



## **ALL STAR EXPERIENCE FACT SHEET**

St. Charles Parish Department of Parks and Recreation sanctions “All Star Tournament Teams” for play after the conclusion of our regular season play and Parish Championship Tournament, for age groups 7U through 16U in baseball/softball, and 8U through 12U for basketball. We will not be able to provide an All Star Team for any age group where no coach volunteers to coach an All Star Team.

### **The All Star Experience:**

All Star Tournament Teams participate in a more competitive environment than regular STC Recreational League Play. These teams begin play after the selection of the All Star try-outs; they generally participate in tournaments in neighboring communities and potentially state, regional and national events. The purpose of this Fact Sheet is to provide more information about the “All Star Tournament Team” process to the parents of all STC participants so you can decide if your child should be considered for the All Star Experience. The All Star Coach will determine the tournaments in which your team will participate in leading up to District, State, Regionals, Nationals and/or World Series.

### **The Process:**

We ask coaches to encourage their more skilled and experienced players to try out for our All Star Team, provided the parents of that player have not informed their coach that their son/daughter does not want to participate in the All Star Program.

Players will go through various drills and game like situations to determine if he or she meet the expectations of the coach when selected players for participation in All Star play.

Tryouts are open to all players in their age group provided they played in the approved league for All Stars. Once a player completes the evaluation process they will be contacted by their respective coach if he or she has been chosen to participate on an All Star Team. Once named to a roster, the player cannot participate on another Tournament All Star Team without written approval by the St. Charles Parish, Department of Parks and Recreation.

The selected All Star Coach may choose not to conduct an evaluation, and use his knowledge of players through league play to determine the All Star Team.

## **The Schedule:**

Practices can begin once the rosters are finalized, but all players and coaches must meet their recreational team's commitments if any conflicts exist. This means, players must be at their recreational team games and practices through the end of the season and the Parish Championship Tournament.

## **The Commitment:**

Because of the competition at this level, All Star Tournament Teams often have two to three events each week in preparation for tournament play. On days the team is not playing in a tournament, you should assume the team will practice. This can create a problem if the player will be out of town otherwise unavailable for more than a few days during this period, in fairness to the team and the players, parents should carefully consider the necessary commitment before allowing their child to participate on an All Star Team. The player should notify the coach in any event he or she will be unable to attend a practice or a game.

Parents should also be aware there are lax playing time requirement on All Star Teams. Once qualifying play begins, you must qualify to advance to the next tournament, and therefore coaches are trying to field the most competitive team possible to advance.

## **The Costs:**

All Star Teams are funded on a minimal basis from St. Charles Parish Department of Parks and Recreation. Teams are able to raise money through fundraising events which are approved by St. Charles Parish Department of Parks and Recreation. The fees vary depending on uniform styles and quantity of tournaments the team chooses to participate in. Parents can anticipate minimum cost between \$75.00 - \$150.00 per player for uniform, not including travel, food or lodging or any other accessories (matching bat helmets/bat bags etc.).

# **St. Charles Parish Department of Parks and Recreation**

## **Advancement and Financial Policy for All Star Participation**

Congratulations on your child making the St. Charles Parish Department of Parks and Recreation All Star Team. This is quite an accomplishment, and you should be very proud. I would also like to remind you that by accepting a position on this team he/she must complete the All Star competition. If your child quits this team, for any reason he/she will be ineligible for any All Star Team for one (1) calendar year.

St. Charles Parish Department of Parks and Recreation has a standard policy to which we adhere. We must advise you how this policy will affect the team on which your child is participating on.

The St. Charles Parish Department of Parks and Recreation will pay all normal entry fees to (3) Baseball/ Softball, Basketball Invitational Tournaments. We will also pay entry fees for District, State, Regional, National and World Series Tournaments, in the event your team finishes 1<sup>st</sup> or 2<sup>nd</sup> Place in a qualifying tournament.

The first opportunity for competition is invitational tournaments. The department's payment for an invitational tournament is limited to the entrance fee only.

The next level of competition is the district. The department's payment for district tournament is limited to entrance fee only. In pass years, district tournaments are not held for various age groups.

