

NWRAA Baseball/Softball

All-Star Selection Guidelines and Procedures

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Objective:

To select the top players in each age group to represent NWRAA in ALL-Star Competition. The process of selecting players is to be done as discretely as possible. All discussion associated with the selection process should be held to a minimum and should only be done between coaching staffs.

Eligibility

Our program participates in the National Division of All-Star competition. Since NWRAA welcomes all caliber of players in its recreation program. USSSA has guidelines our league must follow for All-Star competition.

In regards to players that play 'Select Baseball' and our program:

AA Classification:

Player that is on a AA classified team roster after April 1st of the current year.

By USSSA rules, the All-Star team can have up to three (3) players that are currently on a AA classified 'Select Baseball' team's roster and still be eligible to compete in the National Division. If our association's All-Star Selection Process selects more than 3 AA classified 'Select Baseball' players to the All-Star Team then the team will have to comply with USSSA rules stating that the All-Star team will have to compete in the American Division.

AAA Classification:

Player that is on a AAA classified team roster between January 1st and April 1st of the current year.

By USSSA rules, the All-Star team cannot have any player that is currently on an AAA classified 'Select Baseball' team's roster and still be eligible to compete in the National Division. If our association's All-Star Selection Process selects any AAA classified 'Select Baseball' player to the All-Star Team then the team will have to comply with USSSA rules stating that the All-Star team will have to compete in the American Division.

Our association will not alter the selection process in which only a predetermined number of *'Select Baseball'* players are selected. Our association will allow all players eligible to be nominated and voted by the coaches. During the process in which the team is finalized by the head coach, it will be determined if the players selected have played or are playing *'Select Baseball'*. If the number of *'Select Baseball'* player(s) chosen to the All-Star team is within the guidelines set forth by USSSA for National Division competition then the All-Star team will compete in the National Division. If not, then the All-Star team will compete in the American Division.

If a *'Select Baseball'* player is selected to NWRAA All-Stars Team he or she must choose between playing All-Star Baseball or *'Select Baseball'*. A player cannot play both. There must be 100 % commitment to one of the teams. If it is discovered that a player attempt to play both, then he or she will be deemed ineligible for NWRAA All-Stars.

Selection Process

Player selection:

Step one – nominate players:

After approximately 1/2 of the season, Head coaches from every team will submit a list of players from their team whom they feel has demonstrated leadership qualities and a high level of baseball skills. The League Commissioners will compile the list from all the coaches and prepare a master all-star nomination list.

Step two – evaluate players:

A master all-star nomination list will be sent to all Head Coaches. At that time coaches will began evaluating players. Coaches will be expected to attend as many games as possible to evaluate the players. All discussion associated with the selection process should be held to a minimum and should only be done between coaching staffs.

Step Three – vote for players:

Each Head Coach will vote for 12 players from the master nomination list whom they fell will best represent NWRAA for all-star completion. Votes will be sent to the League Commissioner who will then tally the votes. Final results will be held until the All-Star selection meeting.

Step Four – selection meeting:

The Head Coaches from each division will meet together to finalize the all-star roster. Prior to the selection of all-stars, coaches will decide how many players will be selected for the team. After that decision, the player voting results will

be handed out and the players with the most votes will make up the All -Star Team. Should additional ballots be necessary, the same procedure would be followed with the players receiving the most votes being selected as All-Star(s) until such time as the number of players previously agreed upon has been reached. The formation of this team should be based solely on the abilities and talents of the players. It is recommended that a minimum of two alternates should also be selected.

Only the Head Coach, League Commissioner, Recreation Commissioner and Overall Commissioner may attend the meeting. There will be no one else allowed in this meeting and all discussions during this meeting should remain confidential between the parties present. If the Head Coach is not available his/her Assistant Coach may attend in-place of the Head Coach.

Head Coach Selection:

At the player selection meeting, each coach will be asked to cast their vote for whom they feel will make the best Head Coach. Nominations will be made as to who is willing to coach each team. The nominees can be either an assistant, or head coach from the league.

The coach with the most votes will be the recommended candidate to the league commissioners. The League Commissioners and Recreation Commissioner must approve the recommended candidate. In the event of a tie in voting, a tie breaking vote will be held between the tied candidates. If the chosen coach chooses not to accept the position, all coaches will re-vote with that coach's name removed from the choices.

Notification of Players

Once the players are selected, the All-Star Head Coach is to notify all of the players to assure that they are willing to make a commitment to participate in All-Star play. Only the Head Coach of the team (or their designee) is allowed to contact the players selected for the All Star team.

Once the first team is selected, and commitments from players have been attained, a second team (Tournament Team) from each age group can be formed using the same procedures as with the first team.

If either the All-Star or Tournament Team is in a situation where they must fill a position on their team after both teams have been confirmed, they must pull from the original nomination list of players. If all nominated players have been contacted and still can not fill the roster only then can the Head Coach may select a player who was not on the nomination list.

Note: *If a player is selected for the All-Star team, the player cannot decide to pass on the All-Star team to play on the Tournament team. The only instance that this will be allowed is if the Head Coach of the All-Star team gives the player a release to play on the Tournament team.*