

Los Alamitos Youth Baseball

ALL STAR SELECTION PROCEDURES

Approved by the LAYB Board for the selection of All Star Players.

1. DIVISIONAL REPRESENTATION

- A. All Star Teams will be selected to represent the following LAYB Divisions:
- ◆ **Shetland** (6) will have one (1) team which may include 5 yr olds who played in Shetland
 - ◆ **Pinto** will have two (2) teams (a third team may be added at the Managers' discretion).
 - ◆ **Mustang** will have two (2) teams (a third team may be added at the Managers' discretion).
 - ◆ **Bronco** will have two (2) teams (a third team may be added at the Managers' discretion).
 - ◆ **Pony** will have two (2) teams, one made up of 14-year-olds, and one made up of 13-year-olds (a third of players may be added at the Managers' discretion). Pony age (13) year olds who are currently in 8th grade are eligible to play on the 14 year old team.
- B. If there are three teams representing a Division, the "A Team" will be composed of the top 1 through 10 players designated by the Managers, based on age for Pinto, Mustang, Bronco and Pony.
- C. If there are three teams representing a Division, the "C Team" will be composed of the top 1 through 10 younger players as designated by the Managers for Pinto, Mustang, Bronco and Pony.
- D. In all Divisions, the "B-Team" may be composed of mixed age players. In divisions with only (2) teams, the "A" team may be composed of mixed age players.

2. MANAGER AND COACH SELECTION PROCESS:

- A. Managers and coaches for the various All Star Teams will be selected as follows:
- ◆ **Shetland – Pony:** Divisional Managers will be decided based on the candidates' performance during the season, desire, and likelihood that their child will be on that team.
 - ◆ Any interested Manager will be brought before the Board prior to the All-Star selection meeting. The Board will approve all potential All-Star Managers prior to the All-Star selection meeting.
 - ◆ Potential Managers are required to have managed a League team. If there are no interested Managers, Board discussion and majority vote are required to offer Manager positions to alternative interested parties.
 - ◆ Managers, once selected, may choose their coaching staff. These coaches do not have to be Managers or Coaches from LAYB (although it is strongly recommended).
- B. Immediately after their selection, all Manager, Coach and Player selections are subject to approval by the LAYB Board at the May Board meeting. If approval cannot be accomplished the May Board meeting, a Special Meeting may be held.

3. TEAM CAPACITY/TEAM MAKE-UP

Each team will consist of a minimum of 13 and a maximum of 15 players.

- A. The number of teams to be selected must be decided upon by late April. The Uniform Manager, Invitational Tournament Representative and President should be informed of this decision immediately.
- B. If a third All Star team is added in a Division, it is usually done to allow additional younger players to obtain "All Star experience". It should be noted that these teams may not be competitive, unless playing teams in their own age group, and should be formed if a motivated and understanding Manager want to lead them.

4. PLAYER SELECTION PROCESS:

The following procedures apply to Managers and players:

Shetland – Bronco Divisions:

- A. A preliminary meeting will be held for each Division, at which time the Managers will indicate which players should be considered as “potential All Stars” based on their performance to that point in the season. This list should include any player who may be having a good year, or may help as a role player. Only players from this list may be selected as “All Stars,” so care should be taken to include all potential players.
- B. Managers will then have the responsibility of “scouting” these players, as well as communicating with each other, to get as much information on each player as possible. Nominations/lists should be held as highly confidential.
- C. A pre-All-Star selection meeting should occur 2-4 weeks later to discuss/choose the players. Managers should bring all pertinent information (stats, scorebooks, behavior, coach-ability, etc.) available on each player representing their team. Each player should be discussed briefly.
- D. Managers will rank players in the following manner prior to attending the All-Star meeting:
 1. Older players in their respective divisions should be ranked 1 through 15. Players should be ranked based on overall ability and quality of their season. This ballot is considered the “A” team ballot
 2. Younger players in their respective divisions should be ranked 1-15 for the “C” team ballot.
 3. In the case of only 2 teams, players will be ranked 1-30 regardless of age. .
- E. Prior to the All-Star meeting, each manager will submit his ranking to the Commissioner. All ballots will be tallied and then the results totaled and displayed on a master board at the All-Star Selection meeting.
- F. Players will be given points as they are ranked 1-15 for divisions with 3 teams and 1-30 for divisions with 2 teams. For example, if all Divisions with 3 teams, the #1 player will get 15 points, # 2 will get 14 points, etc. In Divisions with only two teams, the # 1 player will get 30 points, # 2 will get 29 points, etc.
- G. Each player will be given 3 “bonus points” for every time he/she was given points by any manager. The highest and lowest ranking given to each player will be thrown out (however bonus points will still be included for those ballots).
- H. The voting will be tallied on a master board and posted for review by all of the managers. Discussion will be held if necessary.
- I. The top 10 vote-getters are automatically selected to the A team. The Manager of this All Star team shall be selected at this time, (from the list of Board approved Managers) and will have the discretion to add players 11, 12, and 13. . The remaining three to five players selected to the team must be selected from the players voted in positions 11-20. Three (3) alternates should also be named from the highest ranking players remaining.
- J. If only two teams are to be selected, then the second team (“B” Team) will be selected next, based on the 1-30 ranking of the players as ranked by the Managers.
- K. If three (3) teams are to be selected, then the “C” team should be selected next, based on the 1-15 ranking for their age group. Procedures follow those set forth above. After the “C” team is selected, the mixed age team (“B Team”) should be selected from the remaining nominated players (both younger and older age players) using a new 1-15 ballot and the same process as above. If players 14 and 15 were not chosen to play on the “A” team, those two players will automatically be placed on the “B” team and should not be considered on the new ballot. Once the ballots have been tallied for the “B” team, the top 8 vote getters will automatically be placed on the “B” team behind players 14 or 15 not chosen for the “A” team. The manager will then have discretion to add the remaining three to five players from kids voted in positions 11-20.

