

CELL Baseball All-Star Team Guidelines

PURPOSE

The purpose of this document is to outline a framework and process for the Cape Elizabeth Little League's (the League) annual entries into the Little League International end of season Tournament.

SCOPE

The guidelines in this document apply to the League's Baseball Tournament teams.

GOVERNANCE

The League President is responsible for recommending any changes to this document to the Board of Directors for their approval.

An all-star committee will be formed annually consisting of the President, Director of Baseball, Majors Director, Player Agent, and current Majors Managers. This committee will be responsible for selecting the Managers, Coaches, and Players for the current season's tournament teams.

The Player Agent, an impartial Board position by design, is accountable for and will execute this process annually.

The League President will resolve any issues brought before the committee before, during, and after the process, and will escalate any significant issues to the local Board and/or the District and Region if necessary

GENERAL GUIDELINES

The league will field a minimum of three teams annually:

9/10 – Consisting of eligible 9 and 10 year-old players

10/11 – Consisting of eligible 10 and 11 year-old players

11/12 – Consisting of eligible 11 and 12 year-old players

Little League rules stipulate that only one 11/12 year-old team from each league may be entered into the tournament; more than one 9/10 and/or 10/11 team may be entered, and the League will consider that option annually.

The League endeavors to enter the strongest possible team in each age range, and believes that the best way to accomplish that is to follow the Little League rules and allow players within each team's permitted two year range to be eligible for the respective teams.

SELECTION PROCESS

The annual process consists of the following components:

- Determine player eligibility
 - The League considers selection to the tournament team an honor that requires the full commitment of the players. Managers and coaches will be asking players and parents prior to the selection process about any conflicts a player may have. If a player or parent of a player is aware of any commitments that may conflict with the practice and game schedule they should make this known early in the process. As a reference point, all-star teams are announced on June 15th and practices begin immediately. Tournament play typically begins in the last week of June through mid-July, though play may continue through the first week of August.
- Determine manager/coach eligibility
 - The League also considers managerial and coach appointments to the tournament team not only an honor but a significant responsibility. In addition to the full commitment of the Manager/Coach, this role also requires strong knowledge of the game, an ability to act as a role model for a group of young baseball players, and experience managing and coaching. Little League rules require that a tournament Manager or Coach is selected from a current regular season Majors (applies to all teams) or Minors (applies to 9/10 and 10/11/ teams) roster.
- Complete player voting
 - On or around June 1st a ballot of eligible players will be distributed to all Majors Baseball players in order to select the first **six** players on each tournament team.
- All-Star Selection Committee Meeting

The Player Agent will preside over this meeting; the League President will be in attendance as an escalation point to resolve any issues that may arise, and will further escalate any issues if necessary.

 - Name player selections
 - For each tournament team, the players receiving the top six votes will be added to the roster.
 - Select additional players, Select Manager
 - Each manager will then discuss their remaining players with the intent of informing the other Managers about their strengths and weaknesses so that each Manager can vote for the remaining players. Managers vote for 8 players for the final six spots. The 4 highest vote recipients make up roster spots 7-10.
 - After the first 10 players are selected, the Manager for each team is selected by a secret ballot (unless there is only one qualified, interested, and eligible candidate). This allows the selected Manager to play a more active role in selecting (if required) the final 1-2 roster spots based on the needs of the team. Per League local rules regular season Managers have priority over other candidates.

- The next 4 highest vote getters compete in a runoff for the next two spots (11-12). Prior to the runoff vote, the players are discussed relative to each other and the needs of the particular all-star team. The runoff vote is taken with points assigned (3 points for first choice, 2 for second, 1 for third). Top two vote scorers are in. Ties repeat the process with just the tied players. If necessary, this same process will also be used to determine a 13th player.
- The All-Star committee will determine the final number of players on each roster, however, the target number of players per team is:
 - 11/12 – 12
 - 10/11 – 13
 - 9/10 – 13
- Select Coaches
 - The pool of eligible and interested Coaches will be reviewed and discussed. Per League local rules regular season Managers have priority over other candidates.
 - Coaches for each level will be selected by the Managers through a secret ballot process; Managers will vote for either one or two coaches based on the number of coaches that team may have per the following Little League rule. Teams with 12 players may have only two coaches (includes the Manager), and teams with 13 players may have 3 coaches.

PLAYER NOTIFICATION AND AFFIDAVIT PROCESS

Player notification and the submission of the tournament affidavit and associated backup documentation will be completed by the respective all-star Managers and/or Coaches or a suitable League representative.

- Notify players and verify eligibility
 - Per Little League rules, players may be notified on June 15th; do not notify players any earlier than this date.
- Collect affidavit documentation
 - A meeting place and time will be scheduled to collect and verify information required to submit to Little League with each team's affidavit.
- Submit affidavit to Little League District 6
 - Managers or a suitable delegate will submit affidavits and supporting documentation to District 6 at a time and place to be determined.