



# TERREBONNE PARISH RECREATION

## ALL-STAR FACT SHEET

The Terrebonne Parish Recreation Department sanctions **All-Star Tournament Teams** for play after the conclusion of our regular season and end-of-year tournaments for the following groups:

- Baseball/Softball – Age groups 7 through 18
- Basketball – Age groups 7 through 12

An All-Star Team cannot be formed without a coach; therefore, if there is no volunteer available to coach, an All-Star Team will not be formed for that age group.

### The All-Star Experience

**All-Star Tournament Teams** participate in a more competitive environment than regular recreational league play. Teams typically begin play after the All-Star tryout selection process. Teams 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 so that parents/guardians can decide if their child should be considered for the All-Star experience. The Terrebonne Parish Recreation Department and the All-Star coach will determine the tournaments your team will participate in leading up to district, state, regional, national and/or World Series tournaments.

### The Process

We ask coaches to encourage their more skilled and experienced players to try out for an All-Star Team (unless the parent/guardian of that player has informed the coach that their child does not want to participate in the All-Star Program).

Players will go through various drills and game-like situations to determine if he/she meets the expectations of an All-Star player.

Tryouts are open to all players in their age group who played in the approved league for the All-Star Team. Once a player completes the evaluation process, they will be contacted by their respective coach if he/she has been chosen to participate on an All-Star Team.

## The Commitment

Because of the competition at this level, **All-Star Tournament Teams** often have two to three events each week to prepare for tournament play. On days the team is not playing in a tournament, parents/guardians should assume the team will practice.

Problems may occur if a player will be out of town/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 must notify the coach when he/she will be unable to attend a practice or a game.

Parents/guardians must also be aware that the playing-time requirement for All-Star Teams differs from the regular recreational league requirement. Because teams must qualify to advance to the next tournament, coaches will try to field the most competitive team possible to advance; therefore, no player is guaranteed a set amount of playing time.

## The Costs

Funding for All-Star Teams by the Terrebonne Parish Recreation Department is outlined in the *All-Star Participation and Travel Policy*. Teams are able to raise money on their own through fundraising events. Out-of-pocket costs will vary depending on the number of tournaments the team may qualify for. Parents/guardians should anticipate a cost of **\$50** per player to cover uniforms. This does not include travel/transportation, food, lodging, or any other accessories that may be needed.

# Terrebonne Parish Recreation Department

## All-Star Participation and Travel Policy

Congratulations on your child making a Terrebonne Parish Recreation All-Star Team. This is quite an accomplishment, and you should be very proud. We would also like to remind you that by accepting a position on this team, your child must complete the All-Star Season. If your child quits this team for any reason, he/she will be **ineligible** for **any** All-Star Team for **one calendar year**. (*Exceptions may be made for medical/health issues; however, a doctor's excuse is required.*)

Terrebonne Parish Recreation has a standard policy on determining participation and paying tournament fees. Below, we advise you how this policy will affect your child's team.

The Terrebonne Parish Recreation Department will determine which invitational tournaments the team will participate in. Terrebonne Parish Recreation will pay all normal entry fees to those baseball, softball, and basketball invitational tournaments. We will also pay entry fees for district, state, regional, national, and World Series tournaments if your team places 1<sup>st</sup> or 2<sup>nd</sup> in a qualifying tournament. The levels of competition and provided funding are outlined below:

- Invitational tournaments are the first level of competition. Terrebonne Parish Recreation will pay the team's entrance fee only for invitational tournaments.
- District tournaments are the next level of competition. Terrebonne Parish Recreation will pay the team's entrance fee only for district tournaments. *Please note that in the past, district tournaments were not held for all age groups.*
- State/regional tournaments are the next level of competition. All-Star Teams that place 1<sup>st</sup> or 2<sup>nd</sup> in a qualifying tournament may be eligible to participate in a state/regional tournament. (*Note: If a team participates in a qualifying tournament with 4 teams or less, advancement will be up to the discretion of the department.*) Terrebonne Parish Recreation will pay the team's entrance fee for state/regional tournaments. If the team has to travel more than 60 miles to the tournament, funding for lodging will be provided; however, funding will not exceed **one room per night/per player**. If an approved coach does not have a child on the team, the coach is allowed **one room per night**. Once the team is eliminated from the competition, players/coaches stay at their own expense. Individual team circumstances will be considered on a case-by-case basis in regard to lodging due to tournament times or acts of God. (*Note to coaches - At least ten days prior to the competition, coaches must submit a rooming list to the Terrebonne Parish Recreation Department.*)
- National/World Series tournament is final level of competition. We will use our above state/regional tournament standard policy in regard to any of our teams finishing in 1<sup>st</sup> or 2<sup>nd</sup> place. If your All-Star Team does not finish in 1<sup>st</sup> or 2<sup>nd</sup> place in a qualifying tournament, your team will cease All-Star competition play.



Player Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Parent/Guardian Signature: \_\_\_\_\_

Date: \_\_\_\_\_