



Gurnee Youth Baseball

All-Star Tournament Team Selection Process and General Rules

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1. Purpose

It is a core tenet of GYB's mission that every child be given an equal chance to make the All-Star Tournament Team(s). This GYB All-Star Tournament Team Selection Process ("Process") is being disseminated in an effort to remove any bias in the selection process for GYB All-Star Tournament Team(s).

2. Rules governing this document

1. The GYB All-Star Program Director will abide by the rules laid out as part of this Process as approved by the GYB Board of Directors.
2. This Process will be available to the public via the GYB website or upon written request.
3. The Process, as detailed here, may not predict all possible scenarios that arise in the selection of players for the GYB All-Star Tournament Team. The GYB All-Star Program Director will abide by the letter of this Process and the spirit as described in the Purpose of this document for those scenarios that are not clearly defined in this document. The GYB All-Star Program Director will have sole discretion in any scenario not covered here. The GYB All-Star Program Director will take steps to amend this Process to address that scenario by amending this document and submitting for approval by the GYB Board of Directors.

3. Eligibility Spring and Summer Season

1. All-Star Tournament Team players must be eligible and registered to play on a GYB In-house spring team (Mustang through Pony) in order to be eligible for an All-Star Tournament Team.
2. All-Star Tournament Team players MUST attend the in-house evaluations for the spring season (scheduled for early January). Any player who does not attend the in-house evaluation will NOT be eligible to play for the All-Star Tournament Team. There will always be two evaluation dates offered to help with scheduling conflicts.
3. No player will be allowed to "play up" into a different level of play due to the fact that rules and field dimensions differ.
 - a. Example: Mustang level consists of 9U and 10U players and Bronco level consists of 11U and 12U players. A 9U player may be allowed to play for a 10U team. However, a 10U player will not be allowed to play at the 11U level (Bronco).
4. GYB All-Star Tournament Teams typically participate in tournaments where the cut-off date for eligibility is May 1st. GYB's cut-off date for eligibility is August 31st of the preceding year. This can result in a situation where a GYB player may be eligible to "play down" in certain tournaments. If the situation dictates, the GYB All-Star Program Director may allow a GYB player to "play down" a level. If this situation arises the parent of the child must provide written approval.
 - a. Example: An 11U Bronco player meeting the tournament cut-off date could play for the 10U Mustang All-Star Tournament Team.

4. Number of Teams, Players and Substitutes

1. GYB will attempt to have a team at every age level from 9U thru 14U. **This determination will be made after evaluations.** At the discretion of the GYB All-Star Program Director, age levels may have to be combined in order to put forth a competitive team. There may be situations in which there is no team at a certain level and there may be situations where there is more than one GYB team at any one level.
2. Each team will carry twelve (12) players.
3. If a team cannot field a full team of nine (9) players for a game, an alternate player may serve as a substitute.
 - a. Substitute approvals are required from the GYB All-Star Program Director, or the GYB President in the absence of the program director.
 - b. The substitute player must be a registered GYB in-house player from the appropriate league and age group. The substitute will be provided a jersey and hat at no expense for the game played.
 - c. Substitutes are only allowed in order to reach nine (9) total players and a team is allowed to employ no more than two (2) substitutes in a game. If there are only eight (8) team players, only one (1) substitute is allowed.

5. Evaluation/Selection Process

1. The scores from in-house evaluations will be used to determine which players are eligible to be picked for a team.
2. Once the entire league level (Mustang, Bronco, Pony) has been evaluated (per in-house evaluation process) the composite score is then prioritized in descending order by league level. The top 30% of players, or the top 22 players, whichever is higher from each league level will be eligible to be selected for a team.
 - a. In the event of a tie for the last spot(s), all players with identical scores will be eligible to be selected even if the total is above the 22 player limit.
 - b. If a player who played on an All-Star Tournament Team in the immediate prior year is NOT in the top 22, that player will eligible to be selected.
3. **For Mustang League 9U level only**, after the top 30% are selected, there must be at least 15 players at the 9U age level to be eligible to be selected. If there are not 15 players at the 9U level, the next highest ranked players will be selected. This is the exception for 9U ONLY as this is the first time 9U will face kid-pitch baseball. To have 9U players moved up to a 10U level because of the lack of a 9U pool of players may not be fair to the 9U child.
4. Players eligible for All-Stars based on In-House evaluations will be invited to attend All-Star call back evaluations, if held by the league.
5. The **top eight (8) players** per league, based on In-House evaluations, automatically make the team. In the event of a tie for the top eight (8) spots, it will be up to the GYB All-Star Program Director to decide whom the final spots are awarded.
6. An **additional three (3) players** are chosen by the head coach but can only be selected from the eligible top 30% or 22 players. This is done in an effort to allow the head coach some flexibility to select a player that the coach believes he needs for the team. Example: Top 12 players have no one who can/wants to play catcher, coach to select a player from the top 22 only who they feel will be a catcher on the team.
7. The **last one (1) player** is chosen by the head coach. This player can be anyone who is registered with GYB for the current in-house season. If the player did not attend in-house evaluations, approval from the GYB All-Star Program Director is required. For each team, no more than one (1) player may be selected from outside of the eligible top 30% or 22 players, and this player counts toward the twelve (12) max players.

