

*Greenville Youth Sports, Inc.*

2011  
Policies  
&  
Procedures

## **Coaches Selection - League Play**

### **Policies & Procedures**

1. The head coach is in charge of scheduling practices, communication with the parents & league coordinator, lineups, appointing assistant coaches and scorekeepers.
2. If a head coach has a child entering the same league he/she is coaching, the child will be placed on their team.
3. If their child is already on a team the coach will only be allowed to coach that team.
4. To create a pure draft, the head coach can't name his assistant coach until after the draft. The assistant coach's job is to help the head coach with coaching the team.
5. Additional assistant coaches may be named after the draft.
6. Anyone interested in a head or assistant coaching position for a league team must consent to and pass a criminal background check.
7. All assistant coaches are given priority for a head coaching position if an open head coaching position is available the following year.
8. The decision of the appointing head coaches is solely the responsibility of the GYS board.
9. Head coaching positions are a one (1) year assignment.
  - A. A head coach will be given priority for the next year and/or for the next level if they volunteer again/do not relinquish their position.
  - B. GYS board has the right at any time to remove a coach from their position based on behavior issues and/or conduct detrimental to GYS.

# Coaches Selection - Tournament Play Policies & Procedures

## Coaching Selection

1. All individuals interested in head coaching a tournament team must notify the board president of their interest no later than Sept 1<sup>st</sup> – prior to the upcoming season – via email to the board president
  - a. Coaches will be determined by: applications, their previous year's performance (not based on wins and losses), previous experience, recommendations, survey results and survey comments.
  - b. Tournament coaching positions will be appointed by November 1<sup>st</sup> prior to the upcoming season
  - c. Tournament coaching selection is the sole responsibility of GYS Board
  
2. The head coach **will not** be allowed to appoint an assistant coach before the try-outs and the final tournament team is selected.
  - a. A tournament team may have up to two (2) additional assistant coaches to help during tournament games (on the bench)
  - b. Other assistant coaches and/or responsibilities per coach will be named/ assigned after the final team roster is made – per the coach's decision. For example: team scorekeeper, bench coach, and practice assistant coaches.
  
3. All coaches will be evaluated in a year end survey provided to the parents and assistant coaches of their team.
  
4. The head coach & assistant coach applicants must consent to and pass a criminal background check.

## **Tournament Team Tryouts**

1. A tryout date will be set by the tournament team coach and all the information regarding the tryouts will be passed onto all the league coaches to pass out to all the players. It will also be posted on the internet.
2. The head coach will select 2 or 3 adults, 18 or older; to assist in the evaluation of players during tryouts and will help the head coach pick the tournament team through a tryout.
  - A. The 2 or 3 other adults helping pick the tournament team can't have a child trying out for that specific team.
  - B. A board member is to be present at each tryout; their job is to observe and ensure fairness. The observer can't be part of the selection committee.
3. The tournament team tryouts can't take place until two (2) weeks after the league tryouts are completed.
4. The recommended tryout format is to evaluate the players skills in fielding, throwing, hitting, and possibly speed.
5. A "make up" tryout can be granted – per approval of the head coach and tournament team coordinator – for an excused absence. The tryout must be pre-arranged and posted in advance.

## **The Tournament Team**

1. GYS Board sponsors and allows for a single tournament team at each playing level starting with Coach Pitch through 12 year old boys and 12U girls (the older levels are governed by other leagues we participate in)
2. Each Tournament Team will consist of at least 12 players and a maximum of 14.  
\*\*Note Deviations from the standard 12 player tournament team can be made **ONLY** if certain and specific criteria are met. The Criteria will be based on the following:
  - Number of tournament team tryout participants (larger numbers might mean a larger tournament team)
  - The depth and the ability of those participating in the tryout. (Not all participants will be qualified to participate on a tournament team – if the skill set is not there)
  - A. A Tournament Team can consist of up to 14 players **IF** it is determined by the Head Tournament Coach to do so.
  - B. If there are more than 24 participants at a tryout **AND** after the final selection of 12 players (or 14 players – as noted above) has been made; a volunteer may submit a formal request to the Board for support of and the allowance of an additional tournament team at that level – a “B” team.
    - i. A second tryout must be conducted for ALL those who did not make the Tournament Team originally.
    - ii. If a player did not tryout originally; they will not be allowed to tryout for the “B” team
    - iii. Any and all players selected to the Tournament Team can not choose not to participate on that team and tryout for the “B” team.
    - iv. It is not guaranteed the “B” team will be entered into the Greenville tournament – if space does not allow.
3. All Tournament teams will participate in a minimum of 4 – 5 tournaments throughout the summer and GYS will sponsor the tournament fees up to \$1000.00 total. Any additional tournament fees or costs will need to be approved by the board and additional cost covered by the team. “B” team tournament number will be determined by the board.
4. Players must be a registered member of GYS league program to participate.