Pony Division:

- A. A preliminary meeting will be held for each Division, at which time the Managers will indicate which players should be considered as "potential All Stars" based on their performance to that point in the season. This list should include any player who may be having a good year, or may help as a role player. Only players from this list may be selected as "All Stars," so care should be taken to include **all** potential players.
- B. Managers will then have the responsibility of "scouting" these players, as well as communicating with each other, to get as much information on each player as possible. Nominations/lists should be held as highly confidential.
- C. A pre-All-Star selection meeting should occur 2-4 weeks later to discuss/choose the players. Managers should bring all pertinent information (stats, scorebooks, behavior, coach-ability, etc.) available on each player representing their team. Each player should be discussed briefly.
- D. Managers will rank players in the following manner prior to attending the All-Star meeting:
 - 1. The top 15 (14 year olds and 13 year olds who are in 8th grade) will be voted on 1-15 for the "A" team ballot
 - 2. The top 15 (13 year old players) will be voted on 1-15 for the "C" team ballot. The 8th grade 13 year olds who were on included on the ballot for the "A" team should also be included in voting for the 13 year old "C" team
- E. Prior to the All-Star meeting, each manager will submit his ranking to the Commissioner. All ballots will be tallied and displayed on a master board and posted for review by all of the managers at the All-Star Selection meeting. Discussion will be held if necessary.
- F. Players will be given points as they are ranked 1-15. If there are 3 Pony teams, the #1 player will get 15 points, #2 will get 14 points, etc. If there are two teams, the #1 player will get 30 points, #2 will get 29 points, etc.
- G. Each player will be given 3 "bonus points" for every time he/she was given points by any manager. The highest and lowest ranking given to each player will be thrown out (however bonus points will still be included for those ballots).
- H. Pony "A" team High School Rule (for "A" team only): Once the balloting is completed, the top 10 players as voted on by the Managers will automatically be placed on the "A" team. The Manager of the A All Star team should be selected at this time. After the Manager is selected, he will have the option to add any eligible High School player that played at LAYB to the "A" Team. Once the High School player or players are added, the Manager may select 3 to 5 more players to complete the team (3 minimum and 5 maximum) from the top 11-20 vote getters.
- I. The "C" team should be selected next, based on the 1-15 ranking for their age group. The "C" team selection process is identical to the Shetland-Bronco process. After the "C" team is selected, the mixed age team ("B" team) should be selected from the remaining nominated players (both younger and older age players) using a new 1-15 ballot and following the same process as the "C" team. If players 14 and 15 were not chosen to play on the "A" team, those two players will automatically be placed on the "B" team and should not be considered on the new ballot. Once the ballots have been tallied for the "B" team, the top vote getters will automatically be placed on the "B" team behind players 14 or 15 not chosen to the "A" team.

5. INFORMING THE PARENTS/PLAYERS:

The Commissioner should consult with the Uniform Manager, Auxiliary President, and Managers to get information regarding expenses, time commitment, and Snack Shack duties, prior to calling any player. Selected Players/Parents will then be contacted ASAP by the Commissioners of each Division at which time they will be:

- ◆ Congratulated upon their selection.
- ◆ Informed of their team Manager.
- ◆ Informed of their financial responsibility (uniform cost, other expenses).
- ◆ Informed of the potential length of the All Star season (June 1 – end of July).
- ◆ Asked about vacation plans, and informed of their attendance responsibility. *Players who will not be available for a significant period of time from June 23 to the end of July should be notified of their selection, but may not be selected as an actual roster player at the Board's discretion. Attendance at practices and games is mandatory, and players who cannot attend regularly should not take the spot of a player who can fulfill this responsibility.*
- ◆ Informed of any Snack Shack duty.
- ◆ Asked if they are willing to **commit to All Stars** based on this information.