



Commitment Pledge

Garden Grove Pony Baseball (GGPB) Select Division is designed to provide a more advanced playing level on a year-round basis. Select Teams will play against Travel Ball & Select Teams from other PONY organizations and players will need to travel to other cities. Select Teams will also likely engage in additional practices, fundraising efforts, and other activities as compared to non-Select Teams. In consideration of the travel and other activities, persons placed on a Select Team will incur additional expenses (in addition to the registration fee).

Tryouts & Team Placements:

GGPB will schedule tryouts for placement on a Select Team, however, player selection for each Select Team shall be at the sole discretion of the Select Team manager and Coaching Staff. Selection shall be based upon baseball skill, commitment to the team, commitment to GGPB, and other Team/League requirements. Any player that is selected onto a Select Team which will be formed must commit to the team from:

Spring Season:

Jan. 1st (or from placement on the team) through July 31st (or the natural end of the All-Star Tournament Season)

Fall Season:

Aug. 1st (or from placement on the team) through Dec. 1st (or the natural end of playoffs or after winter tournaments as discussed)

Registration Requirements:

All players who are selected to a Select Team will be required to pay :

- GGPB Registration Fee plus Additional Irvine Select Fee
- Snack Bar & Field Buy Out (to be reimbursed when shift(s) are completed)
- All Star Registration Fee (This will be a separate registration due at a later date)

Registration Fees pay for fields, game balls, umpires, maintenance, insurance, etc. as well as the following:

Spring Season “Select Package” Registration Includes:

- 2 Game Jerseys & 2 Hat
- 1 Practice Jersey
- Socks & Belt
- Irvine Select Fee
- Memorial Day Tournament Team Fee

Fall Season “Select Package” Registration Includes:

- 1 Game Jersey & 1 Hat
- Socks & Belt
- Irvine Select Fee

All Star Package Registration Includes:

- 1 Game Jersey & Hat
- 1 Practice Jersey
 - Can always be worn to games as long as the jersey is “patched” with official Pony patch
- Socks & Belt
- First 2 weeks of All Star tournament gate fee per team (approx. \$500-\$700 per week per team) Paid by Garden Grove Pony Baseball to support your All-Star Team

GGPB League Volunteer Requirements:

Select Teams are a vital part of GGPB, and teams will have **mandatory** volunteer duties for GGPB:

- Snack bar & Field Duties (or buy out)
- League Required Fundraiser (or buy out)
- Team Sponsorship due to League (Spring Only)
- Firework Stand (All Stars) **No Buy Out**
- Snack bar & Field Duties (All Stars) **No Buy Out** **These are in addition to the season snack bar & field duties

Cyclones Team Requirements:

Along with the above League requirements, the Cyclones are responsible for additional commitments including, but not limited to:

- Additional Fees
 - Tournament & Scrimmage Fees
 - Additional Uniforms/Gear
 - Indoor Practice Facilities
 - All Star Tournament Team Gate fees (Districts, Sections, Etc.)
- Team Fundraising – Teams may participate in multiple fundraising activities (separate from the League required fundraiser) with a minimum monetary requirement to fulfill
- Tournaments
 - We expect to play in multiple tournaments during the season (manager discretion)
 - Additional fees required (Tournament Fees & Team Annual Membership fees to USSSA, NCS, PG, Etc.)
- Attendance
 - We expect players to be on time to all games and practices. If conflicts arise, this **MUST** be communicated to the team manager as soon as possible.

- Scrimmages
 - Additional Fees required (Umpire & Field Usage Fees)
- Dress Code
 - Cyclones must come to practice & games in full baseball uniform
 - Baseball Pants
 - Baseball Socks
 - Belt
 - Athletic Cup
 - Practice Shirt (Jersey for Game)
 - Baseball Hat (Worn properly forward on the head)

All Stars Requirements:

Select Teams will represent GGPB at All Stars. Below are the All-Stars Requirements

- All Star Registration Fees will be due in April/May prior to the first tournament
- Firework Stand (All Stars) 2 Shifts **No Buy Out**
 - One of these shifts MUST be on July 4th
- Snack bar & Field Duties (All Stars) **No Buy Out** **These are in addition to the season snack bar & field duties
- Pony Sanction All Star Tournament Team Fees (Districts, Sections, Regions, Etc.) depending how far the team goes

If a player does not fulfill the entire All-Star Season, or any of the above commitments, your child will be ineligible for placement on a future All-Star team for one year.

If a Team/ Manager pull out there will be a 365-day freeze for their return to GGPB Select subject to review. Any Fee's the league has paid (IE. Paying for Memorial Day Weekend Events, Etc.) that team/manager is responsible to reimburse to GGPB.

Please read and initial the following Select Team / League commitment statements:

_____ **We are committed to the Select Team through end of season.** Although the main season for the Select Team shall be Jan. 1st through May 31st (Spring) and Aug. 1st through Dec. 1st for fall, Select teams may conduct practices, participate in tournaments, fundraising, or other team activities throughout the year.

_____ **We are committed to the Select ALL STAR Team through end of All Star season.** Although the main season for the Select Team shall be Jan. 1st through May 31st (Spring), we are committed until the natural end of the All-Star Season

_____ **We are committed to the team for all practices and games.** Practice is crucial to a team's success. It is understood that the Select Team manager may choose to practice 2-3 times per week in preparation for Select Division Games and/or tournaments.

_____ **We are aware of the possibility of additional personal expenses.** Although the registration fee covers the cost for all regular seasons, managers may decide to participate in additional tournaments, utilize batting cages, purchase additional uniforms, and participate in other activities which may result in additional personal expenses.

_____ **Participation on GGPB Select Teams involves travel.** Game schedules typically require Select Teams to travel to other cities located throughout OC & surrounding cities. Parents must ensure that your child is present for & arrives on time for all the games.

_____ **Absences from team events must be communicated to the team manager (illness, school events, religious events or emergencies).** This is a team sport and individual absence from team events impact the entire team and can hinder morale and performance.

_____ **Select Teams are competitive and all players may not play in all games, nor are they guaranteed specific playing time.** It will be the goal of each Select Team manager to develop each player to be able to play at the competitive level. Although we encourage managers to allow all players to participate in every game, the manager is responsible for determining which players will play in each game, playing time, and which position(s) the player will play.

_____ **As a parent, I understand that I am required to abide by the Garden Grove Pony Baseball Code of Conduct while my child participates with the Select Team at any team event,**

_____ **We will support the Select Team and League and provide service hours as directed by the Team Manager and/or GGPB.** Such service hours could include, but are not limited to, field preparation, field maintenance duties, snack shack coverage, and other similar activities.

_____ **We understand that failure to fulfill all of our commitments (including providing service hours and participating in all practices) could result in less playing time and/or removal from the Select Team.**

I understand and agree to the player/parent commitment and verify that my child _____meets all eligibility requirements .

Parents Signature and Date: _____

Players Signature and Date: _____