

We hope that you and your child have enjoyed the spring 2019 season with the Cedar Park Youth Baseball League and found the time rewarding and fun. Each year CPYL offers **all** players an opportunity to be nominated to participate in post-season play as part of the CPYL All-Star Teams that participate in the Centex All-Stars Tournaments. Any child that participated in the spring 2019 CPYL league is eligible to be nominated for selection to one of the many All-Star teams. (\*Note - if your child has played in any sanctioned select tournament on or after March 1st, 2019 they are not eligible to play Centex All Stars). **This notice to you does not guarantee that your child will be selected to an All Star team: just that a nomination will be made if you agree to the responsibilities noted below. There will be no refunds given if your child is selected to a team.**

Selection to a team is a great privilege and a reward for your child's hard work. That privilege carries with it significant responsibilities and a need for parents to acknowledge them.

- **Financial Commitment.** Players must pay a \$175 registration fee that covers the cost of the All-Star jerseys, baseball caps and the Centex Tournament registration fees. In addition, most All-Star teams typically purchase other matching items such as parent shirts that also must be covered by the player/parent or through sponsorship donations.
- **Time Commitment.** All-Star teams typically practice several days a week. This effort begins immediately at the end of the regular season and could continue to the end of June. All tournament games are held in the local area (RRYB, Georgetown, CPYL, Lake Travis, Pflugerville, and T&C). In the interest of the entire team, **players must be able to commit to attending each practice and game.**
- **Player/Manager Selection.** The Baseball Committee will oversee the player and manager selection process in an effort to put the best possible teams & managers on the fields. We cannot and will not honor special requests to play for specific managers or to be on friend's team.
- **Rules difference/Playing Time.** All-Star teams will consist of 10-12 players. All players must provide a copy of a birth certificate and sign a medical waiver. Rules for the tournament follow USSSA baseball rules with modifications made by the Centex Baseball Committee. Please understand that it is CPYL's policy to let all players on a team play every other inning. **This practice is NOT enforced by Centex**  
**Tournament rules.** We instruct our All-Star team coaches to play all players whenever possible. Coaches will make every possible effort to play all players in a game but due to the competitive nature of the tournaments, they are not always able to do so. Please understand that they are doing their best to field the most appropriate team for the game conditions. This is competitive baseball and coaches will be fielding teams accordingly.

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## 2019 BAT RULES: SUBJECT TO CHANGE

The official bat shall be round in cross section for its entire length, straight from end to end for its entire length and smooth surfaced in the hitting area.

1) For ages 8 and under- The maximum diameter shall not exceed two and five eighths ( $2 \frac{5}{8}$ ) inches. All bats larger in diameter than two and one quarter ( $2 \frac{1}{4}$ ) inches must be "equal to or heavier" than minus 10 (-10) for U5 thru U14. For example -10, -9, -8, -7, -6 or -5 are acceptable length to weight ratio's whereas -11, -12 and -13 would not.

2) For ages 9 and older- The maximum diameter shall not exceed two and three quarters ( $2 \frac{3}{4}$ ) inches. All bats larger in diameter than two and one quarter ( $2 \frac{1}{4}$ ) must be labeled with either a BBCOR or 1.15BPF stamp.

The maximum length shall not exceed thirty-six (36) inches. The bat shall be constructed of wood, aluminum, or any other material or combination of materials. Any material to improve the grip may be used for a distance not to exceed eighteen (18) inches from the handle end. All bats must be commercially manufactured for baseball play, softball bats or bats altered after manufacture to reduce or add weight will not be allowed.

### **Penalty:**

First Offense - If the umpire discovers that the bat does not conform to the Centex bat rule stated above until a time during or after which the bat has been used in play, it shall not be grounds for declaring the batter out and/or ejection from the game. If the umpire discovers that a bat has been used to put a ball in play and before the next legal pitch, the defensive team will have the choice of the result of play or the batter being called out and all runners returning to the base occupied before the pitch.

Second Offense – If a team is found in violation of this rule a second time, then the manager will be ejected in addition to the First Offense penalty.