



LAKESHORE BASEBALL AND SOFTBALL ASSOCIATION

All-Star Voting and Selection Guidelines

Overview

The goal of the All-Star selection process is to identify players who have exhibited outstanding performance on and off the field during the regular season. Each All-Star team should be comprised of 12 players who are eligible to compete in the tournament and are available to participate in the team based on time commitment and other constraints. Eligibility for All-Stars is defined by Little League as having played in a minimum of eight games scheduled by their home league (i.e. Lakeshore). Under no circumstances may players be chosen for, practice with, or participate with more than one tournament team at one time.

Lakeshore Little League is associated with District 5. The District 5 tournament will be held at various locations throughout District 5 (e.g., Auburn, Cato, Geneva, Waterloo, etc.) and will start in late June and end around July 10th. The winner of the District 5 tournament will go on to play in the regional tournament.

This is an extremely competitive baseball tournament with the goal to advance as far as possible. Playing time is based on the coach's judgment and the overall team's skill set and needs. There is a continuous batting order, and that means the entire team will bat. However, there are no mandatory play rules to dictate how much those players will play the field. Players typically play in set positions for the majority of the games, and some players may play very little in the field. It is likely our best defensive fielders will be in, and stay in, those positions for most of the innings.

Nomination and Voting Process

The head coach of each team nominates **up to 10 players** from across their division based on observations during gameplay throughout the season. We strongly encourage the head coach and their assistant coach(es) to confer during the season and during the voting process to solicit as much feedback as possible.

Votes are generally due on or around the first weekend in June. While this is before the season has ended, it should provide each coach the opportunity to play each team in the league at least one time. Votes are due in early June to provide the necessary time to compile the votes, make the selections, notify the players and alternates (if required), order uniforms, complete District 5 paperwork, and to attempt have approximately one to two weeks of practice before the All-Star tournament starts. This generally starts the last weekend in June.

The selection criteria used by each coach is subjective, based on the traits and abilities that the individual coach thinks embody the qualities of an all-star caliber player. The league does not set individual evaluation criteria, but some may include:



- Athleticism
- Overall baseball talent
 - Hitting
 - Pitching
 - Baserunning
 - Defense/Catching
- Baseball IQ
- Age/emotional maturity
- Compassion/empathy (i.e. being a good teammate)

We do not employ official scorers and all stats are entered by parent volunteers, and while GameChanger is used for scoring in both Majors and Minors baseball, some teams skip games or enter incomplete games, due to technological/connectivity challenges or other issues. Additionally, league wide stats are not available through GameChanger, so any statistic compilation is based on incomplete data. The data that is available to a single team, is based on their input to GameChanger only. Therefore, due these challenges, as well as the subjectivity of the scoring process (e.g. hit vs. error), **the league strongly discourages basing selections off of statistical output only.** However, if statistics are used to evaluate players, specifically for hitting, we recommend evaluating the following metrics only:

- Number of At-bats
- On-Base Percentage (OBP)
- Walks (BB)
- Strikeouts (Ks)

Each coach sends their confidential ballot to the Player Agent (PA) and the League President. If necessary, the President can delegate authority to another member of the baseball leadership. The PA compiles votes from the coaches and develops an aggregated list of total votes per player. **The individual coaches' votes remain confidential and are not shared with the coaches or the selection committee.** This list is then distributed to the head coach of the all-star team for review. Players that have the ability to move down a division due to their age (e.g. playing in majors but is age 10 and eligible for the 10U all-star team) are also flagged for further consideration.

Selection Process

After the votes have been compiled and distributed by the PA, the Lakeshore All-Star Selection Committee (ASSC) meets to review the votes and select the team. The ASSC will include representatives from both Skaneateles and Marcellus. Members, roles and responsibilities of the ASSC are defined in a separate guidance document.



All Star Coach Selection Process

The head coach of each All-Star team is selected by the President after consultation with the ASSC. In general, the head coach should meet the following requirements, but the final selection of the head coach is at the discretion of the President.

- Has previous experience as a head or assistant coach in at least one All-Star tournament.
- Have been a head coach or assistant coach of at least one Lakeshore team within the past 2 years.
- Has a player that is a returning All-Star or has a very high probability of making the team.
- Exhibits behavior that upholds the values of the league and has not been determined to be ineligible based on disciplinary actions and/or feedback received by Baseball leadership.

Based on the outcome of the All-Star selection process, the head coach chooses their staff of assistants and volunteers. The head coach can have as many assistants/volunteers as they want, but only two assistants (3 coaches total) are permitted in the dugout during the games per Little League rules (the coaching staff).

Additional assistant coaches selected beyond the coaching staff (i.e. the two assistant coaches permitted in the dugout) are considered volunteers only and may assist the team in preparation, strategy and other activities. However, these additional coaches do not formally represent the league and will not be listed on the official tournament roster.

All assistant coaches and volunteers must exhibit behavior that upholds the values of the league. The coaching staff listed on the official tournament roster must be in good standing with the league and have not been determined to be ineligible based on disciplinary actions and/or feedback received by Baseball leadership.

The league recommends up to 4 assistant coaches/volunteers:

- Two base coaches
- GameChanger operator
- Pitching/game strategy assistant

The League requires that at least one member of the coaching staff be from Marcellus, and strongly encourages that one of the three coaches in the dugout be from Marcellus.

All-Star Player Selection Process



Based on the results of the compiled votes provided by the PA, the Selection committee meets and reviews the potential members for each team. In general, the top 10 players (by total votes) should receive automatic bids to the All-Star roster. For players 11 and 12, the head coach has the discretion to select player(s) based on the coach's observation of team needs and their own roster construction philosophy. The discretion of the coach extends to +/- 1 vote of the "cut line". The "cut line" is defined as the line where the 10th player is taken; shaded in gray in the example below. The head coach also has the discretion to break ties in the voting process.

Name	Total Votes	Count
Player A	7	1
Player B	7	2
Player C	6	3
Player D	5	4
Player E	5	5
Player F	5	6
Player G	4	7
Player H	4	8
Player I	4	9
Player J	4	10
Player K	3	11
Player L	2	12
Player M	2	13
Player N	1	14
Player O	1	15

The table above represents a division with seven or more teams. If a division has less teams, the maximum number of total votes would be equal to the number of teams in the division. In this example, Players A-J should receive automatic bids to the All-Star roster. The head coach can choose Players K, L, or M to fill the two last roster spots. If more than three players received 2 or 3 votes, then the head coach would have discretion to choose any 2 of those players based on the perceived needs of the team.

After the roster is completed and agreed to by the Selection Committee, players are notified via email of their nomination and asked to accept or decline the nomination within 3-5 calendar days. If a player declines, the selection of the next player is based on the aggregated total and is at the discretion of the head coach.

Final interpretation of these guidelines is the responsibility of the League President.