6. Head Coach and Assistant Coach Selection

1. All head coaches will go through an interview process with a committee made up of the GYB All-Star Program Director, President and a Vice-President either at once or individually. That committee's decision will be based on qualifications of the individual to coach baseball at a higher level of competition while still adhering to the GYB values and mission as the foundation of their interactions with the team.
2. Head coaches are volunteers and will not accept or be entitled to payment for their services. As such, it is expected that the head coach will likely be a parent or other relative of one of the All-Star Tournament players.
3. A head coach will be selected from only those players who were asked back to the 2nd round of evaluations. In the event that a player related to the head coach (i.e. coach's son) is not one of the top 8 players, that player will be counted as one of the head coaches picks for the last spots on the team.
4. The head coach can select up to 3 additional assistant coaches to help with the team. Every team will have a minimum of three coaches total. The assistant coaches selected must be from the top 8 players or the discretionary 4 players from the 2nd round of evaluations. A team may have more coaches with the approval of the GYB All-Star Program Director.

7. Notification and Acceptance

1. Individuals selected for the All-Star Tournament Team will be notified via an email to all email addresses on file within 14 days following the date of the final evaluation with an invitation to play on one of the All-Star Tournament teams.
2. Two (2) attempts by telephone will be made to the primary number listed if a response to the email notification is not received within five (5) days from the date the email was sent.
3. Individuals must respond within 72 hours of the 2nd phone call attempt. If they do not respond within that time frame, they will be deemed as having not accepted the opportunity to play on the All-Star Tournament Team and the GYB All-Star Program Director will move onto the next individuals on the list to fill out the roster.

8. General Rules

1. In-house play takes priority over All-Star, and this includes field scheduling and make-up games for in-house.
2. There are no games or practices scheduled for the follow dates:
 - a. Mother's Day
 - b. Father's Day
 - c. Little League Night at Miller Park
3. Practices/Games
 - a. During the in-house season, teams will practice and/or play games on the following days. These dates are to insure that conflicts are minimized with in-house teams.
 - i. Friday nights: Any time after 5:00pm
 - ii. Sundays: From 8:00 am until 2:00 pm
 1. Any game scheduled after 2:00 is allowed, but MUST be canceled if in-house make-up games are scheduled and a conflict results.
4. Fees for the season will be voted on yearly by the GYB board but will include considerations for uniforms, tournament entry fees, umpires, field maintenance, facility rental, and equipment.
5. Playing time is set at the following minimums (this does NOT apply to substitutes).
 - a. Every rostered player will bat in the continuous batting order every game.
 - b. Every rostered player will play at least two defensive innings.
 - i. Exceptions to playing time can be made for behavioral issues of the player. When this arises the Head Coach, GYB All-Star Program Director and parents of the player will be consulted before any action is taken.

9. Eligibility Fall Season

1. There is the option for an All-Star team to play the fall ball season together in the Mundelein Fall ball Travel/Tournament league if the following criteria is met:
 - a. The Mundelein league has an open spot at the appropriate age level. Playing in other leagues in the fall is not allowed without approval from the GYB Board of Directors.
 - b. At least seven (7) of the players from the spring/summer team are willing to play on the fall ball team (this includes any substitutes that may have played with the team in the spring season).
 - c. At least one (1) of the official coaches from the immediate preceding spring summer season are willing to coach.

10. Evaluation/Selection Process Fall Season

1. All players from the spring season of the same year are guaranteed a spot on the roster for the fall team. This does NOT include any substitutes that may have played with the team in the spring season.
2. In the event that there are open roster spots due to players not returning an open evaluation to all players at that level will be held in July/August.
 - a. The criteria for the fall evaluations will follow the spring season criteria stated above with the following exceptions.
 - i. The maximum number of rostered players increases to 13. This is for the fall season only as there tends to be more scheduling conflicts.
 - ii. Evaluations are open to any player from any league but they MUST attend the fall evaluation to be considered. Reasonable accommodations will be made for those not able to attend the scheduled event
 1. If selected to a team, that player must only play baseball for GYB's All-Star team in the fall season.
 - iii. The only way to be an automatic roster selection to the team is if the number of returning players is at least seven (7). At that point the highest ranked player from the fall evaluations becomes the 8th rostered player. All other players are then coaches picks based on the team's need.