

Morrison Youth Baseball & Softball (MYBS) ***All-Star Selection and Eligibility Policy***

Purpose: To set forth the selection policy, process and eligibility criteria for MYBS All-Star Teams.

Description:

Selection Policy and Basic Overview

As a league, MYBS strives to make sure that the regular season offers as much opportunity to play and experience baseball and softball as possible. Our League has many different playing levels, each geared to accommodate players based on their age and ability of play.

The All-Star Season is a completely separate season from the regular season. It is an opportunity for a significantly higher level of play. Players will have a significantly higher level of commitment and will receive a higher level of instruction and compete against other All-Star teams.

When it comes to All-Star teams, it is the intent of the MYBS Board to field a team that will best represent our league in competition and character. Several characteristics permeate our selection process for players and managers for the All-Stars team:

- Skill-level and ability to compete
- Attitude, hustle, team spirit, team leadership, and
- Overall character, integrity, and sportsmanship.

Winning is fun, but it is very important that we remember that we are about teaching life lessons, building and demonstrating the positive ideals and characteristics that we hope for all our children.

The number of All-Star teams will be limited to one team per age division. Exceptions are: If an age division has a minimum of 45 participants and four teams. If a case arises where two All-Star teams could be fielded the MYBS board will review and vote on the need for a second team. The board will consider the need for a second team based on skill level of the second team participants and the ability to compete at the All-Star level. Keep in mind that it is the policy of the league that the first team will consist of the top players in that age division.

Coaches

The MYBS Board shall select the All-Star coaches from those who express an interest in coaching the All-Star team. The selection criteria includes coaching experience both in MYBS and elsewhere, competitive or playing experience of the coach, license level and/or participation in coaching clinics, commitment to MYBS, feedback from other coaches and

parents, and observation of practices and games by the board. Our goal is to select a coach that will competently guide the All-Star team while still being a good steward of sportsmanship and making it fun for the players. Preference for the manager / head coach will be given to the coach with seniority in his or her division meeting these criteria.

Any coach interested in coaching an All-Star team must submit a statement of interest to coach the All-Star team by the date set by the board each season. Input regarding All-Star coaches will be solicited from the other coaches in the league as well. A selection decision on All-Star coaches will be made following the selection of the All-Star participants.

Player Selection Process

Coaches will be asked to nominate players for the All-Star team. Nominations can be either players on that coach's team or players from opposing teams that the coach believes possesses the skills to participate on the All-Star team. There will not be individual team try-outs. There will not be a limit on how many players can be nominated by a single coach. The goal of the MYBS All-Stars is to field a team with top skill level, attitude, leadership ability, character, integrity, and sportsmanship. These characteristics take precedence over the desire to have equal representation from each team in the division.

Factors considered for player selection includes playing experience, demonstrated ability at a particular position, knowledge of the game, and ability to implement game strategies. Commitment to the league is also important. **Therefore, players that do not have 75% participation in regular season practices and games will not be eligible.** Players will only be eligible for the all-star team in the division in which he or she participated. Therefore, if a player plays up a division, he or she will be eligible for that division but not for the division he or she could have played in during the regular season.

Players may be selected based on their play at a particular position but may be asked to play a different position on the All-Star team.

The MYBS regular season coaches along with the league representatives are responsible for selecting the players for the team. The selection process will occur three weeks before the All-Star Tournament season begins. Once the player selections have been made, the All-Star coaches will contact player families and confirm their availability to participate in the All-Star Tournament and practices per the All-Star commitment agreement (see below). If a player selected cannot participate, an alternate player will be selected.

Once all players have been confirmed, the list of All-Star players will be distributed or posted on the league website. The All-Star Coaches will convene an All-Star meeting with parents and players to discuss expectations, time commitments and to collect fees. Individual teams will decide whether All-Star uniforms will be purchased or not. Uniforms design and ordering will be coordinated with the league vice presidents. Parents and players will be asked to sign an All-

Star commitment agreement acknowledging the commitment being undertaken and expectations for the all-star team.

Practices:

All-star practices will be held independently from league practices. All-star coaches shall set the frequency and location of practices but should not interfere with regular season games/practices. All-Star practices should not start until the last two weeks of the regular season. Tardiness and absenteeism at practices may jeopardize a player's good standing, which could be a factor in playing time. Coaches will set the rules for playing time. Players are not guaranteed to play a particular position in the All-Star games and coaches will have the final authority on what position a player will play and how much playing time that player will get.

Tournament Fees/Costs:

MYBS will pay entry fees for two local All-star tournaments. Any additional tournaments must be paid by the team, along with any all-star uniforms or jerseys. The exact cost is determined by the registration fees and the number of players chosen for the team.

MYBS ALL-STAR COMMITMENT AGREEMENT

The signature of the player and parent(s) below acknowledges the understanding and acceptance of this commitment throughout the MYBS All-Star season.

I, the undersigned player, understand that this is a commitment between me and the coaching staff of the my MYBS All-Star Division Team. I understand that being on the team is a privilege and not a right. I understand that I have no right to expect a certain amount of playing time or number of at-bats. I understand that I have no right to a particular playing position. Playing time and positions will be assigned at the sole discretion of the All-Star Manager and Coaches.

Whatever my role on an All-Star team and in order to maintain my status as an All-Star, I agree to:

- Attend all practices on time, missing no more than 2 practices throughout the post-season,
- Practice, play, or sit on the bench (wherever my team needs me) to the best of my ability, and
- Always hustle.

I understand the “team concept” and I agree always to put forth my best effort on behalf of the team. I will strive to encourage my team and, at all times, I agree to maintain a positive attitude. I understand that I am a representative of MYBS and I agree to represent the League and my team by being the best All-Star I can possibly be. I understand that I may be removed from the team by the manager or coaches if I am not able to fulfill this commitment.

By signing below, I acknowledge that I have read this commitment, understand it, and accept its terms and conditions.

_____ Date: _____
Player’s Signature

I have read and understand the above. I promise to help my child abide by the terms of this contract. I agree to be a positive role model for my child and encourage good sportsmanship. I will show respect and courtesy by demonstrating positive support for all players, coaches, officials and spectators at every game and practice.

_____ Date: _____
Parent/Guardian Signature

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