

Burleson Youth Association

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All-Star Baseball Rules

ALL STARS

Each division will form at least one All-Star team to play in post-season tournaments sanctioned by PONY Baseball.

- Divisions of 6 or more teams may form two All-Star teams.
- Divisions of 9 or more teams may form up to three All-Star teams.
- Divisions of 12 or more teams may form up to four All-Star teams – the formation of this fourth team is at the discretion of the Baseball Committee.

Teams register with PONY and play in their sanctioned tournaments as required to qualify for the World Series.

- See the league affiliation “Tournament” section of the PONY Baseball rulebook to determine how teams are selected to advance to the next level.

Coaches are responsible for registering their teams if they wish to play and/or enter other invitational tournaments. The Commissioner of each division will notify the coaches of the date and time of the PONY tournament meetings. It is important that coaches attend these meetings conducted the directors prior to the beginning of the tournament season. The following topics are discussed:

- Tournament schedules
- Invitational tournaments held by other organizations
- Playing rules
- Required coach’s attire

Proof of league liability insurance is required for each team and copies of the league’s certificate of insurance are acceptable. Each Division’s Commissioner will provide a copy of the certificate of insurance to the coaches.

ALL-STAR COACH SELECTION

All-Star coaches will be selected based on the following criteria:

1. Whether his or her child qualified for the team.
 - a. Top 20 players for first (Navy) team.
 - b. Top 30 players for second (Red) team.
 - c. Top 45 players for third (White) team.
2. Whether he or she will be a good representative for BYA.

Ordinarily, the first team head coach will have a Protected Player in the top 20 for the division. Also, the second team head coach will ordinarily have a Protected Player in the top 30 for the division. If, for any reason, a coach declines to take a team, it will then be offered to the next head coach, **based on the regular season standings**, until the position has been filled.

The Baseball Committee reserves the right to disapprove any coach who has had a formal grievance upheld, displayed inappropriate behavior, or who they believe will not serve in the best interests of the League, based off documented occurrences.

Any coach taking an All-Star team must remain with that team for its entirety. Any coach taking a team to turn over to someone else is strictly forbidden and will put your future coaching status in jeopardy. In the event of unusual circumstances that may cause an All-Star coach the need to step down must be agreed to by the members of the Baseball Committee.

The head coach of each team may select up to three assistant coaches. The list of assistant coaches must be submitted to the Division's Commissioner for approval. Any assistant coach that did not coach a BYA team during the current year will be required to submit and pass a background check before being allowed to coach.

Each tournament team coach represents BYA and the Burleson community. As a representative, each coach's conduct should be above reproach.

Each tournament team coach will be required to complete an affidavit listing players' name, address, league team name etc., as well as the names of the field manager, coach, and business manager. The Division's Commissioner will provide each coach with the form to be completed. The completed affidavit should be taken to all pre-tournament meetings and tournament games.

ALL-STAR PLAYER SELECTION

BYA All-Star teams are selected based on the individual player's accomplishments and performance during spring season league play. The process selects the players (kids) first, then the coaches.

- Rosters shall consist of no less than 12 and no more than 15 players (18 for High School).
- In most divisions, at least 9 players must be present and physically able to play at each game. The penalty for not having 9 players present and physically able to play is forfeiture of the game.
- Campaigning parents or coaches should not influence voting. ANY COACH CAUGHT CAMPAIGNING FOR PLAYERS WILL HAVE THEIR BALLOT REMOVED FROM CALCULATION. IN ADDITION, THEY WILL NOT BE ALLOWED TO COACH OR ASSIST WITH TOURNAMENT TEAMS.
- Each coach will be asked to help select the All-Star team(s) from the division in which they are coaching by attending player evaluations and voting for players at the end of the season. Approximately seven to 10 days before the end of the season, each Division's Commissioner will distribute ballots for coaches to nominate their top 5 players to participate in all-star evaluations.

During and after player evaluations, a coach may not vote for members of the team he or she coached. It is imperative, in order to maintain the integrity of BYA, that each vote cast is based solely on the coach's opinion of the player's ability as a ball player.

During evaluations, each coach should complete one ballot, provided by commissioner, ranking the top players in the division - in his or her opinion - as follows:

- One (1) all-star team:
 - Fifteen (15) player ballot, top nine (9) players automatically make the first team's (Navy) roster—Head Coach selects from the remaining six players.