The next level of competition is the State/Regional Tournament. The department will provide meal expenses. However, if your team has to travel 60 or more miles to the tournament, lodging funding will not exceed 5 rooms for the All Star Team per tournament, individual team circumstances will be considered on a case-by-case basis in regard to lodging due to tournament times or Acts of God.

The final level of competition is the national/world series tournament; again we will use our above standard policy in regard to any of our teams finishing in first or second place. In the event your All Star Team does not finish 1<sup>st</sup> or 2<sup>nd</sup> Place in a qualifying tournament, your team will cease All Star competition play.

Player's Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Parent's Signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_



## PARENT'S CODE OF ETHICS



I hereby pledge to provide positive support, care and encouragement for my child participating in youth sports by following this Parent's Code of Ethics.

I will:

- Encourage good sportsmanship by demonstrating positive support for all players, coaches and officials at every game, practice or other youth sports events
- Place the emotional and physical well being of my child ahead of my personal desire to win.
- Insist that my child plays in a safe and healthy environment.
- Required that my child's coach be trained in the responsibilities of being a youth sports coach and that the coach upholds the St. Charles Parish Department of Parks and Recreation Guidelines.
- Supports coaches and officials working with my child, in order to encourage a positive and enjoyable experience for all.
- Demand a sports environment for my child that is free from drugs, tobacco and alcohol and will refrain from their use at all youth sports events.
- Remember that the game is for youth – not adults.
- Do my very best to make youth sports enjoyable for my child.
- Ask my child to treat other players, coaches, fans and officials with respect regardless of race, sex, creed or ability.
- Help my child to enjoy the youth sports experience by doing whatever I can, such as being a respectful fan, assisting with coaching, or providing transportation.
- Understand that if I display poor sportsmanship, whether during or following a game, I will be subject to partial or permanent program suspension, unsportsmanlike conduct is defined as, but not limited to the following:
  - a. Harassment of participants or officials
  - b. Use of profane language and or gestures
  - c. Public threats or physical violence, regulations regarding adult's ejection or suspension will follow the guidelines listed below.

1. I understand that if I am asked to leave a game, I will be suspended from attending the next game to be played by my son's/daughter's team.
2. I understand that if I am asked to leave a second game during any one season, I will not be allowed to attend all the remaining regular season games and the end of season tournament activities.
3. I understand that the department's Assistant Directors will review all adult ejections or suspension and may extend any suspension beyond what is stated above as deemed appropriate for the offense.
4. I understand that any suspension may be appealed by using the following process  
The suspended individual (parent, guardian of a player) should submit in writing a detailed account of the incident to the appropriate league director within 48 hours of the incident.  
The statement should give names of any witnesses that observed the incident.  
The department's Assistant Directors then will perform a preliminary investigation and make a recommendation to the St. Charles Parish Department of Parks and Recreation Director.

(Please sign below indicating you have read and understand the forgoing (Code of Ethics))

Parent/Guardian: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

# VOLUNTEER ELIGIBILITY GUIDELINES

**A person is PERMANENTLY disqualified and prohibited from serving as a volunteer if the person has been found guilty of any Crimes involving Felony Violence, Sex Offenses or Child Abuse. (Do not complete this form if this is applicable to you. Acceptance will be denied.)**

## Guilty means

that a person was found guilty following a trial, entered a guilty plea, entered a no contest plea accompanied by a court finding of guilty, regardless of whether there was an adjudication of guilt (conviction) or a withholding of guilt. This recommendation does not apply if criminal charges resulted in acquittal, Nolle Prose, or dismissal.

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## **NOT CCEPTABLE TO VOLUNTEER IF CONVICTED:**

**Past 10 Years:** Any felony offenses (*Examples include: drug offenses, theft, embezzlement, fraud, child endangerment, etc.*)

**Past 7 Years:** Any misdemeanor violence offenses (*Examples include: simple assault, battery, domestic violence, hit & run, etc.*)

**Past 5 Years:** Any misdemeanor crimes involving drugs, violence, weapons, etc. or misdemeanors that would be considered a potential danger to children or is directly related to the functions of that volunteer.

