

CoulOak Little League Post Season Team Selection Process

Overview of Post Season Teams

CoulOak Little League has three separate league-sanctioned post-season activities at the various age levels. These include the CoulOak League All-Star games; the LL District “Tournament of Champions” and the Little League District III championships. Selection of players and coaches are described in further detail below, but basically the teams are as follows:

CoulOak All-Stars

– Two teams are selected from the Modified Machine Pitch thru Majors Divisions. Each of those league age groups to play one game on a designated All-Star Day after the completion of the league’s post-season tournament

LL Tournament of Champions

– A tournament sponsored by LL District III as an opportunity for local leagues to give players in the 7–12 yr old age group a chance to play post-season baseball prior to commencing the District Championships. Six separate tournaments, one each for 7 yr olds, 8 yr olds, 9 yr olds, 10 yr olds, 11 yr olds and 12 yr olds, takes place at the end of the regular season and before the District Championships which begin the end of June. These teams are age-specific (i.e., no players playing up to the next age group).

LL District III Championships

– The “official” district championship tournament that eventually leads to the State, Regional and LL World Series. Regional and World Series tournaments are only for 11/12 yr old teams. There are typically six teams: one 6/7 yr old team, one 7/8 yr old team, one 8/9 yr old team, one 8/9/10 yr old team, one 9/10/11 yr old team and one 10/11/12 yr old team. These teams cannot be announced prior to June 15 or two weeks prior to the District Tournament, whichever is earlier.

Selection Process for League All-Star Players

Selection Process for League Modified Machine Pitch All-Star Game

All Modified Machine Pitch coaches submit the same number of players, as no standings or scores are kept, in order to achieve two teams of 12 players. In advance of the game, the Modified Machine Pitch Coordinator will divide the teams either alphabetically, or by American League All Stars vs. National League All Stars if possible.

The Modified Machine Pitch Coordinator will select a Head Coach for each team in advance. All head coaches are encouraged to help assistant coach each team.

Selection Process for League Machine Pitch, Minors and Majors All-Star Games

Team standings at the end of the regular season in machine pitch and minors are used to determine the quantity of players each team sends to their league's all-star game. These are examples for divisions with even and odd teams, and how to balance number of players submitted and how the two teams should be divided based on final standings. Based upon an eight-team league, the 1st and 2nd place teams submit four players, the 3rd, 4th, 5th, and 6th place teams submit three players, and the 7th and 8th place teams submit two players. For the game, players from teams 1, 4, 5, 8 comprise the home team and 2, 3, 6, 7 comprise the visitor team. For an eleven-team league, the 1st, 2nd place teams submit three players, and the 3rd, 4th, 5th, 6th, 7th, 8th, 9th, 10th and 11th place teams submit 2 players. For the game, players from teams 1, 4, 5, 8, 10 comprise the home team and 2, 3, 6, 7, 9 comprise the visitor team. The players from the 11th place team are split between each team. For a ten-team league, the 1st, 2nd, 3rd, 4th place teams submit three players, and the 5th, 6th, 7th, 8th, 9th, and 10th place teams submit 2 players. For the game, players from teams 1, 4, 5, 8, 10 comprise the home team and 2, 3, 6, 7, 9 comprise the visitor team. Head coaches are determined by the regular season standings with the 1st and 2nd place coaches as head coaches for the game. For the Majors All-Star game, in a four team league each team will submit 6 all-stars. The Home team will be the regular season 1st & 4th place teams, and the Away team will be the regular season 2nd & 3rd place teams. The Regular Season coaches who finished 1st and 2nd are the team head coaches.

Selection Process for Post Season Tournament Teams

TOC Teams

All TOC teams will be selected by a Selection Committee. There is a committee for each age grouping, 7/8, 9/10, and 11/12. The 7/8 committee will select the 7's TOC team and the 8's TOC team, the 9/10 selects the 9's TOC and 10's TOC teams, and so forth. The committee is selected by the Board of Directors. Any coach who wishes to potentially be selected as the Head Coach of a tournament team, is encouraged to request to participate in the selection committee of the age group they wish to coach. The committees will be made up of up to 5 regular season coaches (Head Coach or Assistant Coach), with each applicable division represented that has players in the age group in question. For example, the 7/8 committee will be majority Machine Pitch coaches, but must include at least one Minors coach if an 8 year old is playing in the Minors Division that season.

Each regular season coach, will submit 15 eligible players, ranking them on a weighted 15-1 scale. The top player receives 15 points, the last player selected receives 1 point. All players receiving votes will be ranked based on total weighted score. In order to be eligible for selection, a player must have a weighted score equal to or greater than the total number of ballots. For example, six coaches are voting, minimum weighted score to be eligible for selection is six. Players playing up a division above their typical age group will be automatically added to the pool of available players and will not receive votes from the regular season coach voting. The Selection Committee will fill 6 roster spots. The coach will ultimately have the choice to carry 12 to 14 players. The top 4 players in the pool are locked into roster spots. The next 6 roster slots will be filled by the selection committee and must come from the

pool of eligible vote getters. The Head Coach will fill the remaining roster spots from the pool of eligible vote getters. In the event a selected player is unable to participate, the coach must fill the opening from the pool of eligible vote getters.

LL District Teams

All District teams will be selected by a Selection Committee. There is a committee for each age grouping, 6/7, 7/8, 9/10, and 11/12. The committee is selected by the Board of Directors. Any coach who wishes to potentially be selected as the Head Coach of a tournament team, is encouraged to request to participate in the selection committee of the age group they wish to coach. The committees will be made up of up to 5 regular season coaches (Head Coach or Assistant Coach), with each applicable division represented that has players in the age group in question. For example, the 7/8 committee will be majority Machine Pitch coaches, but must include at least one Minors coach if an 8 year old is playing in the Minors Division that season.

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All District team rosters must be different than TOC team rosters by at least one player.

Selection Process for TOC & District Team Managers

The managers for TOC and District teams shall be selected by a vote from the Board of Directors from current coaches within the League. The League will solicit applications from interested coaches (assistant or head) prior to Tournament season. This list of coaches will be submitted to the Board for final selection. The Manager (Head Coach) will be selected only after the Selection Committees have selected the teams. Head Coaches will pick their own assistants, but those selections are subject to board approval. The Board of Directors reserves the right to have final decision on all Coach Selections for TOC/District teams.