

PBG Select POLICY GUIDELINES

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These rules shall govern the PBGYAA's Baseball Select Baseball Program and shall remain in full force and effect until such time as they are modified or amended by the PBGYAA Baseball Board of Directors (hereafter the "Board" or "PBG Baseball") and shall not be modified or amended except upon approval of the Board.

The Select Baseball Program will be governed and managed by PBGYAA Baseball, under rules and policies established by the Board. The Select Baseball Program exists in addition to the recreational baseball program. The purpose of the Select Baseball Program is to provide the Community's youth with an option to develop and play at the most competitive levels without mandating those players to play recreational baseball at the same time.

Rules and regulations instituted by the PBGYAA Baseball Board, as stated herein, and the rules and regulations of any other organizations or under which the Select Baseball Program may be sanctioned (e.g., NCS, USSSA, etc.) will govern all Sponsored Select Teams.

PBGYAA SELECT RULES

1. GENERAL POLICY:

- a. An objective of PBGYAA Baseball is to develop good citizens as well as good athletes. Although the Select Baseball Program is a more competitive program, with an increased emphasis on winning, the emphasis shall not be on "win at all cost". Managers, coaches, players, & parents that demonstrate "win at all cost" behavior are not wanted in the PBGYAA Baseball Program, including the Select Program. The Code of Conduct adopted for the PBGYAA Rec Program also applies to Select baseball. Select Managers and coaches shall report to the Board any violation of the Code of Conduct, PBGYAA By-Laws or General Regulations by a manager, coach, player, or anyone officially connected with PBG Baseball Select Program. The violation of these rules and guidelines may result in ejection, suspension, or such other penalty as the Board in its discretion may prescribe.
- b. The PBGYAA Baseball Board shall develop and maintain policies regarding the operation and administration of its Select Baseball Program. These policies, and any subsequent revisions, shall be governed by the overall PBGYAA Baseball policy and shall be submitted to the Board for approval.
- c. All Sponsored PBG Select Teams can individually determine which of the following team names they will be known as: Lightning, Storm or Surge. No Sponsored Select Team can be identified as any other name. All Sponsored Teams will be advertised, entered into, and referred to as PBG Lightning, PBG Storm, or PBG Surge when registering for tournaments, travel leagues, or any event in which the team may participate.

2. NON-BURDENING OF PBGYAA BASEBALL RECREATIONAL PROGRAM

- a. All Rookie/8U players (or younger) must participate in the PBG Recreational "Rec" Spring or Fall Season to be eligible to participate in the PBG Select Program. Starting in 9U, there shall be no requirement to participate in the Rec program, however, Select players may do so if they wish.
- b. Every player, coach, manager, and team registered with the Select Baseball Program shall give priority to the recreational program when they are participating in both. While every effort will be made by the PBG Select Baseball Director and PBG Baseball to coordinate the Recreational & Select Programs, there will undoubtedly be instances where it is difficult, if not impossible, to do

so. In such instances, priority will be given to the Recreation Program, but all reasonable efforts will be made to accommodate the Select Program as well.

3. SELECT DIRECTOR

a. The Select Director, who shall be appointed by the President of the PBG Baseball Board, shall have responsibility for coordinating with the Rec/Allstar Director, Director of Umpires, Field Director, and Director of Concessions for administering the participation in any inter-league or local travel leagues or tournaments.

4. SELECT TEAM SELECTION

- a. PBG Select team managers will be approved by the PBGYAA Baseball Board twice per year (Spring and Fall Season).
- b. Prior to the start of the travel season, the PBG Select Managers approved by the Board will conduct tryouts for the creation of PBG Select teams in any such age divisions as it may determine appropriate. Any tryouts for Select teams must be open to all eligible players in their respective age division(s). The following general guidelines shall apply:
 - i. All players in each division shall be evaluated by the approved Manager of the PBG Select team. Once the tryout has been completed, the PBG Select team manager shall select the players that, in his discretion, enable PBG Select Baseball to field the most competitive team reasonably possible. While the presumption will be that the highest scores and rankings will determine the makeup of the Select team in each age division, such presumption shall be dispensed with if, in the discretion of the manager, such departure is necessary to field the most competitive and well-rounded team, which includes pitching, catching, running, hitting, player attitude and team chemistry.
 - ii. The PBGYAA Baseball Board may approve a second Select team per age division if they feel there are enough interested and talented players remaining, and an approvable manager can be determined to lead the team. There will be a maximum of two Select teams per age group.

5. ELIGIBILITY FOR SELECT TEAM PARTICIPATION

- a. All Sponsored PBG Select Baseball teams must have a minimum of 50% of their rostered players be Palm Beach Gardens residents. Players with 2 prior seasons in the PBG baseball program (Rec or Select) shall be considered as meeting the PBG resident requirement.
- b. PBG Select Managers must submit their rosters to the PBG Select Director by the registration deadline. If the roster does NOT meet the requirement stated above, the team will immediately lose their sponsored status and the benefits afforded by such sponsorship.

