

# Osseo-Maple Grove Athletic Association

## TEAM SELECTION POLICY AND PROCEDURE

(OMGAA Policy 2003.01)

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

The purpose of this policy is to establish enforceable policy and procedure for the selection of OMGAA fastpitch softball and baseball teams.

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

The authority to establish this policy is provided by **Section 10 - General Duties and Responsibilities of the Board of Directors** Item 5 of the Osseo-Maple Grove Athletic Association - By Laws.

### **Section 3 – Levels of play defined:**

A) OMGAA offers three levels of play within the Fastpitch Softball Program:

- 1) House Fastpitch Softball League
- 2) Traveling Fastpitch Softball League
- 3) Fall Fastpitch Softball League

B) OMGAA offers five levels of play within the Baseball Program:

- 1) Machine Pitched Baseball
- 2) House National League
- 3) House American League
- 4) Traveling Baseball League
- 5) Fall Developmental Baseball League

C) Reference the OMGAA Age of Play Policy for details.

### **Section 4 – Tryout Requirements:**

A) To be eligible for selection, all players registering for OMGAA Traveling and American League programs must participate in tryout procedures as determined by the appropriate league director and approved by the OMGAA Board of Directors.

**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 Fastpitch, Baseball or House American League Teams.**

### **Section 5 – Tryout Procedure Guidelines:**

OMGAA Tryouts shall be conducted to evaluate players overall ability in fielding, hitting and throwing. Exact procedure for evaluations shall be applied to all participants equally and shall be established by the Director responsible for conducting these tryouts **within the following guidelines:**

- A) Evaluation procedures shall be established and published prior to the start of tryouts.
- B) Independent and separate tryouts shall be conducted for Traveling Fastpitch Softball, Traveling Baseball and American League Baseball programs.
- C) Evaluators shall be independent and from outside the OMGAA programs, neutral and unbiased in their evaluations, and apply identical criteria to all participants.
- D) Evaluators shall apply a numeric scoring system, established by the Director, and designed to rank candidates based on total assigned score. Upon completion of the tryout skills evaluation, all independent evaluators scores shall be used to rank all candidates in descending order based on total assigned tryout score, the highest score being ranked 1<sup>st</sup>.
- E) Where traveling teams are being selected, candidates ranked 1<sup>st</sup> through 5<sup>th</sup> highest in descending order of total assigned score, shall be considered “Locked” into placement onto the appropriate Traveling “A” team. Players must attend current year tryouts to be eligible for “Locked” status. No player, using a previous years score or selected by allowable exceptions to this policy, shall be considered “Locked”.
- F) Traveling coaches shall not participate in the tryout procedure.

**Exception: If there are only enough players to select one traveling team, the coach shall observe the tryout procedure making observational notes, but shall not contribute, nor attempt to influence, scoring decisions of the independent evaluators. Traveling teams shall be selected according to Section 6 of this POLICY.**

- G) American League coaches (ages 12-15) shall observe their respective tryout, making observational notes for drafting purposes, but shall not contribute, nor attempt to influence, scoring decisions of the independent evaluators. American League teams shall be selected according to Section 6 of this **POLICY**.
- H) Tryout scores are the property of OMGAA and shall be kept private and in confidence. Coaches who are given access to tryout scores are responsible to maintain this confidence. **Violation of this confidence may result in removal from coaching, prohibition from future coaching or both.** Parents may request their player’s tryout performance score, on a confidential basis, from the appropriate league director.
- I) Due to outside league requirements and other considerations, exact and specific tryout procedures for the OMGAA Mickey Mantle and Senior Babe Ruth teams, shall be determined by the Senior Traveling League Director with approval by the OMGAA Board of Directors and are not necessarily bound by this **POLICY**.

## **Section 6 – Selection of Teams:**

### **A) Traveling Baseball and Fastpitch Team Selection:**

- 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 American League tryouts for their age/grade group. Specific traveling teams shall be selected as follows:

When only one traveling team is to be formed, upon completion of the tryout procedure and identification of “Locked” players, the league Director and the coach shall confer to identify the remaining players who will be invited to participate on the traveling team.

When both a Traveling “A” and “B” team are to be formed, those players ranked 1<sup>st</sup> through 24<sup>th</sup> highest, may be invited to participate in the OMGAA Traveling Program. The Traveling “A” coach may, at his/her convenience, conduct additional tryouts to select those players from the invited list, along with those players identified as “Locked” that will compose the Traveling “A” team. The Traveling “B” team shall be composed of the remaining invited players not selected for the “A” team.