- Two (2) all-star teams:
 - Thirty (30) player ballot, top nine (9) ranked players automatically make the first team's roster, top 20 ranked players are eligible for the first team's roster, and the remaining players who did not decline to play on the Black team are eligible for the second team's (Red) roster.
- Three (3) all-star teams:
 - Forty-five (45) player ballot, top nine (9) ranked players automatically make the first team's roster, top 20 ranked players are eligible for the first team's roster, top 30 ranked players who did not decline to play on the first team are eligible for the second team's roster, all the remaining players on the list who did not decline to play on the first or second team are eligible for the third team's (White) roster.
- Four (4) all-star teams (if approved):
 - Sixty (60) player ballot, top nine (9) ranked players automatically make the first team's roster, top 20 ranked players are eligible for the first team's roster, top 30 ranked players who did not decline to play on the first team are eligible for the second team's roster, all the remaining players on the list who did not decline to play on the first or second team are eligible for third team's roster, and all remaining players are eligible for the fourth team's (Gray) roster.
- The Commissioners will tally the evaluation ballots and assign points to each player from 1–15, 1–30 and so forth. For example, in a division with only one All-Star team, if a player is ranked first on a ballot, that player receives 15 points, and players ranked second through 15, receive 14–1 point(s), respectively.
 - After the evaluation ballots are submitted and tallied, the Division's Commissioner and coaches will meet to discuss the top 15 or 30 players determined by the votes. Each coach will then complete a second ballot, in which the top players will be ranked. The Commissioners will tally these results, again assigning points from 1–15, 1–30, etc. per vote, and this vote will determine the rank of the top 15 or 30 players in the division.
 - If there is a tie for the ninth position, all players involved in the tie will make the first team.
- The first team's head coach should contact the top nine players to ensure that they will commit to play the All-Star season. The head coach will complete the roster from the remaining players on the list (top 20 list for two or more all-star teams) to complete the first team's roster.
 - After the first team's roster is selected and confirmed, the team's head coach shall immediately provide the roster to the Division's Commissioner and must notify the Commissioner of any players that declined to play.
 - If a division has more than one All-Star team, each team's roster must be selected/confirmed, and the roster provided to the Division's Commissioner before the next team's roster is selected.

- Each team's head coach must notify the Division's commissioner of players who declined to play.
- Any player declining to play will NOT be allowed to play on any other All-Star teams that season unless they had ALSO declined to play for the respective coach during the draft for the same season.
- If for any reason an elected All-Star Player refuses the right to play, the coach of that team must notify their commissioner. Any subsequent player must come from the provided list of players. If no player from that list agrees to play, then, with the approval of the Vice President from that league, the coach can find replacement players that were not nominated from within his/her own league.

DIVISION SPECIFIC ALL-STAR PLAYER SELECTION

5U & 6U Divisions:

- Two (2) teams will be formed (Navy and Red) of 5U players.
- Two (2) teams will be formed (Navy and Red) of 6U players.
- If the division's registration numbers permit extra teams beyond Navy and Red, then White and/or Gray rosters will be filled with Board approval.
- In the event that 5U & 6U were merged during the regular season, and the decision is made by the Baseball Committee to form a pure age 5U team, it shall be drafted before the 6U team(s).

7U & 8U Divisions:

- Two (2) 7U teams will be formed (Navy & Red)—only 7U players are eligible.
- Two (2) 8U teams will be formed (Navy & Red)—only 8U players are eligible.
- Registration numbers permitting, additional teams may be approved by the Board of Directors.
- In the event that 7U & 8U were merged during the regular season, and the decision is made by the Baseball Committee to form a pure age 7U team, it shall be drafted before the 8U team(s).

9U & 10U Divisions:

- Two (2) 9U teams will be formed (Navy & Red)—only 9U players are eligible.
- Two (2) 10U teams will be formed (Navy & Red)—only 10U players are eligible.
- Registration numbers permitting, additional teams may be approved by the Board of Directors.
- In the event that 9U & 10U were merged during the regular season, and the decision is made by the Baseball Committee to form a pure age 9U team, it shall be drafted before the 10U team(s).

11U & 12U Divisions:

- One (1) 11U teams will be formed (Navy)—only 11U players are eligible.
- Two (2) 12U teams will be formed (Navy & Red)—only 12U players are eligible.
- Registration numbers permitting, additional teams may be approved by the Board of Directors.
- In the event that 11U & 12U were merged during the regular season, and the decision is made by the Baseball Committee to form a pure age 11U team, it shall be drafted before the 12U team(s).

13U & 14U Divisions:

- One (1) 13U teams will be formed (Navy)—only 13U players are eligible.
- Two (2) 14U teams will be formed (Navy & Red)—only 14U players are eligible.
- Registration numbers permitting, additional teams may be approved by the Board of Directors.
- In the event that 13U & 14U were merged during the regular season, and the decision is made by the Baseball Committee to form a pure age 13U team, it shall be drafted before the 14U team(s).

ALL Divisions:

- If combined age divisions (i.e., 7U/8U, 9U/10U, etc.) are split into pure age divisions (i.e., 5U, 6U, 7U, 8U, 9U, etc.), then two tournament teams (Navy and Red) may be filled for each division - providing there are six or more teams in the division. If the division's registration numbers permit extra teams beyond Navy and Red, then a White team may be formed.
- Players registered in a specific division will only be eligible for that specific division's All-Star selections. For example, an 8-year-old playing up in the 10U division will only be considered for 10U All-Star selections.

ALL STAR GENERAL RULES

A balance sheet showing any expenses or income to your team will be required. Each coach will be responsible for turning this into the league Baseball Commissioner at the end of his or her team participation in post season play.

Any coach not turning this in will be subject to possible disciplinary action including the possibility of suspension from coaching in upcoming years.

Any item that is purchased with team funds over \$100 dollars that each child will not receive his or her own item of must be approved by the V.P. of that sport prior to purchasing it.

You must submit in writing the item(s) to be purchased, the amount, and at the end of the post season what will happen with this item(s). Signatures representing 2/3 of your team will be required prior to submitting this to the Sports Committee. Only one signature allowed per player participating. (Two parents from one child cannot sign form). Only after approval from the V.P. may items be purchased.

Remember, all the players on your All-Star team have earned the right to be there and should be given every opportunity to play.

Make sure you as coach give all the players on your team a positive experience during their All-Star career.