6. PLAYING UP IN AGE

- a. Players may be permitted to play up in age, if in the discretion of the PBG Select team manager such playing up is justified based on the size, skill, or experience of such player and is not prohibited by any organizations under which the Select program may be sanctioned.

7. LATE REGISTRANTS

- a. Late registrants can be evaluated by the Select Managers. Managers may pick up additional players after the team roster has been approved, however, they may NOT cut players already on the roster to make room for the late registrant.

8. REGISTRATION FEES

- a. Each rostered player of a PBG Select Baseball team will be required to submit a registration fee each season (Fall and Spring). Such registration fees shall be set to an amount necessary to defray any costs and expenses associated with administering the Select Baseball Program. The fee structure is \$150 per Select

season (Fall and Spring). A player also enrolled in the Rec program shall only be charged \$100 to participate in the Select Baseball Program.

- b. Team managers shall collect additional funds per family to cover the season's expenses. These additional funds shall NOT be refunded to the parents after each season & will rollover to the following year's team budget as they move up in age. If the team is no longer active, then the balance of the team's account will be transferred to the PBG Select Baseball General Fund.
- c. Each parent/guardian of a rostered player shall be required to sign a statement agreeing to the fees, acknowledging there is NO MUST PLAY, and no refund of fees after quitting during the season. The refund of fees due to the removal of a player shall be at the discretion of the PBG Select Director.

9. TEAM ROSTERS

- a. The maximum roster size for any Select Team shall be 15 players and the minimum shall be 9 players. The roster form must contain the player's name, uniform #, date of birth, address, phone #, and email address. The team roster must be submitted to the PBG Select Director along with a completed waiver and release form and a copy of the birth certificate for each player.

10. CHANGES IN ROSTER/PLAYERS DROPPING OUT/CHANGING TEAMS

- a. Each Manager shall notify the PBG Select Director within 24 hours of the addition of or deletion to his or her team's official roster. In the absence of any rules to the contrary as specified by any inter-league, tournament, or other rules that may be applicable, roster changes may be made at any time during the Select season. All roster changes must be approved by the PBG Select Director. Any "guest players" must be added to the PBG Select Team's official roster, and the player's parents must sign all parental authorization and release forms.

11. PARENTAL AUTHORIZATION/RELEASE FORMS

- a. All players' families must execute a Parental Authorization/Release Form granting such player permission to play in the PBGYAA Select Baseball Program and releasing the PBGYAA from any liability for injuries that may be sustained as a result of such participation. All PBG Select Teams are required to submit such forms with each player's registration.

12. SELECTION OF MANAGERS

- a. Unless otherwise approved by the Board, all Managers or Coaches must be at least 18 years of age or older. Further, all managers or coaches must possess the maturity, responsibility, and good character needed to achieve the mission of the PBGYAA. All managers and coaches are expected to strictly adhere to PBGYAA Baseball Rules and Regulations as well as the PBGYAA Code of Conduct to remain a manager or coach in good standing with PBG Select Baseball.
 - i. The term for a sponsored PBG Select Manager will be for either the Fall or Spring season. During this tenure, the Manager will facilitate selecting and managing the team during the fall and/or spring PBGYAA Select seasons, which will be created in an open tryout format before each season.
 - ii. To be considered, the managers should have 2 prior seasons managing in the PBG recreation program and/or 1 season of PBG "Select"/"All-star" coaching experience.
 - iii. To be eligible for selection as a manager of a PBGYAA Select Team, such manager must apply for the position of manager of such team to the Board no later than the date set by the Board each season.
 - iv. The Board, based on such applications and an oral interviewing process (for first time applicants), shall determine all Managers of the

PBGYAA Select Teams. There shall be no presumption that any particular person will be selected and all eligible members of PBGYAA Baseball are encouraged to apply.

- v. The Manager appointed by the Board for each particular PBGYAA Select Team will select his or her own coaches. All coaches selected by Select team managers must be submitted to the Board for approval. In addition, such managers and coaches must have a current Background Check on file.

13. MANAGER RESPONSIBILITIES

- a. The responsibilities of any Select Team Manager shall include:
 - i. Ensuring all players and coaches reflect the ideals of the PBGYAA at all times. This includes maintaining a spirit of fair play and sportsmanship on and off the field.
 - ii. Immediately advise the PBGYAA Select Director of any issues arising with respect to his or her team that may impact PBGYAA Select Baseball Policy.

14. MUST PLAY RULE

- a. There is no must play rule in effect.

15. PITCHING RESTRICTIONS

- a. The current PBGYAA Baseball pitching rules shall be in effect for all PBG Select teams in each age division. Special attention is to be made for those rostered PBG Select players that also participate in the PBGYAA Baseball Rec Program. PBG Select managers are required to notify their Rec League by Monday of each week the # of pitches in Select play. Disciplinary action for failure to adhere to the pitching restrictions in Select baseball will be administered in the same manner the current disciplinary measures are administered. Repeated violations of required pitching restrictions by a Select manager could lead to removal of the offending manager.

