

SECTION SIX

SELECT TEAM/ALL STAR PLAY

1. STRUCTURE

- 1.1. Typically, each season ECYB will field one select team per age group, i.e., 8U, 9U, 10U, 11U, 12U, 13U, and 14U.
- 1.2. This is dependent upon having enough players for each age group and an approved manager for the team.
- 1.3. There may or may not be additional ECYB-sanctioned (all-star) teams formed in each division or age group depending again on number of eligible and interested players as well as approved managers.

2. ELIGIBILITY

- 2.1. Players meeting the age and residency requirements of ECYB as specified under PONY Baseball regulations will be eligible for sanctioned PONY World Series play.
- 2.2. Players not meeting residency requirements will be eligible for all other all-star play.
- 2.3. Managers of “sanctioned” PONY World Series All-Star teams will strictly adhere to the residency rules set forth by PONY Baseball.
- 2.4. For a PONY sanctioned tournament, a player can only play on an all-star team that is from the division in which the player played during the regular season.
- 2.5. Pony division players who participated in their high school baseball teams during the regular season are eligible to participate on Pony all-star teams provided they do not play anywhere else between their last high school game their first ECYB regular or post season game.

3. SELECTION OF MANAGERS

- 3.1. One to three weeks prior to select team tryouts, the division president shall survey the managers and coaches for their interest in managing the select team.
- 3.2. The division president will then interview the interested candidates and choose one to submit to the board for consideration.
- 3.3. The board will consider the eligible candidates and approve or disapprove them to manage the select teams.
- 3.4. If the candidate is rejected, the division president will submit another candidate.

3.5. If no manager is approved, there will not be a select team for that division.

4. APPLICATION FOR PLAY

4.1. Select team evaluation session(s) for each division will be administered by the division president and/or select team manager and an independent evaluator.

4.2. To be eligible to participate on a select team, an interested player must attend the scheduled select team evaluation (tryout) or let the division president know reasonably in advance of any schedule conflicts.

4.3. Typically, there will also be a second evaluation at the end of the recreation season, for any new player additions or changes needed by a select team.

4.4. A player who is selected for the in-season select team is not guaranteed a spot on the postseason select team. If the select team manager does not feel a second evaluation is necessary, he/she can ask the division president to forego a second evaluation.

5. EVALUATION PROCESS

5.1. The goal of the selection process is to field the most competitive teams possible.

5.2. Placement on a select team will be based on a player's skills and performance in the select team tryout as evaluated by the division president and/or the select team manager, at least one outside consultant approved by the select team committee (if one is standing), and other managers or their respective proxies in that division.

5.3. Performance up to that point in the season and positional needs of the select team will also be considered.

5.4. The pool of eligible select team players will be determined after the select team tryouts by considering scores of the outside consultant, the select team manager, and a manager or manager proxy for each of the division's remaining teams.

5.5. If too few players are available to field a competitive select team at the time of an evaluation, the process may be varied, subject to board approval.

6. SELECT TEAM FORMATION

6.1. For each division, following select team tryouts, the division president will hold a select team election meeting for each team to be formed.

6.2. The division president will oversee the meeting with the select team manager as well as any other ECYB sanctioned all-star teams formed for that division.

6.3. His role is to make sure all top-ranked players are fairly considered before another player is chosen.

- 6.4. There may be reasons to choose players other than the top eleven (11) or twelve (12) ranked players, e.g., team positional needs, outlier evaluation performances not in line with typical play observed for that player, etc. The division president must understand these reasons.
- 6.5. The select team formation process will be closed as soon as eleven (11) or twelve (12) players have been selected, and have accepted.
- 6.6. The select team manager will add the manager's player to the roster for a final total of twelve (12) or thirteen (13) players.
- 6.7. Once a roster is completed for a select team, a maximum of five (5) pool players will be selected by the select team manager and division president from the remaining pool of eligible players who are available to fill roster openings.
- 6.8. The manager will allow interested pool players to participate in select team practices.

7. PLAYER PARTICIPATION RULE

- 7.1. Each select team player, to the extent allowed by tournament rules, shall play a minimum of two (2) defensive innings and have at least one at bat per game.
- 7.2. Any player who withdraws their name from consideration in the select team selection process or who is selected for a select team and declines to play on the select team shall be ineligible to play on any other select team for that season.

8. ECYB SUPPORT

- 8.1. ECYB is not responsible for any financial or administrative duties for the select/all-star teams, except providing copies of birth certificates if needed to qualify players for tournaments.
- 8.2. ECYB will allocate a certain amount of money each year, depending on financial ability, for paid professional trainers to assist with workshop and special needs at practices.
- 8.3. Each select/all-star team will have a budget for these resources that will represent a fair share of the allocated funds.
- 8.4. Additional fees may be collected by a select/all-star team from its participant families to pay for additional trainer services.

9. ADDITIONAL ALL-STAR TEAMS

- 9.1. Selection of players for any additional ECYB sanctioned (all-star) team, other than the select teams, is not required to follow the select team selection rules and will proceed in a fair manner at the discretion of the division president in consultation with the manager of that all-star team.
- 9.2. In order to be an ECYB-sanctioned team and enjoy the benefits of using ECYB fields, insurance, umpires, and other resources, the would-be manager must request board approval in advance of forming the team.
- 9.3. The formation of these additional teams should not interfere with the success of the select teams.

10. RECOMMENDATIONS

- 10.1. It is recommended that each select and all-star team designate a team business manager or treasurer within one week of team formation, who will work with the manager to estimate the per-player team fees.
- 10.2. It is recommended that each participant be required to pay a deposit to cover the costs of uniforms, hats, field rentals if necessary, and at least one tournament fee in advance of being allowed to play in any tournaments.
- 10.3. Each team manager is ultimately responsible for identifying tournaments the team intends to play in, registering that team for tournaments on time, filling out roster paperwork, and paying all team fees.
- 10.4. Players should not be allowed to participate in tournaments unless they have paid team fees.
- 10.5. It is recommended that alternates/pool players not be charged the full share of the tournament fees unless the manager guarantees those players an “adequate” amount of play time. The detail of what adequate means shall be discussed with and agreed to by the parent and player in advance of the tournament.
- 10.6. ECYB may provide players with a jersey, if requested, to be returned at the end of all-star season. Op5 Each family will be required to pay the league a uniform deposit of \$30, as a condition of joining the team, which will be returned at the end of the season upon proof that the jersey is returned in good condition.