athletics for children at all skill levels. To further encourage those who excel, all-star teams are assembled to represent Granville County in all-star and invitational tournaments. Players selected for the all-star team must have been on a regular season roster during the spring season. They should be aware that all-star play is not comparable to regular league play. This league is competitive and all players may not play every game. It is likely that players will not play the positions played during the regular season and they could possibly sit on the bench for several innings during a game. Parents are asked to carefully consider this before allowing their child to play all stars and parents are reminded that the SGAA Code of Conduct is applicable during all-star play.

Coach & Player Selection

Coaches who would like to be considered as a coach for all-stars will note this on their coach's application and/or will report this to their league commissioner. Shortly after the season begins, all coaches within each league will be given a ballot of possible head coach candidates for all-stars. The coach should be one who would represent SGAA well and who has strong coaching abilities and will be committed to the kids. Excluding himself or herself, each head coach will submit their recommendation to the league commissioner for the coach within that league who they feel most deserves to head coach the all-star team. They will also submit a second choice, clearly noting which candidate is first choice and which is second choice. Upon receiving these recommendations in writing, the commissioner will ensure that the coach did not vote for himself/herself. At the next board meeting, each league commissioner will share the results of the coaches' recommendations and will give their recommendation to the board. The SGAA board of directors will select the all-star coaches based on the recommendations of the coaches and commissioners. Head coaches may select their assistant coaches bearing in mind that they must have been listed on a Babe Ruth roster in that league during the regular season.

Coaches are free to find out if players would like to be considered for the all-star team, but must not imply acceptance for the team at any time before teams are officially announced. In early to mid-May for younger leagues or in June for older leagues, the All-Star head coach will select at least 12 and no more than 15 players (Babe Ruth League criteria) that they would like to choose as their all-star team.

Players will be selected based on skill and commitment levels. League commissioners should be involved in all-star selections. The all-star head coach or the league commissioner must contact each head coach in the league to get his/her input on which players they would recommend for all stars. The all-star head coach will ultimately select the team soliciting input from the league commissioner and assistant coaches that he/she has chosen. In the event that 50% or more of an all-star team is selected from one regular season team, the league commissioner must approve it. This must also be brought to the SGAA Board of Directors' attention. Coaches are encouraged to consider players from all teams. There will be one all star team per league, unless a league has more than ten teams. There are no automatic selections for the all-star team. In the event that a team loses players and has fewer players than their field plus two, they may add players bearing in mind that those players must have been listed on a regular season spring roster.

In softball and 12U baseball, per Babe Ruth rules, in order to be considered for all-stars, a player must have played at least ½ of the games in that league for that season, which means that players who played in coach pitch are ineligible to participate in kid pitch all stars unless they played as pull-ups for at least ½ of the games in the kid pitch league.

Funding

SGAA will fund a minimum of two tournament entry fees per league at an estimated cost of \$150 to \$200 for each tournament or will provide \$400 per team to use at their discretion for tournaments, umpires or fields. Team members will be responsible for acquiring any additional funding needed. SGAA will only fund teams that meet the criteria above, where **all** children within that league had an opportunity to be selected for the team. There is no fee for Babe Ruth sponsored tournaments. Please note that tournament dates are subject to change due to schedule changes from tournament hosts and that there are often gate fees of \$3-\$5 per person.

SGAA will spend a maximum of \$25 per child per uniform or will purchase a shirt and hat for each child. SGAA will also contribute up to \$25 each for a maximum of three coaches per team. Parents may be required to provide pants, socks and belts. For teams that elect to order uniforms independently, every effort should be made to ensure that parent costs do not exceed \$50. If costs are greater than \$50 per child, coaches are encouraged to seek sponsors or other funding options. Inability to pay uniform costs shall not exclude any player. Coaches must be discrete when inquiring about financial issues. Uniforms must clearly show SGAA affiliation, but cannot include patches or design relating to commercial advertisement per Babe Ruth rules.

In the event that a coach would like to take his/her entire team, he/she must have prior board approval. No player on that team may be excluded unless they do not want to participate and players may not be added to that team's regular season roster. These teams are eligible for Babe Ruth tournament play, but SGAA will not fund additional tournaments, nor will they provide uniforms since regular season uniforms can be used.