

Shades Mountain Park

GBBA Team Selection Policy

This policy governs the GBBA post-season team selection process for the age groups of 6u through 9u at Shades Mountain Park. These leagues will follow the process below for selecting the players and coaches for the teams that will represent the park in the GBBA tournament.

6u

- The league commissioner will explain what GBBA is and how the team selection process will work at the preseason head coaches meeting in January.
- On the date set in the SMP spring schedule (typically mid-to-late March), the league commissioner will send an email to the league that will explain GBBA, its time and financial commitment, and ask parents to tell their head coach if they want to be considered for selection to a GBBA team.
- By the date set in the SMP spring schedule (typically around April 1), head coaches will email the league commissioner a list of players from their team for consideration.
- The league commissioner will compile players submitted and email the complete list of players to all head coaches so that they can make sure to watch those players during the second half of the regular season.
- Teams will be selected at a coaches meeting on the date set in the SMP spring schedule (typically after mid-April when enough rec games have been played to allow a fair assessment of players).
 - All league head coaches and any assistant coach who wants to be considered as a GBBA coach will attend and participate in the meeting. Prior to attendance, assistant coaches must be preapproved for attendance by the league commissioner.
 - The meeting will be led by the league commissioner and the park commissioner
 - Teams will be selected based on league coaches' assessment of players based on regular season play
 - The coaches will agree on the first 9 players for the AAA team
 - At that point, the head coach will be determined and approved by the park commissioner
 - The head coach will then be allowed to make 1-3 "coach's picks"
 - Once the AAA team is determined, the process will continue to the AA team and will use the same steps as above
 - Using the same steps, the league will put together as many AA teams as it can, based on available players and head coaches.
 - Not all players will be guaranteed placement on a team
- GBBA team practices can start the Sunday after teams are selected and will be scheduled through the league commissioner. Each GBBA team formed through this process will have equal priority to park facilities for practice.

7u-9u

- Registration for the GBBA selection process will open during the spring registration process and close in early February at the date set in the SMP spring schedule.

- The SMP website will explain GBBA, its time and financial commitment, and the team selection process
- At the end of the spring season head coaches meeting, the league commissioner will discuss the GBBA team selection process and the review the current list of players signed up.
- At their parents meeting or in a team email, head coaches will remind parents of GBBA and inform them that they need to register for the selection process through the website before registration closes.
- Starting on the Sunday set in the SMP spring schedule (typically the second Sunday in February) and each Sunday until the coaches meeting to select teams (set in the SMP spring schedule, but typically the Sunday before spring break), players will participate in camp-style clinics that will be put on by league coaches, both head and assistant, who are interested in coaching a GBBA team.
 - The league commissioner will work with the coaches to ensure a practice plan is in place for each session and focuses on developing advanced fundamentals and game awareness, while allowing the coaches to evaluate the players
- The team selection meeting will be held on the date set in the SMP spring schedule, typically the Sunday prior to the start of spring break. The meeting date is set to allow sufficient opportunity for player evaluation through regular season games and clinics while providing sufficient time for GBBA team practice prior to the start of the tournament in mid-May.
 - All league head coaches and any assistant coach who participated in the Sunday clinics will attend and participate in the meeting. Prior to attendance, assistant coaches must be preapproved for attendance by the league commissioner.
 - The meeting will be led by the league commissioner and the park commissioner
 - Teams will be selected based on the coaches' assessment of players based on the Sunday clinics and the regular season play
 - The coaches will agree on the first 9 players for the AAA team
 - At that point, the head coach will be determined and approved by the park commissioner
 - The head coach will then be allowed to make 1-3 "coach's picks"
 - Once the AAA team is determined, the process will continue to the AA team and will use the same steps as above
 - Once the AA team is determined, the process will continue to the third team and will use the same steps as above, resulting in a second AA team or a first A team.
 - Using the same steps, the league will put together as A teams as it can, based on available players and head coaches.
 - Not all players will be guaranteed placement on a team
- GBBA team practices can start the Sunday after teams are selected and will be scheduled through the league commissioner. Each team formed through this process will have equal priority to park facilities for practice.

Note: The SMP spring schedule is approved at the prior November SMP board meeting.