



KYA BASEBALL TRAVELING ALL STAR PROGRAM

Each summer, KYA Baseball's recreational teams field highly competitive traveling All Star teams to compete in local All Star tournaments. This document is intended to give players/parents an overview of the expectations of the All Star program and your responsibilities as a potential participant.

Coach Selection – All Star coaches will be selected by the KYA Baseball Commissioners based on an application and interview process. KYA will identify a coach (or coaches) for the Keller Gold All Stars at each division. Additional coaches may be selected on a contingent basis to lead other All Star teams (e.g., Keller Blue, Keller White, etc.). Additional team formation is contingent on having enough players attend All Star tryouts to field multiple competitive teams.

All Star Teams – At each age division, Keller Gold will be the primary All Star team and will have first choice in selecting players to complete their roster. If additional coaches are chosen on a contingent basis and the attending talent is acceptable, they will establish rosters with remaining players from the tryouts for Additional All Star teams.

Player Selection – Our goal in the All Star program is to field the most competitive teams from our recreational programs. Commissioners may attend tryouts ensure a fair selection process. The expectation is that the best players in our divisions be selected to represent KYA on our All Star teams.

Player Tryouts – Tryouts typically occur in mid to late April, with possible call-back and make-up dates early the following week. KYA Commissioners will help organize player tryouts, but will allow flexibility to the coaches to ensure they can evaluate players effectively. Field time will be limited, so an efficient tryout is necessary. Players are judged by their coach-ability, attitude, ability to field, throw, catch and hit the ball. Each attending player will be given an equal opportunity in these baseball aspects.

Practice Schedules – All Star teams may begin practicing as soon as team formations are announced. Remaining game schedules and the end of season tournaments are given priority to any remaining recreational games for each player. All Star players are not held to a 3 event rule per week as the summer season is short and players and coaches should try and maximize the playing season.

Summer Tournaments – Most All Star teams will play in at least 3-4 weekend tournaments in the June-July time frame. KYA will help identify area tournaments for All Star teams to participate in, but each team is ultimately responsible for selecting tournaments and all associated registrations.

Uniform Costs and Tournament Registration Fees – All Star players and coaches will be required to purchase KYA All Star uniforms. In addition, all tournament registration fees will be paid by the individual team players (KYA does not cover tournament registration fees for the All Star teams). It is anticipated that the total cost for uniforms and tournament fees will be approximately \$350 per player though this amount can be offset by fundraising and/or sponsorships.

Conduct – All Star coaches and players represent KYA Baseball and are expected to do so in a manner worthy of wearing the "K". Although the All Star program is a more competitive level of play than our recreational league, misconduct will not be tolerated. Even at a competitive level, the primary goal should be to teach baseball fundamentals in a way that is encouraging to our players. KYA expects this to be a positive experience for our players and families.