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## **ACCEPTABILITY MAY ALSO BE DENIED, AFTER REVIEW AND CAREFUL CONSIDERATION ON THE BASIS OF:**

- Other misdemeanors
  - Multiple arrests
  - Offenses considered a potential danger to children
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## **PENDING CASES**

For cases pending in court, individuals will not be permitted to volunteer until the official adjudication of the case.

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Have you ever been ARRESTED, CHARGED or CONVICTED (see definition above)  
of a felony? .....Yes \_\_\_\_\_ No \_\_\_\_\_

If you answered yes to this question, please provide full and complete details on a separate sheet.

Have you been **ARRESTED, CHARGED OR CONVICTED** (see definition above) of a misdemeanor within the pass 10 years? .....Yes \_\_\_\_\_ NO \_\_\_\_\_

If you answered yes to this question, please provide full and complete details on a separate sheet.

BY SIGNING BELOW, I verify under penalties of perjury that the foregoing is true, correct and complete in all material respects, and I covenant and agree to abide by the rules and regulations of St. Charles Parish Department of Parks and Recreation. I hereby acknowledge and covenant that it is an ongoing and continuing obligation of mine to fully, frankly and completely disclose immediately to the Parks and Recreation Directors my arrest, charge or conviction (see definition above) of any crime subsequent to my execution of these Volunteer Eligibility Guidelines as long as I am a volunteer for St. Charles Parish Department of Parks and Recreation.

**FALSIFIATION OR OMISSION ON THIS DOCUMENT WILL CONSTITUTE GROUNDS FOR MY DISQUALIFICATION AS A VOLUNTEER.**

Volunteer Name: (print) \_\_\_\_\_

Volunteer Signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_



## COACHES' CODE OF ETHICS AND GUIDELINES

### Coaches' Code of Ethics (Please Initial Each Item):

- I will place the emotional and physical well being of my players ahead of any personal desire to win.
- I will remember to treat each player as an individual, remembering the large spread of emotional and physical development for the same age group.
- I will do my very best to provide a safe play situation for my players.
- I will do my best to organize practices that are fun and challenging for all my players.
- I will lead, by example, in demonstration of fair play and sportsmanship to all my players.
- I will ensure that I am knowledgeable in the rules, and that I will teach these rules to my players.
- I will use those coaching techniques appropriate for each of the skills that I teach.
- I will remember that I am a youth coach, and that the game is for the children and not the adults.
- I will provide a sports environment for my team that is free of tobacco, alcohol or drugs; and, they will not be allowed on the playing field or at practices.

### PLAYER RELATIONS:

- Coaches should treat each player with dignity and respect.
- Coaches should game officials with dignity and respect.
- Coaches should ensure that the team area is clear of equipment and trash at the end of the game.
- Coaches should ensure that the equipment and facilities are not abused.

## Coaches' Guidelines:

- \_\_\_ Coaches shall actively use their influence to enhance sportsmanship by their spectators.
- \_\_\_ Before and after games, rival coaches should meet and exchange friendly greetings to set the correct tone for the game.
- \_\_\_ Coaches or players will not display profanity or verbal abuse during games or practices.
- \_\_\_ Coaches should ensure they are aware of the rules and regulations in which the St. Charles Parish Department of Parks and Recreation programs operate.
- \_\_\_ It is encouraged that each team practice at least twice per week.
- \_\_\_ Head coaches will choose up to two assistant coaches and a scorekeeper. The scorekeeper may be one of the two assistants or an individual outside of the playing field.
- \_\_\_ The Head Coach will be responsible and accountable for the actions of his assistant coaches, players and spectators.
- \_\_\_ Head Coaches and assistant coaches must be willing to cooperate, promote and encourage participation in activities associated with the St. Charles Parish Department of Parks and Recreation's Program. These include but are not limited to concession stand manpower, providing announcer booth/score keeping manpower, fundraising activities and other activities approved by the St. Charles Parish Department of Parks and Recreation.
- \_\_\_ Coaches should be properly prepared for games and practices.
- \_\_\_ Head coaches are required, and it is recommended for Assistant Coaches to attend coaching meetings provided by St. Charles Parish Department of Parks and Recreation.
- \_\_\_ Coaches will determine tournaments his/her team will participate in during All Star Play
- \_\_\_ Coach or selected individual by the Coach shall be responsible for collecting uniform cost and pay to selected vendor, uniforms will be selected by the Department of Parks and Recreation
- \_\_\_ In the event your team qualifies for a State, Regional, National, or World Series Tournament, the Coach will book Hotel/Motel Rooms, and is responsible for completing Financial Reports to the St. Charles Parish Department of Finance, 15 days after scheduled event.