5. The Head Coaches child(ren) must go through the tryouts and **are not** guaranteed a spot on the roster
6. All tournament participation applications must be turned in and approved **PRIOR** to entering a tournament.
7. Parents must accept the responsibility and commitment to the team; work additional service hours during the Greenville tournament(s), and purchase the GYS team uniform for their child(ren).
8. Parents are expected to conduct themselves appropriately at all tournaments and follow and respect the tournament rules (including “carry ins” – remember your words and actions represent our organization and our town.)
10. The head coaching positions is a 1 year appointment.
11. Coaches are required to wear the board approved “Coaches Uniform” at all tournaments.
  - a. The Board will purchase the uniforms for the “head” and “named” assistant coach
  - b. All other assistants must also be in uniform at **ALL** tournaments and must purchase their own uniforms to be allowed on the field or within the dugout

\*\*\*NOTE; Remember – each and everyone of us who coach, participate, cheer for, or are a parent, friend, or other family member of our tournament teams; represent the “Town of Greenville” in our actions and our words as soon as we step foot on the field.

## **Tournament Team Practices**

1. League team practices have priority over tournament team practices in regards to field scheduling and player attendance
2. Tournament teams limited to practices 1 – 2 times per week

## **Softball Tournament Team Specifics**

All Policies and Procedures for the boys' tournament teams apply to the girls with the following exceptions:

1. Tryouts for girls softball tournament teams will follow the following order:
  - a. 14 and under
  - b. 12 and under
  - c. 10 and under
2. If secondary (or "B") team is formed, girls will have the option of playing on the second (or "B") team or down an age bracket.
3. All coach pitch girls are allowed to tryout for 10 and under tournament team softball.
4. Girls have the right to try out for their 'age' eligible vs. 'grade' eligible tournament team. However, if they do try out, and are selected to the team, they have to play at that level.

## **League Expansion Team(s)**

### **Policies & Procedures**

1. Expansion teams will pick continuous in the draft to fill their team with older children.  
e.g. - In the Minor League the team will pick the 10 year olds in the draft until they have the equal amount as the team with the lowest number of 10 year olds.
2. Expansion teams will pick first in the minor/junior and major/senior league drafts. Last place team of the previous year will pick second and so on.
3. Coaching rules and draft rules still apply to expansion teams.

## **League Draft**

### **9-12 year olds**

1. If the head coach is new to the team and his or her child was a tournament team player, that child will be the team's 1<sup>st</sup> round draft choice.
2. If the head coach is new to the team and his or her child was not on the tournament team, that child will be the team's 4<sup>th</sup> round draft pick.
3. All siblings will automatically be placed on the same team. If the younger sibling was on tournament team, he or she will be the team's 2<sup>nd</sup> round draft pick. If the younger sibling was not on the tournament team, he or she will be the team's 4<sup>th</sup> round draft pick.
4. No compensation will be given if a team who loses a player due to moving away, not playing baseball, etc....
5. The last place team from the previous year will have the 1<sup>st</sup> pick in each round of the draft. The only exceptions would be in the case of an expansion team or there were new second year players (4<sup>th</sup> or 6<sup>th</sup> grader) who signed up which would be drafted first in a separate draft to try and even up numbers on each team. The 1<sup>st</sup> place team of previous year will pick last in each round in the draft.
6. Balance number of players on each team by the last 2 rounds.
7. If a "B" tournament team is formed, these players are not considered "tournament team" players in regards to the rules of the league draft

### **13-14 Year olds**

1. A tryout and an actual draft will be done for the 13 & 14 year old boys' league play.
2. The total number of participants at each level may dictate changes to team make up, selection, participation (play), etc. as deemed by the coordinator and board.
3. No one who registers will be 'cut' from league play / team formation

## **Tie-Breakers (For Draft Order)**

### **Policies & Procedures**

1. Playoff champion
2. Playoff runner-up
3. Overall record
4. Head to head
5. Record vs. Greenville teams only
6. Coin flip

## **Tee Ball Policies & Procedures**

1. All players are assigned to a team by the tee ball coordinator.
2. All teams will be as close as possible by age & sex.
3. All applicable boys and girls will be in tee ball or coach pitch. (No moving up to the next division early).
4. No favor granting will be given for placing children on a particular team.
5. All siblings will be placed on the same team.

