



All Star Experience Fact Sheet

FMYSA sanctions "All Star Tournament Teams" for summer play after the conclusion of our regular season and Town Championship tournament, for age groups 8U through 13/14U only. FMYSA will not be able to provide an All Star Team for any age group where no coach volunteers to coach an All Star team.

The All Star Experience:

All Star Tournament Teams participate in a more competitive environment than regular FMYSA recreational league play. These teams begin play after the conclusion of the FMYSA season and generally participate in tournaments in neighboring communities and potentially state and national events. The purpose of this Fact Sheet is to provide more information about the "All Star Tournament Team" process to the parents of all FMYSA participants so you can decide if your child should be considered for the All Star Experience.

Parent Action Required:

If your child is going to participate in the All Star experience, please print and complete the forms in the "**All Star Team Parent Packet**" and turn them in at the registration area of your scheduled tryout location.

The Process:

First, the FMYSA board determines the number of All Star Teams we will have for each age group. The number of teams is based on the number of regular season teams, the level of interest among our parents, players, coaches, league directors, and the FMYSA administration's general assessment of the overall league talent for each age group. League talent is an important consideration because of the extremely competitive nature of tournament play.

We ask coaches to encourage their more skilled and experienced players to try out for All Stars, provided the parents of that player have not informed their coach that their son/daughter does not want to participate in All Stars.

Regardless of the number of All Star Teams formed per age group, all interested players will attend the one tryout for their respective age group. Players will be evaluated by experienced tournament coaches, who are primarily FMYSA Sanctioned Select Coaches. Players will go through various drills which may include hitting, catching fly balls, fielding ground balls, and running.

After the initial tryout, if there was a large turnout (primarily at 8U), the evaluators provide to the V.P. of Recreation Baseball a list of players that will be invited back to the second tryout. After the second invitational only tryout, the evaluators will assemble the All Star Teams and forward the recommended rosters to the V.P. of Recreation Baseball. After approval of the rosters, the V.P. of Recreation Baseball will forward each All Star Head Coach their roster and the coach will then contact the parents of the children that made his team.

The Head Coaches of the All Star teams can be present during the tryouts but cannot take place in the player evaluation process. The children of the Head Coach and of the one pre-selected Assistant Coach per team, who will be on the All Star team, are not to participate in the tryout.



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Tryouts are open to all players in their age group provided they played in that recreational league. Once a player completes the tryout process they must declare their eligibility to the respective coach prior to leaving the tryout. Once named to a roster, the player cannot participate on another Tournament All Star team without written approval by the V.P. of Recreation Baseball.

If a player is not selected on the Premier All Star team he can choose to tryout for the Local All Star team(s) if the age group offers those opportunities.

The Schedule:

Practices can begin once the rosters are finalized, but all players and coaches must meet their recreational team commitments if any conflicts exist. That means players must be at their recreational team games and practices through the end of the season and the Town Championship tournament.

The Commitment:

Because of the competition at this level, All Star Tournament Teams often have two to three events each week in preparation for tournament play. On days the team is not playing in a tournament, you should assume the team will practice. This can create a problem if the player will be out of town or otherwise unavailable for more than a few days during this period. To be fair to the team and the players, parents should carefully consider the necessary commitment before allowing their child to participate on an All Star Team.

Parents should also be aware there are lax playing time requirements on Tournament Teams. Once qualifying play begins, you must qualify to advance to the next tournament, and therefore coaches are trying to field the most competitive team possible. Players are required to play 50% of the innings they are present at each tournament, but there are no infield playing requirements.

The Costs:

All Star teams are self-funded. Tournament fees, gate fees, uniforms, equipment, etc., are the responsibility of the team. These fees vary depending on uniform styles and quantity of tournaments the team chooses to participate in. Parents can anticipate minimum cost of \$250.00 per player; not including travel, food, or lodging.