If sufficient players are present to form more than two teams, additional teams may be formed at the Director’s discretion and by means that are compliant with this policy.

- 2) A list of those players selected for the traveling program, and identified by age group and tryout number only, shall be posted at the Maple Grove Community Center and on the OMGAA Web Site “www.omgaa.org” prior to any House American League tryouts for their age/grade group.
- 3) Players trying out for, but not selected to, an OMGAA Traveling Baseball program must then attend the appropriate American League tryouts if they wish to be eligible for selection onto an American League team. No additional fee shall be charged for this second tryout.

### **B) American League Baseball Team Selection:**

- 1) An **eligibility rank**, for each American League is hereby established at 12 times the number of teams within each league. For each American League, only players ranked at or above this **eligibility rank** may be placed onto a team. A listing of those players selected for the American League program and identified by age group and tryout number only, shall be posted at the Maple Grove Community Center and on the OMGAA Web Site “www.omgaa.org” within 48 hours after completion of the tryout procedure. Players not selected for the American League program shall be turned over to the National League coordinators for placement onto National League teams.
- 2) For players competing at the 12/13 and 14/15 year-old American League level, teams shall be selected by means of a draft, supervised and conducted by the Sr. House League Director.
- 3) For players competing at the 10/11 year-old American League level, teams shall be formed by assignment based on tryout scores and, under the supervision of the Junior

House League Director.

C) House Fastpitch Softball, National League and Machine Pitched Baseball Team Selection:

Teams competing at the House Fastpitch Softball League, House National League or the Machine Pitched Baseball League shall be formed under the supervision of the appropriate league director, and shall be based approximately on school of attendance. House level Fastpitch Softball and National League baseball players may request same team placement with one other player provided both players request each other. Such player requests must be made in writing on the registration form and will be honored only when possible. Players may not request specific coaches.

D) Fall Baseball and Fastpitch Softball

The OMGAA fall baseball and fast pitch softball programs are collectively called "Fall Ball". These programs are separate from OMGAA summer programs and have no impact of the formation of any summer traveling or house program teams. Fall Ball is an OMGAA program and general OMGAA policies and rules shall apply. Teams are to be formed along the following guidelines.

1. General:

- a) Players from OMGAA summer teams shall have preference over players from outside of OMGAA to be placed on OMGAA Fall Ball teams.
- b) Fall Ball teams may have up to 15 players per team at the discretion of the fall baseball or fall fast pitch softball director or coordinator.
- c) Teams must register their players through the process established by OMGAA. Teams that register their roster directly with Gopher State, MMFL or other sponsoring programs are prohibited from using OMGAA equipment, uniforms from previous seasons or use of OMGAA team names / logos. Teams that register their roster directly with Gopher State, MMFL or other sponsoring programs are not covered under the OMGAA Liability Insurance, and must provide proof of insurance to the City of Maple Grove prior to use of City owned facilities.

2. Fall Baseball

- a) Fall Baseball is offered according to the program established by Minnesota Youth Athletic Services and the Gopher State Fall Baseball Program. League rules from those organizations apply to fall baseball, including age of players. The fall baseball coordinator or director has overall responsibility for the registration announcements, registration of players, formation of teams, entering teams in the appropriate leagues and the general oversight of the fall baseball program.
- b) The fall baseball coordinator or director shall form teams taking into account the number of players registered for a particular level of play, Gopher State guidelines for competitiveness of teams and past experience. Coaches may submit proposed rosters to the fall baseball coordinator or director; however,

these rosters are not guaranteed. OMGAA and Gopher State will have final approval and may add or remove players to meet over all program needs.

3. Fall Fastpitch Softball

- a) Fall Fastpitch softball is offered according to the program established by the Minnesota Metro Fastpitch League (MMFL) or other governing body. MMFL traveling fastpitch rules generally apply to fall fastpitch softball, including age of players. The fall fastpitch softball coordinator or director has overall responsibility for registration announcements, registration of players, formation of teams, entering teams in the appropriate leagues and the general oversight of the fall Fastpitch softball program.
- b) The fall Fastpitch softball coordinator or director shall form teams taking into account taking the number of players registered for a particular level of play, the MMFL guidelines for competitiveness of teams and past experience. Coaches may submit proposed rosters to the fall baseball coordinator or director; however, these rosters are not guaranteed. OMGAA will have final approval and may add or remove players to meet over all program needs.

**Section 7 – 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  
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