NOTE: Failure to adhere to these guidelines will result in disciplinary action decided by the St. Charles Parish Department of Parks and Recreation.

NOTE: The St. Charles Parish Department of Parks and Recreation Directors reserve the right to take appropriate action to rectify any situation, which is deemed detrimental to a specific player, team or the program as a whole.

NOTE: This document will be kept on file by the St. Charles Parish Department of Parks and Recreation.

**Please Check Below and Sign.**

\_\_\_\_\_ I have read and understand the Coaches Code of Ethics, Guidelines, and Player Relations Document.

\_\_\_\_\_ I will adhere to each item as it is stated.

\_\_\_\_\_  
AGE GROUP

\_\_\_\_\_  
DATE

\_\_\_\_\_  
PRINT NAME

\_\_\_\_\_  
SIGNATURE

We want to personally thank you, for your help, with our All Star Program.

Sincerely,

Duane P. Foret

Robert Brown

Carl Pilie'

## Selection of All Star Players:

The Organized Teams Sports manual states the process of selecting the All Star players and guidelines.

### **ARTICLE 35**

#### **All-Star Players**

1. Players must meet requirements set by Department of Parks and Recreation, and All Star affiliate.
2. Players may be removed from the team for disciplinary reasons by the coach and reviewed by the director of organized team sports.
3. Players shall be selected in the following manner:
  - a. baseball/softball/basketball; league coaches submit names of All-Star prospects on his/her team to selected All Star Coach
  - b. All Star Coach may have a try-out to evaluate recommended players
  - c. All Star Coach selects final players.
  - d. If a player quits an All Star Team, he/she will not be allowed to play All-Stars the following calendar year.
4. Parent or Guardian of selected All Star Player, must complete All Star Packet prior to All Star Participation.

St. Charles Parish

Department of Parks & Recreation

Travel Advance Receipt

\_\_\_\_\_ acknowledges receipt of \$\_\_\_\_\_ to be used  
(Coach/ Volunteer) (Amount)

to cover travel cost for \_\_\_\_\_ at \_\_\_\_\_ on  
(Team name) (Tournament/Event)

\_\_\_\_\_  
(Date)

By signing this form, I understand that I am Responsible for submitting the required supporting receipts and documentation to the Department of Parks & Recreation within 15 days of the end of the tournament. I am authorizing St. Charles Parish to charge any unused portion of my travel advance, if any to my credit card on file if paperwork required is not turned in at the end of 30 days. If these monies are not returned and the credit card on file is declined you will no longer be issued travel advances in the future and/or be able to coach for St. Charles Parish.

\_\_\_\_\_  
(Coach/Volunteer)

\_\_\_\_\_  
Date

\_\_\_\_\_  
(Dept of Parks & Recreation Staff)

\_\_\_\_\_  
Date

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**Copy of Credit Card and valid license must be kept on File.**

Supporting Documentation includes:

- Hotel Receipts for all rooms
- Signed Meal Disbursement forms
- Receipts for any Official Fees paid at Tournament
- Copy of tournament bracket

*Louisiana Constitution Article VII*

*Donation, Loan, or Pledge of Public Credit*

*Section 14. (A) Prohibited Uses. Except as otherwise provided by this constitution, the funds, credit, property, or things of value of the state or of any political subdivision shall not be loaned, pledged, or donated to or for any person, association, or corporation, public or private.*

For questions or concerns, please contact the Recreation Dept. @ 985-785-5090 or the Finance Dept. @ 985-783-5000.