



## All-Star Season Player/Parent Commitment Letter

Dear Parents and Players,

CONGRATULATIONS! Garden Grove Pony Baseball (GGPB) would like to thank you for your interest in GGPB All Stars. We are proud to announce that your player has been selected for the All-Star Season. Please read the following information carefully. Players have been selected based on their playing ability, eligibility, availability, and loyalty.

We look forward to the extension of the Garden Grove Pony Baseball Spring season. There is a lot of information that we need to get to you.

All Stars is a commitment of time and getting your kids ready for the All Star season. Once the playoffs start, it will run from mid June - July. Depending on how your team does, it may go longer. Please be ready for practices, traveling to games and really giving the kids an experience they will never forget. Below are some of the commitments, time and requirements we will expect from all star parents.

**Attendance Requirements:** GGPB All-Star teams will play in very competitive tournaments. This level of play requires our teams to work very hard to maximize talents and be competitive. Consequently, the teams will plan on practicing weekly (some teams may practice twice a week) and playing some practice games in the weeks prior to the tournaments. This is an immense commitment and the players are required to make this team their priority, or they should reconsider their eligibility to not be considered for selection. The managers will have the option to dismiss a player for lack of attendance. ***This means sports camps, family vacations, and other sports teams should be postponed until the completion of these All-Star season baseball tournaments. Only the League President may provide any exceptions (with prior approval) to the attendance requirement.***

**Tournament Rules:** Depending on the division a nine-player batting order is used (8U KP and above) and PONY Rules will apply. The players do not have a minimum playing requirement in accordance with PONY Baseball tournament rules. Therefore, playing time will not be distributed evenly. These are competitive teams, and the games will be managed to maximize the chance of victory. Players will probably be asked to play positions they did not play in the regular season. **It is important that you discuss these things with your player before you submit this form, to avoid any potential disappointment.** All-Star tournament winning teams move on to Sections after District, then Region Tournament, and beyond. Players need to be committed to the team for as long as the team is victorious, potentially all the way to the Pony West Zone World Series whose locations vary in divisions.



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**Parent Volunteer Commitment:** As you are probably aware, GGPB is a 100% volunteer program. Without volunteers, the league cannot run nor can we provide All-Star teams. As an All-Star parent, GGPB will require you to volunteer in All-Star for all divisions should we be awarded to host by PONY Baseball League. This includes all baseball divisions. These volunteer roles include, but are not limited to, Fireworks stand, July 1-4th, assisting in concessions, official score keeping\*, and field preparedness. Volunteers must be available throughout the entire season (not just for your All-Star player season). As part of this commitment, you are agreeing to volunteer with GGPB in one or more of the categories aforementioned. GGPB will create a DIBS page, this will be sent to the entire league for volunteers, however, the All Star parents are required to sign up. We cannot run a successful All-Star season without the assistance of every family.

Sincerely,

GGPB League President & GGPB All-Star Committee

*\*Official Scoring personnel must be experienced and able to keep a baseball score book. Gamechanger will not be used by official score keepers.*