

SPBA All Star Rules & Process

Selection:

At the beginning of each Spring Season, each manager is encouraged to get to know players on other teams that they may not be familiar with. Each manager is also encouraged to point out to other managers players they feel have a good chance to make the all-star team for that age division. A player must play in 75% of their team's games to be eligible for the all-star team for their age division.

Towards the end of the Spring Season, a meeting will be held to select the All Star Teams for each age division. Each team must have played a minimum of 10 games before this can happen (Subject to SPBA board discretion). The President of SPBA, Player Agent and the manager for each of the teams in that division, or a person designated by the manager, must be present for the draft.

The selection starts by each manager nominating players from their team for the older age group in that division. The manager can nominate as many players from their team for that age division as they want. The nominations will be written on a slip of paper and handed to the president and player agent to be counted. Each player who is a unanimous selection will automatically be added to the team. Any player who does not get at least one vote will be removed from the selection process. All players receiving at least one vote will remain on the ballot. Assuming there is not a list of 10 unanimous players selected (9 players for Majors), there will be additional rounds needed to complete the All Star selections.

The player agent will then call out a list of all players who received at least one vote. Each manager will cast a vote for the remaining players needed. For example, if there are 6 unanimous players chosen, 4 additional players will be chosen (3 for the Majors Division). The nominations will be written on a slip of paper and handed to the president and player agent to be counted. Each player who receives a majority of the votes will be added to the team. This will continue until 10 players are chosen (9 for the Majors Division). If at any time a player does not receive at least 1 vote that player will be removed from future votes.

Once 10 players are selected for that age division (9 for Majors), all players from that age division will be ranked.

Once these 10 kids are ranked (9 for Majors), an all-star manager will be selected for that division. The all-star manager will be selected by majority votes from the managers of that age division. If there is a tie, then the all-star manager will be selected by a majority vote of the Board. Once the all-star manager is selected, they will have the option of adding 1-2 players (coach's picks) to their team. The all-star manager can add any player to their team. Coach's picks may include players who did not meet the 75% rule due to injury or other situation. The all-star manager, although they are encouraged to do so, does not have to follow the rankings when adding these 1-2 players to their team.

If one of the first 10 players (9 for Majors) that were selected to the team declines the all-star nomination, then next highest ranked player, who did not make the all-star team, must be asked to join the team. If a player declines the all-star nomination, they are declining the ability to be on any all-star team for that season. If a coach's pick declines the all-star nomination, the all-star manager is still free to add anyone from that age division to their team.

All Star Season:

The all-star manager of each age group will be responsible for coordinating uniforms, tournament entry, etc. Each age group that hosts a home tournament at Evan's Field with at least 4 teams participating will be given \$1,350 from SPBA to use towards their all-star season.

The All Star season typically runs through the remainder of the summer after the conclusion of the regular spring season (typically July-August). All-star teams historically enter 4-6 tournaments. All costs over and above the \$1,350 given by SPBA are the responsibility of the team and can be handled through sponsor donations, fundraising, or direct payment from families.

Teams are welcome and encouraged to use the SPBA concession stand for their home tournaments. It is the team's responsibility to coordinate with the SPBA Auxiliary Coordinator to have the stand appropriately stocked. All tournament fees collected from teams, as well as concession stand proceeds, belong to SPBA. The team may keep proceeds from additional raffles or fundraising conducted during the home tournament (e.g. tip board, 50/50, etc.)

Offseason / Remainder of year:

As mentioned above, teams are chosen once a year after the Spring Season. While all-star managers are welcome to continue to practice with their teams throughout the fall and winter season, this activity is independent of SPBA and at the players' expense. Any offseason activity is referred to as "metro," and the all-star coach may enter fall/winter tournaments if the group chooses to. All metro activity is independently coordinated by the all-star manager and at their discretion. No additional money or oversight will be given by SPBA until the next season's all-star teams are chosen.

Note that all players move up to the next age group in the fall. For example, players on the 10U all-star team would be entering 11U fall and winter tournaments due to age requirements. Any participation in fall/winter tournaments should be referred to as "metro."

Any offseason fundraising is at the discretion of families participating. As new teams are chosen each spring based on the results of that season, participation in any fundraising efforts that are intended to fund the following season must be completely voluntary. It should be made very clear by the all-star manager that there is no guarantee who will make the team, so the possibility exists that a 10U player may fundraise for the 11U all-star season and subsequently not make the team. Families who hope to be involved in the coming season and are willing to take this risk may participate in fundraising efforts. Participation will not affect rankings or all-star selections in any way.

At the time of selection of new teams during the current spring season, all prior team activity must end.