16. FINANCIAL RESPONSIBILITY OF SELECT TEAMS

- a. All financial accounting for PBGYAA Select Baseball shall be handled by PBGYAA Baseball. The Board shall approve fundraising or expenditures on a case-by-case basis after reviewing its potential impact on the tax exempt status, the appearance to those donating money to the program, and consistency with its Rec baseball program. All fundraising or other revenue generation for PBGYAA Select Teams shall be in the name of PBG Baseball and all financial accounting for such teams shall be handled through the PBGYAA. All donations, grants, or other payments should be made payable directly to PBGYAA Baseball and any money, check, or other disbursement received by such PBGYAA Select team must be immediately turned into PBG Baseball or the PBGYAA Accounting Office to protect the tax-exempt status. All payments made to PBGYAA Baseball shall be subject to all applicable IRS guidelines necessary to protect the tax-exempt status. Any money received by PBGYAA Baseball for the benefit of a specific chartered PBGYAA Select Team will be dispensed by the PBGYAA to pay for appropriate expenses of said team. PBGYAA Baseball funds may be used to pay actual, reasonable and customary expenses associated with the players and coaches travel. Deficits are the managers' responsibility. If your account falls to a negative status, fields will not be assigned, and the team will be in a suspended status until the account is brought back to a positive balance.

17. Customary expenses

- a. Potential team expenses may include the following:
 - i. Uniforms
 - ii. Tournament Registration Fees and any additional tournament fees assessed to players or coaches (gate admission or balls for example)

- iii. Hotel rooms for players and coaches as specified by the PBGYAA Baseball
 - iv. Miscellaneous expenses (amount to be determined by the PBGYAA Baseball each season) to cover incidentals such as ice, Gatorade and reasonable miscellaneous expenses for the players.
 - v. Umpire Fees
 - vi. ***Expenses that may not be paid for with PBGYAA Baseball funds include: 1. Entertainment and amusement expenses 2. Parent's Meals 3. Parent's Travel 4. Alcoholic Beverages of any kind for anyone.
- b. It shall be the responsibility of the manager for each PBG Select team to collect and keep track of all registration fees, sponsorship fees, hotel money, and other money turned in for the benefit of each PBG Select team. In addition, the manager shall prepare a proposed budget identifying tournaments and planned travel. This should be distributed to team parents and the PBG Select Director.
 - c. All registration and fundraising monies collected by the individual PBG Select teams will be pooled into a dedicated account for each team which will be administered by the PBGYAA Accounting Office. These funds will be allocated to the PBG Select manager for team expenses. A Check Request Form must be submitted for said expenses. The Check Request Form is available in the "Forms and Documents" section on PBGBaseball.com.

18. UNIFORMS

- a. All Sponsored PBG Select Teams are required to include the PBG logo on their uniforms. All uniforms are required to have numbers and no two players on the same team may have the same number. All teams are required to be in complete uniform during games, which includes socks, shirts, pants, and caps.

19. PRACTICES & PRACTICE SITES

- a. PBG Select managers must submit field requests for games and practices using the on-line scheduling tool. The link will be provided to approved managers and can also be found on the PBG Select Baseball web-site. The PBG Select Baseball Program practice schedule will be coordinated with the Rec League's Director of Scheduling.

20. EJECTION FROM GAME

- a. Any PBG Select player, manager or coach who is ejected from a game will have an automatic one game suspension. Abusive actions following the ejection may result in additional suspension. Additionally, any Select manager or coach who is ejected may be called upon to come before the Board to discuss the ejection. The Board reserves the right to expel any PBGYAA Select player, manager or coach for the remainder of the PBGYAA Select season after a 2nd ejection.
- b. THE PBGYAA BOARD OF DIRECTORS HAS THE AUTHORITY TO ASK ANY MANAGER, COACH, PARENT, PLAYER, FAN, OR SPECTATOR TO LEAVE THE PARK FOR ANY UNSPORTSMANLIKE CONDUCT.
- c. Any PBG Select player, manager or coach who desires to appeal an ejection must do so by filing a written request with the PBGYAA Board President within 24 hours. Failure to file such a request within 24 hours acts as a waiver of any appeal right. Such filing will toll the suspension for the subsequent game until the Board has had an opportunity to hear the appeal. The denial of any appeal of an ejection may be subject to an additional game suspension (ie: 2 games total) in the event the Board determines the appeal was not made in good faith.

21. DISCIPLINE OF MANAGERS, COACHES, & PARENTS

- a. The Board will consider any complaints regarding Board Members, Managers, Coaches, Parents, Players, Fans or Spectators brought to its attention in writing by the complaining party. The Board will discuss the complaint and if, in its discretion, the complaint warrants additional investigation, it will conduct such

investigation. The Board shall have complete discretion in determining any sanction or penalty, if any, of any manager, coach, parent, player, fan or spectator. The full Board shall decide on any sanction or penalty arising out of misconduct of a PBG Baseball Board Member.

22. SELECT TOURNAMENTS

- a. Any tournaments hosted by PBG Select Baseball shall coordinate with the PBGYAA Baseball Board in how funds will be collected & distributed per event hosted.

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