

YMCA All-Star Selection Process

COACHES SELECTION:

The winning **LEAGUE TEAM'S** head coach will be given first **consideration** to coach the all-star team.

- In the event the season winning head coach is unable to accept the coaching position the YMCA will assign the coach
- The YMCA reserves the right to make all final coaching decisions.
- Assistant coaches are selected from parents of players on the all-star team by head coach as long as the parent(s) meets YMCA Character.
- Willing to commit to attending both District and State GRPA tournaments for eligibility.

EXPECTED BEHAVIOR OF ALL COACHES:

Remember that you are a youth sports coach, and that the game is for children and not adults.

- ✓ Maintain a positive, helpful and supportive attitude.
- ✓ Use appropriate language in appropriate tones when interacting with players, league officials, game officials, parents and spectators.
- ✓ Recognize that you are a representative of the Thomasville YMCA and the greater community.
- ✓ Exercise your authority/influence to control the behavior of the fans and spectators.
- ✓ Exhibit gracious acceptance of defeat or victory.
- ✓ Accept and adhere to all rules and policies related to the participation in the sport.
- ✓ Allow and encourage the players to listen, learn and play hard within the rules.

PLAYER SELECTION:

- After completing at least 80% of play, a selection meeting will be held for the coaches to submit the names of **UP TO 20** best players from their league.
- Officials and scorekeepers may be in attendance to offer information on players for this meeting.
- The first 50% of the team will be chosen by the YMCA based on the leading vote getters on the coaches' ballots. Consideration for YMCA picks will also be given to players playing down for all-stars.
- The all-star head coach will have the authority to pick the remainder of the team from names nominated. In doing so consideration may be given to position needs among other factors.
- **Try-outs may be considered for those nominated players only**
- The max number of players for teams:
Baseball, Softball, Soccer: 12 Football: 18 Basketball: 10
- If the head coach's child is not rated as a top 12 player, he/she is guaranteed the '13th' position on the team.
- Kids that play up a league in recreation ball will be allowed to play down in all-star ball as long as they meet the age requirements.

At the coaches meeting, the coaches will be given a list of the kids who are playing up but are eligible to play down for all-stars.

All players playing up must declare to the YMCA staff what age level they wish to compete in after regular season is completed. The players need to notify YMCA staff within 24 hours after end of **league** to be eligible to play down on age appropriate team.

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- If player does not declare to YMCA after regular season ends, they are only eligible for the league they participated in during regular season.
- Player (parents) commit to participate at both District and State tournaments.
- Players that quit the team for non-medical/emergency reasons will be ineligible to participate in all-star play the following year.

EXPECTED BEHAVIOR OF ALL PLAYERS:

- ✓ Be positive about your all-star experience and accept responsibilities for your participation.
- ✓ Demonstrate good sportsmanship at every game and practice.
- ✓ Attend at least 75% of practices.
- ✓ Do your best to listen and learn from coaches.
- ✓ Treat all players, officials, and fans with respect.

NUMBER OF TEAM(S):

- There will be one all-star team per league. The YMCA reserves the right to add a second team. Consideration for a second team will be based on the following criteria: strength of talent in the league and number of players eligible to play down by age group.
- IF a second team is formed; Coach for the first team selects and confirms players prior to second team being selected. The coach will have 48 hours to receive commitments from parents.
- The coach for the second team will attend a second meeting to pick the team from remaining nominations.
- Any player rated as a top 12 player, and invited to play on the first team, is eligible to play on the first team **only**. Players are not eligible to “swap” teams.

PARENTS:

EXPECTED BEHAVIOR OF ALL PARENTS:

- ✓ To remember that the game is for youth - not adults.
- ✓ To encourage good sportsmanship by demonstrating positive support for all players, coaches, and officials at every game and practice.
- ✓ To place the emotional and physical well being of my child ahead of my personal desire to win.
- ✓ To do my very best to make youth sports fun for my child.

GENERAL INFO:

- The YMCA will give \$225 to each team for jerseys (Y logo or YMCA must be on jerseys), non-GRPA tournaments, etc.
- YMCA will cover entry fee for all GRPA tournaments.
- Players and parents must be willing to commit to attending both District and State GRPA tournaments for eligibility.