



2018 BERTH AWARDING GUIDELINES



The following guidelines explain how “Automatic Berths” should be awarded at tournaments that have been selected as Gopher State Tournament of Champions (GSTC) qualifiers. The MYAS baseball staff and the MYAS Baseball Board of Advisors reserves the right to refuse any GSTC berths that were incorrectly awarded due to not following the guidelines described below.

- 1. In all GSTC qualifying tournaments with 6 or more teams participating, two (2) Automatic Berths will be awarded.**
 - A. Berths will be awarded to the top two placing teams. If either or both of the top two teams decline or have already earned their berth, the third and fourth place teams will be offered the berth(s), in that order.
 - B. Berths may NOT, under any circumstances, be offered to any team finishing below fourth place.

- 2. In all GSTC qualifying tournaments with fewer than 6 teams participating, one (1) Automatic Berth will be awarded.**
 - A. The berth will be awarded to the top placing team. If the top team declines or has already earned a berth, the second place team can be offered the berth.
 - B. The berth may NOT be offered to any team finishing below second place in any tournament with fewer than six teams participating.

- 3. For all GSTC Qualifiers, berths may not be awarded if the competition itself is not completed to a point where the top two placing teams can be determined. For example, a weather-shortened tournament may not award berths based solely upon a tie-breaker. If berths cannot be determined due to weather or other unforeseen circumstances, GSTC qualification points will still be awarded to all participating teams. The amount of points awarded will be determined through the MYAS baseball staff and that tournament’s coordinator.**

- 4. PLAYING UP IN QUALIFIERS - If you choose to “play up” a classification level in a GSTC qualifier and earn a berth (placing 1st or 2nd), you must play at the higher level you qualified at in the 2018 GSTC. You may not also play in your original classification level (see exception for 9U teams in Team Eligibility doc).**

- 5. This document is not intended to cover every possible scenario that may occur in a local tournament/GSTC qualifier. In any case, the Gopher State Baseball Board of Advisors will have the ability to make a final decision on the teams accepted into the Gopher State Tournament of Champions.**

2018 QUALIFICATION POINTS



# of Teams in Tournament	1st Place	2nd Place	3rd Place	4th Place	Did Not Place
16 OR MORE	18 Points	16 Points	13 Points	11 Points	3 Points/ 6 Points (Final 8)
12-15	16 Points	14 Points	11 Points	9 Points	3 Points
8-11	14 Points	12 Points	9 Points	7 Points	2 Points
6-7	12 Points	10 Points	7 Points	5 Points	2 Points
FEWER THAN 6	8 Points	6 Points	5 Points	3 Points	2 Points

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GOPHER STATE TOURNAMENT OF CHAMPIONS:**

<http://www.myas.org/baseball/gopher-state-tournament-of-champions/>