## **Machine / Coach Pitch Policies & Procedures**

1. Teams will be assigned by the coach pitch coordinator.
2. All teams will be as close as possible by age & sex.
  - A. If there are enough girls at registration to form four (4) girls' only teams, there will be a separate girls' coach pitch division.
  - B. The family of a girl may choose to play in either the boys or girls division in this case.
3. No favor granting will be given for placing children on a particular team.
4. All siblings will be placed on the same team, with the exception of if the girl chooses to play in the girls' division.

## **GYS Board Selection**

### **Policies & Procedures**

Open Board Positions are posted on [greenvilleyouthsports.com](http://greenvilleyouthsports.com) when ever an open position arises.

Board positions are filled at the annual meeting in the fall in preparation for the upcoming season. There are times when an open position may be filled immediately – based on need, or as an interim position.

1. Anyone interested in applying for a position on the GYS board must contact the board via email and supply a letter of interest for consideration
2. The GYS board must vote on all positions to be filled.
3. The job description to the current opening applies to the responsibly of that position.
4. All perspective members must pass a criminal background check.

## **Lightening Policy**

The lightening policy will be the same as the WIAA lightening policy.

1. When thunder is heard, or a cloud-to-ground lightning bolt is seen, the thunderstorm is close enough to strike your location with lightning. The 'Game' being played or 'Practice' taking place or scheduled, all play is to be suspended and everyone is to take shelter immediately.
  - a. The dugouts and bleachers are NOT considered 'Safe Shelter'
  - b. Safe shelter is considered to be: in an enclosed structure, or in a vehicle
2. Thirty-minute rule. Once play has been suspended, wait at least 30 minutes after the last thunder is heard or flash of lightning is witnessed prior to resuming play.
3. Any subsequent thunder or lightning after the beginning of the 30-minute count reset the clock and another 30-minute count should begin.

## **League Reduction**

1. Should GYS determine the need to reduce the number of teams in either the minor/junior or major/senior leagues because of overall numbers, the players remaining from the dropped team will re-enter the draft and will be picked before the open draft in a dispersal draft.
2. The draft rules will be followed for the dispersal draft; the last place team with the least number of both 10 year olds (minor leagues) and 12 year olds (major leagues) players will pick first.
3. If the head & assistant coach from the eliminated team are still interested in coaching, they will be given first consideration for any open position.
4. The GYS board will determine which team(s) would be eliminated.

## **GYS League Boundaries**

Greenville Youth Sports supports 'OPEN' boundaries allowing all kids interested in playing in Greenville to play. However GYS is designed to support the Township of Greenville and its residence.

Anyone interested in playing baseball or softball in Greenville for GYS who do not attend a Greenville Township school or live within the Township of Greenville are required to pay on non-residence fee of \$20.00 per participating child.

Eligible schools include: Greenville Elementary, Greenville Middle, St. Mary's of the Immaculate Conception, Immanuel Lutheran, St. Edwards, Faith Community, and or Shepherd of the Hills.

## **Late Registrations**

Any and all registrations, including ‘buy out fee’s’ and previous years dues (if owed) are due at registration each year on the scheduled registration date. If you have a conflict, or do not get your registration in at the scheduled registration date a late fee of \$20.00 will be owed / charged per child if your registration and all the required forms are not received by MARCH 31<sup>st</sup> of that year.

There will be NO exceptions for registrations for Boys Machine Pitch league play through USSSA 15 yr. old eligible players, nor will there be exceptions made for girls Coach Pitch league through 14U eligible players

The Only exception for late fee’s is for Tee Ball participants – players may register up to and through the scheduled “OPENING DAY” for Coach / Machine Pitch – through Major / Senior League play (typically the second Saturday in May).