

2017 Gopher State Baseball All-Star Series

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Dear All-Star Coaches and Parents,

On behalf of the Gopher State Baseball League, we would like to welcome you to the 7th annual Gopher State Baseball League All-Star Series. The Andover Baseball Association, Blaine Area Traveling Baseball Association and the Minnesota Youth Athletic Services are very pleased to host this event and we are working diligently to make it an enjoyable and memorable experience.

We are proud to present the 29 All-Star teams comprised of players who were nominated by their coaches/teams and will be competing in this event. With 329 players participating, we are going to need your cooperation regarding the general operation of the days of competition and special events. Below is some general information about the All-Star Series. For example, parking will be at a premium so carpooling will be crucial.

GENERAL INFORMATION

PRACTICES PRIOR TO THE ALL-STAR COMPETITION:

All-Star Coaches should have been in contact or will be in contact soon with each rostered player. All teams should have scheduled practices prior to August 5. Players are under no obligation to attend the practice but it may help the team and the coaches if there was full participation in these practices prior to the competition.

MANDATORY COACHES PICK UP LOCATIONS:

Coaches will need to go to their designated field to pick up their team gear. There will be hats, bag tags, water bottles and goody bags for each player. This can be picked up anytime starting at 8:00am to before your first game from our tournament director on site. Please see your pick up spot below.

13U – Jim Peterson
14U & 15U – Andover Station North

HOME RUN DERBY:

If your All-Star signed up to participate in the Home Run Derby, this will now kick off the weekend's festivities by starting on Saturday morning at 8am. Please be at your field (**13u – Jim Peterson and 14u & 15u – Andover Station North**) and ready to go at this time as there are a lot of participants to get through in two hours. The winner of each Home Run Derby will be recognized and awarded their trophy Saturday night at the All-Sat Player Recognition Ceremony. Blaine and Andover associations will be administering this fun event.

ALL-STAR PLAYER RECOGNITION CEREMONY (NOW SATURDAY EVENING):

Your child's presence at player recognition ceremony is **MANDATORY**. This ceremony which was previously held on Friday night has been moved to Saturday evening. This change is to better accommodate families who had to race over from work to try to attend this ceremony. The ceremony begin promptly at 7:00pm on August 5, so please arrive at Andover Station North (address and directions are available in the GSBL All-Star Series portion of www.myas.org) no later than 6:15pm. **PLAYERS SHOULD BE IN THEIR OWN FULL TEAM UNIFORM (All-Star Hats will be provided)**. A Welcome Dinner will be for all players and coaches near the conclusion of the player recognition ceremony. Beverages will be provided by McDonalds and Body Armor Sports Drink for all players and coaches as well. Concessions will be available for all spectators. For parking details, please see attachment.

We hope you are able to join in helping us support the **Ronald McDonald House** by donating over the weekend at playing sites (just look for the Ronald McDonald House table with banner) with the in-kind donation items listed below:

13U - Disposable Plates and Pop Tabs

14U - Disposable Bowls and Pop Tabs

15U - Disposable Cups and Pop Tabs

COMPETITION FORMAT FOR SATURDAY AND SUNDAY:

All teams will participate in three games over Saturday and Sunday. Rosters and schedules are now available in the GSBL portion of www.myas.org. **NOTE: PLAYERS SHOULD BE IN THEIR OWN FULL TEAM UNIFORM (All-Star hats will be provided). Please coordinate with your Head Coach which colors (lights or darks) you will be wearing during each game.** Each team is guaranteed 3 games however it should be understood that the tournament could be modified to complete the event.


NOTE: NO COOLERS ARE ALLOWED AT THE FIELDS. We will provide water in each dugout, but no cups will be supplied. **Each All-Star will receive a water bottle that will be picked up by their coach Saturday morning.** There will also be food and beverages in the concession area at Andover Station North, Hidden Creek, Jim Peterson East Field and Blaine Baseball Complex.

If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to call the MYAS office at (763) 781-2220. The All-Star nomination of your child will create a lifetime of memories. This is why the MYAS Baseball Staff is excited to hold this event and provide this opportunity for all participants. We look forward to meeting you next weekend.

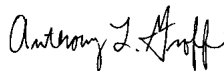
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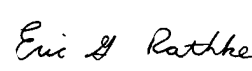
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All-Star Series Parking Details:

Attendance for the opening ceremonies could reach over 1000 individuals, so we strongly encourage participants and families to **carpool!** There will be limited parking at the locations listed below.

These locations include:

1. Andover Station North parking lot
2. TE Connectivity's parking lot (just the front 70 spaces) - **NO** campers, boats or cars with any type of trailer will be allowed. Also, **NO** tailgating/grilling will be permitted. If you are looking to grill please use the Andover Baseball parking lot or Andover parks to do so.
3. The field

*Overflow parking will be at Wal-Mart

***NO Parking allowed in the residential area or any other local business**





**2017 Gopher State All-Star Series
August 5-6, 2017
AGENDA**



August 5, 2017

Time

What's Happening

8:00am

All-Star Home Run Derby and Coach Pick up
13u – Jim Peterson
14u & 15u – Andover Station North

11:00am

Competition Begins. Schedules are now available in the Gopher State Baseball League All Star Series portion of the MYAS website.

4:00pm

Last round of day's games begins

Please arrive by 6:15pm

For parking details, please see attachment. Teams meet in outfield Andover Station North Middle Field. **Please meet your other team members at the sign designating your All-Star team name and Head Coach.**

7:00 to 7:55pm

Opening Ceremonies which will include; welcome speeches, the National Anthem, recognition of players and coaches, and the opening pitch.

8:00pm

Conclusion of Opening Ceremonies

Welcome Dinner and drinks provided by McDonalds and Body Armor Sports Drink for the All-Star Coaches and Players. Concessions will be available as well.

August 6, 2017

Time

8:30am

1:30pm

What's Happening

Competition Continues

Last round of games begins

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