

GUARANTEED 2016 FISHHAWK YOUTH BASEBALL ALL-STAR APPLICATION

ALL PLAYERS MUST REGISTER NO LATER THAN SATURDAY, APRIL 23 2016. NO APPLICATIONS ARE ACCEPTED AFTER THIS DEADLINE IN ORDER TO GIVE COACHES A CHANCE TO EVALUATE PLAYERS.

Parents of players are REQUIRED to fulfill 4 hours of volunteer time at the park during Districts, schedule for June 9th – 10th, 2016. This could include trash pickup, concessions, scorekeeping, and field work. At this time, only the team manager and 2 assistant coaches are exempt from this volunteer requirement. There is no buyout and if you do not fulfill your time, your son may not play in tournaments.

Players MUST play in 50% of the regular season (non-playoff) games plus 1 game. For example, if there is a 12 game season, they have to play in 7 games. If there is a 15 game season, they have to play in 9 games.

The initial cost of all-stars is \$150.00 per player which, will cover the cost of the uniform which includes (2) jerseys, hat and entry fees into sanctioned tournaments (Districts, States and Regionals). You may be asked to raise additional money through sponsorships, fundraising, or be required to make additional contributions to cover your team's total costs for warm-up tournaments, personal and team travel etc. If you child's team moves beyond districts, the cost could be up to or exceed \$1,000 and if they go to SE regionals it could be up to \$2,000. Some, most or all could be covered by fundraising. This is only a gauge from historical trends. This cost includes, gas, hotels, food, etc.

Your child may be selected for either an "A" team or a "B" team in his/her appropriate age division. "A" teams are selected prior to the selection of the "B" team. "B" teams are not a certainty and are established based on the number of available players and coaches after the "A" teams have been selected. Selection of a child to a team is not guaranteed. Parents and children are agreeing to participate on the team he/she is selected by the managers of each division. Players whom apply and do not agree to play after selection must be approved for All-Star play in subsequent years by writing to the Baseball Board with an explanation.

Practices, for all leagues, can begin on or about Saturday, May 7, 2016. All-Star teams typically practice 5-6 times per week leading up to the tournament schedule. The All-Star season runs through the completion of Cal Ripken/Babe Ruth Tournament play.

Teams play until they are knocked out of tournament. Teams play in districts, then state, then regionals if they qualify. They may also play in various tournaments leading up to the qualifiers.

The all-star season could last until mid/late July and teams will practice until they are eliminated.

You can get an idea of BABE RUTH/CAL RIPKEN tournaments dates by visiting the below websites (local tournaments are normally played prior):

http://floridababeruth.com/tournaments/reports/south_tournaments.php

[http://floridababeruth.com/websites/florida/userfiles/2016_Tournament_Dates\(1\).pdf](http://floridababeruth.com/websites/florida/userfiles/2016_Tournament_Dates(1).pdf)

BY SUBMITTING AN APPLICATION, YOU UNDERSTAND THAT THIS IS ALL STARS AND MY CHILD IS NOT GUARANTEED PLAYING TIME OR GUARANTEED TO PLAY IN A CERTAIN POSITION.

BY SUBMITTING AN APPLICATION, YOU HAVE READ AND UNDERSTAND THE ABOVE POLICY STATEMENT.

BY SUBMITTING AN APPLICATION, YOU UNDERSTAND YOU HAVE TO COMPLETE 4 HOURS OF VOLUNTEER TIME

ALL-STAR SELECTION PROCESS

Mission:

To produce the most unbiased effort in selecting the highest quality All-Star teams in each age division to best represent Fishhawk Babe Ruth/Cal Ripken Baseball.

- 1) Players asked to apply and agree to play on the team on which they have been selected. Players whom apply and do not agree to play after team selection must be approved to play in subsequent years by writing to the Baseball Board with explanation.
- 2) League Director's compose a list of all players who apply and submit this list with evaluation criteria to each manager of the league. Managers prior to player selection have the opportunity to evaluate all players who have applied for the team. Both previous all-star players and newly interested players are equally evaluated during the regular season games.
- 3) League Managers convene and together select players for all stars. Leagues with an opportunity for A and B teams will have players slotted accordingly. Knowledge of the player's rankings will be determined by ballot and be known only to the League Director or assisting Board Member until the appropriate time to announce. Each coach get 1 vote in each round of selection.
- 4) "A" All-Star teams will be rostered with the top ten vote getters. Upon manager selection he/she will be allowed to look at the remaining applicants and chose no less than two and no

more than five additional players. Roster size will be no less than 12 and no more than 15 players. Upon these selections the players will be notified of their selection. Should any player not chose to play the A manager will again fill his/her roster from the remaining applicants prior to the formation of a B team.

5) Upon completion of this process the "B" team manager will then receive notification of the remaining players selected by the league managers. This manager will also have the opportunity to select up to but no more than 5 additional players.

6) There will be no try-outs scheduled for the All-Star selection process.

7) Any applicant selected to participate in the All-Star program will be required to pay a \$150.00 registration fee.

8) Registration fee is due at the time of uniform pickup and must be made by either check or credit card.