

LONG BEACH PONY BASEBALL

Member of PONY Baseball, Inc.

Operating Policy / Procedure – All Star Team & Manager Selection

POLICY / PURPOSE STATEMENT

The Board of Directors of Long Beach Pony Baseball (LBPB) has adopted the following policy and procedure for the selection of players and managers to All-Star teams for PONY tournament play.

The LBPB Board of Directors is committed to ensure the best possible baseball experience for the members of our league. League Policies and Procedures have been established and agreed upon by a majority decision (vote), by the Board of Directors in accordance with the following:

- (1) The best interest of the majority of the league;
- (2) The best interest of an individual (when it does not conflict with #1);
- (3) The progressive direction and vision for the future of the league (when it does not conflict with #1 and #2).

This policy / procedure may only be amended by a majority vote of the LBPB Board of Directors prior to the start of the regular season.

I. GENERAL REQUIREMENTS

- A. Players must indicate their availability to play throughout the entire pre-All-Star and PONY All-Star sanctioned tournament, including practice times.
- B. Long Beach Pony Baseball will form two All-Star teams: The 14 year-old All-Star team will be made up of 12-14 year-old players. The 13 year-old All-Star team will be made of 12-13 year-old players
- C. Team rosters will consist of 15 players.
- D. All-Star players will be required to pay an All-Star fee. This fee includes the player's uniform (socks, belt, undershirt with pony patch and hat) and tournament costs. The Executive Board Members, on an annual basis, will determine the All-Star team fee.
- E. Player voting will be by ballot during the last weekend of the regular season. Voting will begin on that Saturday and continue through Sunday. Ballots will be counted on that Sunday.
- F. Managers will meet to vote and select the All-Star Teams on the Monday following the last regular season game.
- G. A player who is selected for an All-Star team, but refuses to play for that particular team, may not play on any other All-Star team that year. Player(s) who quit an All-Star team one year lose eligibility for the next year's team. Those player(s) must submit a written appeal to the Board to have their eligibility reinstated for the next year.
- H. Attempts to circumvent the All-Star selection process, including convincing players or their parents to refuse particular teams will be subject to disciplinary action. The Board may revoke a Manager's position or player's eligibility on an All-Star team.

II. PLAYER SELECTION / VOTING

- A. Ballots will be made up that contain all players in the league, broken out by age.
- B. Players will vote for the top 10 players in the division.
 - (1) Players may not select any players from their own team.
- C. Player Voting will be tallied up and the top 10 vote getters for each age group will be identified, and marked as the top 'Player Selected' candidates.
- D. The Managers will begin the voting process by reviewing the 'Player Selected' candidates and conducting a vote for each name on the list.
 - (1) If all managers agree (6 votes + 1 Players vote = 7 Total votes) the player is immediately selected to the All-star team. This continues until the entire 'Players Selected' list is read and voted upon.

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- (2) The next round of voting will begin in a rotating style with the last place team manager bringing up a new name that has not been voted on. The managers will again vote. This time the selection threshold is 6 votes—any player that receives 6 votes, including a possible “Players Selection” vote is placed on the All-Star team.
- (3) This continues with 5 votes, 4 votes, etc. until 13 players have been selected for each age group team.

IV. MANAGER SELECTION / VOTING

- A. A mandatory manager’s meeting will be held right after the player voting has been completed in order to vote for All-Star players and managers.
 - a. Managers may send a representative in their place.
 - b. Only one representative per team is allowed to participate.
 - c. At least 2/3 of the managers or representatives for a division must be present in order to continue the meeting.
- B. All-star Team Manager Selection will be determined by the final league standings.
 - a. The Manager of the League Championship Series (or winner of both halves) will have the first choice of teams to manage, either the 14’s or the 13’s.
- C. Manager and Coach Eligibility will be based on their maintaining a member in “Good Standing” with the Board of Directors, including, but not limited to:
 - a. Attended and or represented in at least 85% of all board meetings and league events.
 - b. Met all Team Fundraising Requirements within the stated timeline.
 - c. Returned all Uniforms and Equipment (Can be done after playoffs, if involved).
- D. The Championship Series runner-up will have the next choice of teams.
 - a. If there are still available teams to manage, then the final overall league standings will be used to set the order, from top to bottom.
 - b. In the event of a tie with more than one team with the same record, the overall record against all tied teams will be used to break the tie, then lowest runs allowed amongst the tied teams, then most runs scored amongst the tied teams.
 - c. If there are not enough interested Managers to fill both teams, ‘official’ coaches are then allowed to step in as manager, following the same selection ranking as the managers above.
 - d. Winning Managers must use their existing coaching staff. If not available, coach choices must be approved by the board.
 - e. All-Star coaches must be selected from the list of active league managers and coaches.
- E. The selected managers will then have a chance to select 2 additional players to their rosters to fill any gaps they may identify.
- F. If a 13 and under player is selected for the 14-year-old All-Star team, then a majority vote of approval by the other League Managers is required for that player to be placed on that team
- G. If a 12-year-old player is selected for the 13-year-old All-Star team, then a majority vote of approved by the other League Managers is required for that player to be placed on that team.

V. EXCEPTIONS

- A. Changes to the All Star teams shall only be allowed in the following cases:
 - (1) A player decides to quit a team prior to the start of the first OFFICIAL PONY tournament.
 - (2) A player is found by the Official PONY Tournament Directors to be ineligible prior to the start of the first OFFICIAL PONY tournament.
 - (3) In any of the above cases, the following replacement procedures shall be used:
 - a. The manager will have the ability to choose any available player of the appropriate age.