

HYAA All-Star Tournament Team Guidelines

1) MANAGER SELECTION

- a. The key to training and motivating players is a good coach. Oddly enough, knowing every aspect of the game is not as important as knowing how to communicate with the players and their parents at the recreational league level.**
- b. To be eligible to be a manager of an HYAA sanctioned tournament team, the applicant must have been a manager or assistant coach of an HYAA baseball team during the regular season. (Babe Ruth Baseball 11.02).**
- c. Generally, the Tournament Team Manager remains with team as the children progress in age from 8 through 12 years old. Each applicant must complete the HYAA All-Star Tournament Team Coaches Application. This should be completed the first year (8 year olds) and every two years thereafter. Only after each second year term can other person(s) apply to manage.**
- d. In the case of multiple applications, the tournament team director shall submit applications to the Baseball Commissioners for review and approval. The commissioners and Tournament Team director will solicit feedback from other coaches in the league where necessary.**

2) ALL STAR TEAM SELECTION

- a. The criteria for selection must be limited to the following:**
 - i. ELIGIBILITY:**
 - 1. Age**
 - 2. Participation in at least one half of the regular season games**
 - 3. Residence, as defined Babe Ruth Baseball rule 11.03**
 - ii. AVAILABILITY:**
 - 1. Whether the player will be able to practice and play with the team**
 - 2. Whether the player be away on vacation during practices or games**
 - iii. ABILITY**
 - 1. Based on the opinion of those making selections**
- b. A minimum of 2 objective tryouts should be conducted for ages 8-11. For ages 12 and older, a more competitive selection format may be used at the discretion of the selecting manager. Any players trying out must attend at least one tryout date to be eligible for selection on a team. Exceptions to this rule can only be made with the permission of the Tournament Team Director. The Tournament Team Director, at his sole discretion, may solicit the input of the Baseball/Softball Commissioners and/or the HYAA Executive Committee.**

- c. **Managers should utilize parents at tryouts to help in keeping the tryouts running smoothly. Assistant coaches should NOT be chosen until the team has been selected.**
- d. **After the tryouts have been completed the manager shall submit to the Tournament Team Director a list of all players trying out and a final roster selection. The roster should include players' names, birthdates, parents' names, addresses and phone numbers. Rosters should also include assistant coaches. Teams can consist of up to 15 players, 1 manager, 2 coaches, and 1 scorekeeper (Babe Ruth Baseball 11.01).**
- e. **No players shall be added to any team roster after final selections without the permission of the Tournament Team Director.**
- f. **In situations where there are enough players trying out that two teams can be formed, the manager must discuss with the Tournament Team Director the possibility of a second "B" team being formed. The second team shall be made up of players not selected for the first "A" team. Once the teams are established, there will be no swapping of players between teams for any reason without the approval of both managers, the Tournament Team Director, and the Baseball/Softball Commissioners. It is not permissible to create two teams of equal ability.**
- g. **Any player who is born before May 1st may tryout for any team that they are eligible. For example if a child turns 10 on or before April 30th he may tryout for the 10, 11, 12, 13, 14, etc. age group. A player may tryout for multiple age teams as long as they are age eligible. However there is no guarantee that he will be selected for any of those teams, nor is there a guarantee that if he does not make the "A" team that he will be on the "B" team in those age groups. It is completely at the discretion of the HEAD COACH in that age group. We discourage kids from playing on higher level teams because it weakens the lower aged group, but there is no rule against it.**
- h. **In the case where there are "A" and "B" teams in one age group, a player can be listed on the roster and play for both teams provided that both managers agree and it is not in violation of any of the tournament rules.**

We do not want to discourage children from coming out for teams , but it is our responsibility as coaches to make sure that selection is fair and that we maintain the fact that we are trying to make this experience a positive one for the children participating.