

# Osseo-Maple Grove Athletic Association

## TEAM SELECTION POLICY

(OMGAA Policy 2017.01)

### **Section 1 - Purpose:**

The purpose of this policy is to establish enforceable policy and procedure for the selection of **OMGAA** fast pitch softball and baseball teams. Team Selection within the OMGAA Adapted Softball program is not bound by this policy.

### **Section 2 - Authority:**

The authority to establish this policy is provided by **Section 9 - General Duties and Responsibilities of the Board of Directors** of the **Osseo-Maple Grove Athletic Association - By Laws**.

### **Section 3 – Levels of Play Defined:**

- A) OMGAA offers two levels of play within the Fast Pitch Softball Program:
  - 1) House Fast Pitch Softball League
  - 2) Traveling Fast Pitch Softball League
- B) OMGAA offers six levels of play within the Baseball Program:
  - 1) Rookie Ball House League
  - 2) Junior House Minor League
  - 3) Junior House Major League
  - 4) Senior House Baseball League
  - 5) Junior Traveling Baseball
  - 6) Senior Traveling Baseball
- C) Reference the OMGAA Age of Play Policy for details.

### **Section 4 – House League Team Selection:**

- A) The OMGAA House League fastpitch and baseball programs are designed to be all inclusive and any player registered by the deadline at the age appropriate level and are currently in and remain in good standing will be placed on a team. The process for team formation will be at the discretion of the program director.
- B) In the event all-star teams are created for competition in mid or post season tournaments, either within or outside of OMGAA, the team selection process will be communicated to all members of the league prior to selection of teams.

### **Section 5 – Traveling League Team Selection:**

To be eligible for Traveling League participation, all players registering for OMGAA Fastpitch and Baseball programs must participate in an appropriate league tryout process. Exact procedure for tryouts and evaluations, for each league, shall be established by the OMGAA Team Selection Committee (TSC), and shall be applied to all participants equally. Tryout and evaluation procedures shall be published prior to the start of tryouts.

**Exceptions:** Players who cannot participate in designated tryout procedures due to injury or family obligation may request placement based on tryout scores from the immediately previous year, provided scores for the previous year are available. Scores may not be

**advanced beyond a one-year period. Players who cannot participate in designated tryout procedures for any reason, and who do not have scores from the immediately previous year, are not eligible for play on OMGAA Traveling Fast Pitch or Traveling Baseball League Teams. Unusual and extenuating circumstances will be reviewed by the appropriate League Director on a case by case basis.**

Evaluators shall be independent and from outside the OMGAA Programs, neutral and unbiased in their evaluations, and apply identical criteria to all participants. Evaluators shall apply a numeric scoring system designed to rank candidates based on total assigned score. The tabulation of tryout scores will be done by the evaluators and delivered to the TSC. Tryout scores are the property of OMGAA and shall be retained by the TSC in confidence. Board members or Head Coaches who are given access to tryout scores are responsible to maintain this confidence. Violation of this confidence will result in removal from the board or coaching position and restriction from future participation.

a) Junior Traveling Baseball (9U thru 14U)

1. At each age level of junior traveling baseball, the top five (5) candidates shall be “locked” into placement on to the “AAA” team.
2. Player evaluation will be based on the following:
  - a) Post Season Coaches Report  
The OMGAA will provide each Head Coach a year end evaluation report to be completed for each player on his/her team. The evaluation will summarize the player’s game performance and will be included in the following year team selection process. Coaches are required to complete the report within one (1) month following the completion of league play. Non-compliance with this requirement may lead to disciplinary actions. Access and confidentiality of these reports will be identical to the Tryout Scores.
  - b) Pre-season Tryout Events  
An independently evaluated, age appropriate tryout will be held to evaluate all participants registered for the OMGAA Traveling Baseball program. Only those players identified by this process will be invited to additional Coach evaluated tryouts.
  - c) Traveling Baseball “AAA” Team Selection  
Head Coaches for the “AAA” teams must accept the “locked” five (5) candidates based on the evaluation criteria specified above, and may select his remaining seven (7) players from players identified as follows:
    - i. All individual scores assigned by the independent evaluations shall be ranked highest to lowest.
    - ii. Players ranked 18<sup>th</sup> and above, and those additional players whose scores are within ninety five percent (95%) of the 18<sup>th</sup> ranked, will be eligible for placement onto the “AAA” level team. For example, if the 18<sup>th</sup> ranked player scores an 80, all players with a score of 76 and higher are eligible for placement onto the “AAA” level team.
  - d) Traveling Baseball “AA” Team Selection
    - i. When one (1) “AA” team is formed players must finish in the top **28** to be eligible for “AA”, when two teams are formed players must finish in the top **40** to be eligible for “AA”.
    - ii. Where two (2) “AA” teams are formed, players will be drafted by Head Coaches to create comparable teams.
    - iii. For draft purposes, the League Director will have responsibility for

ensuring the procedure used meets the goal of creating comparable teams.

- e) Traveling Baseball “A” Team Selection  
When a single “A” team is formed players must finish ranked in the top 48 to be eligible for “A”
- 3) Team Selection Committee Approval
  - a) At all age levels, all “AAA” and “AA” coaches must agree on recommended team rosters.
  - b) All recommended team rosters will be submitted to the OMGAA Team Selection Committee for final approval or revisions prior to posting.
- 4) A final list of those candidates selected for the Traveling Program and identified by age group and tryout number only, will be posted on the OMGAA Website upon approval by the TSC.
- 5) Players not selected for the OMGAA Traveling Baseball program will be placed into a house baseball program for team selection.

B) Traveling Fastpitch Softball

- 1) Players shall be chosen for the OMGAA Traveling Programs within a reasonable time following the conclusion of their tryout process, and prior to any House League tryouts for their age/grade group.
- 2) At each level of travel fastpitch, the top 4 (4) candidates shall be “locked” into placement on the “A” team.
- 3) Team Selection
  - a) When only one traveling team is to be formed, upon completion of the tryout procedure and identification of “locked” players, the independent evaluators and the coach, each with an equal vote, shall confer to identify the remaining players who will be invited to participate on the traveling team.
  - b) At age levels where a “B” team will be created, the team shall be composed of the remaining invited players not select for the “A” team.
  - c) If sufficient players are present to form more than two teams, additional teams may be formed at the League Director’s discretion an by means that are compliant with this policy

C) Senior Traveling Baseball

Due to outside league requirements and other considerations, exact and specific tryout procedures for the OMGAA Senior Travel teams, shall be determined by the Senior Traveling League Director with approval by the TSC.

**Section 6 – Enforcement:**

Violations of this policy may result in disciplinary action at the discretion of the OMGAA Board of Directors.

Adopted by the OMGAA Board of Directors

(January 3, 2004)

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