Wilshire Warriors PONY Baseball All-Star Policy 2023

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Wilshire Warriors PONY Baseball ("WWPB" or "League") is a non-profit community baseball organization. As part of its activities, WWPB sponsors and implements a yearly All-Star program ("All-Stars") in which selected players compete with teams from other communities in the region and, potentially, around the country.

The mission of All-Stars is to field the best teams possible, in accordance with guidelines as promulgated by the National Pony Baseball Association. This Policy has been adopted by the WWPB Board of Directors ("Board") as a Statement of Guidelines, Rules and Procedures governing WWPB's All-Star program.

This Policy is subject to change by the WWPB Board on a yearly basis and will be reviewed each season for improvements, modifications and changes as necessary.

1. PLAYER SELECTION PROCESS

A. In order to be eligible for All Stars, a player must participate in at least 50% of his/her team's Rec games.

B. Each Division shall select no more than two (2) All-Star teams consisting of up to 15 players per team, 14 of which shall be selected through a Voting Meeting of the Division's Managers and 1 of which may be selected by the All-Star General Manager with the approval of the Division Commissioner, as described in Section 1.4.

C. The All-Star General Manager(s) shall have discretion to determine the total number of players they want on the All-Star roster provided that each All-Star Team has no more than 15 players.

D. Regardless of the number of players the All-Star General Manager(s) ultimately determines to carry on their respective All-Star Teams, all players shall be selected through a Voting Meeting of the Division Managers.

E. Up to one additional player may be selected by the All-Star General Manager(s) with the approval of the Division Commissioner, as described in Section 1.4.

F. When a Division selects two All-Star teams, one team shall be named the Blue All-Star Team and one team shall be named as the Orange All-Star Team.

1.1 Nominations:

The Bronco Division Commissioner shall send a written notice to their Division's team managers soliciting up to **eight (8)** nominations from his/her team.

All other Division Commissioners with seven (7) or more teams shall send a written notice to their Division's team Managers soliciting up to **six (6)** nominations from his/her team.

Division Commissioners in Divisions with six (6) or less teams shall send a written notice to their Division's team Managers soliciting up to **eight (8)** nominations from his/her team.

(A) Nominations should include the player's Name, League Age, Uniform Number, Division, Team Name, the player's top 3 Positions, and a brief Player Summary.

(B) The Commissioners shall compile the nominations into a single document for each Division (the "All-Star Ballot") to be used as a confidential reference guide during the Voting meeting.

(C) The All-Star process, from evaluation to the voting meeting, is mandatory for managers. However, if the Manager cannot commit to the evaluation process, the Manager can designate a coach or a parent approved by the Division Commissioner to act as the designee for the Manager. If the designee is approved, all correspondence (including notice of the meeting) shall go to the designee instead of the Manager.

1.2 Voting Meeting:

Division Commissioners shall send a written notice to their Division's team Managers and conduct a meeting (the "Voting Meeting") at which the Managers will confidentially vote on and select their Division's All-Star team(s).

A. The Voting Meeting shall take place no later than the second week in May at a location and time to be determined by the Division Commissioner. The Division Commissioner and at least one member of the Executive Board will attend and administer the Voting Meeting. If the Commissioner is not available, at least two members of the Executive Committee will attend and administer the Voting Meeting.

B. Attendance by Division Managers or designees at the Voting Meeting is Mandatory. Only one representative (i.e. the manager or his/her designee) per team shall attend the meeting.

C. At or before the voting meeting, the All-Star General Manager(s) shall inform the Division Commissioner and Managers the total number of All-Star players he/she wants to carry on their All-Star team.

All of these All-Star players – with the exception of the player selected pursuant to the General Manager's Selection Option specified in Section 1.4 – shall be selected by the Division's Managers by voting (using a secret ballot) in the following manner:

- (1) Round 1:
  In Divisions with only one All-Star team, each manager will cast a vote for the total number of All-Star roster slots the All-Star General Manager has decided to carry. For example, if the All-Star General Manager has decided to carry a total of 12-players, each Manager shall cast votes for a total of 12-players.

In Divisions with two All-Star teams, each manager will cast a vote for the total number of Blue All-Star and Orange All-Star roster slots the All-Star General Managers have decided to carry. For example, if the All-Star General Managers have decided to carry a total of 24-players (12 Blue All-Stars and 12 Orange All-Stars), each Manager shall cast votes for a total of 24-players.

The Commissioner will encourage each Manager to take into account each player's performance in the season and consider the position strengths of the players listed on the Ballot, with a view towards having a well rounded team. The votes will be tabulated by the Division Commissioner and the attending member of the Executive Board.

Any player receiving a unanimous vote of all Managers will be selected to the All-Star team(s). If all of the All-Star roster slots are not filled, the remaining players on the ballot will be eligible for an additional round of voting to fill the remaining open spots.

- (2) Successive Rounds:
  For each successive round, each Manager will vote for however many players as there are available spots after Round 1.

Any player who receives a unanimous vote (i.e., the vote of all Managers) less one (1) will be placed on the team after the second round, less two (2) for the third round, and so forth, so long as there is a majority of the Managers voting in favor of that player. This process will continue as necessary until all All-Star roster slots have been filled.

- (3) Divisions with Two All Star Teams:
  In Divisions with two All-Star teams (i.e., Blue and Orange Teams), the players selected as All Stars shall be assigned to the Blue or the Orange All-Star teams as follows: (i) if the player selected as an All-Star is also a Warrior Blue travel player, (s)he shall be assigned to the Blue All-Star Team; (ii) if the

player selected as an All-Star is also an Warrior Orange travel player, (s)he will be assigned to the Orange All-Star Team; (iii) if the player selected as an All-Star is not a current Blue or Orange travel ball player, the Blue and Orange All-Star General Managers shall attempt to reach a reasonable agreement as to which All-Star team that player will be assigned. If the Managers cannot agree, the Division Commissioner will make the assignment.

1.3 Confidentiality:
Each Division's Commissioners shall expressly inform the Division's Managers (and/or their approved Designees) at the Voting Meeting not to disclose or discuss with anyone the Voting Meeting or its results.

1.4 General Manager's Selection Option:
In addition to the players selected by the Division's Managers at the Voting Meeting, the All-Star Team General Manager(s) may select at his or her discretion up to one (1), additional player to be placed on the team, subject to the Division Commissioner's approval, so long as including such a player does not result in the roster for that team exceeding 15-players.

1.5 Replacement Players:
In any tournament at which an All-Star team has less than 10 players due to injury or an unforeseen circumstance or absence, the General Manager may replace missing players with players of his/her choosing, subject to Commissioner approval.

2. MANAGER SELECTION PROCESS: Each Division's All-Star General Managers shall be selected by each Division's Commissioner with the approval of the Executive Board.

2.1 Each Division's Commissioners shall solicit interested candidates to submit their names for consideration concurrently with player nomination solicitations.

2.2 In selecting All-Star General Managers, Commissioners for each Division shall select the General Managers for the teams in their respective Divisions. The Commissioners shall select an All-Star General Manager using the following criteria: Evidence of the knowledge of baseball, Evidence of ability to teach baseball and good sportsmanship to children, Evidence of Managerial skill, Evidence of ability to draw upon talents of individual players to form the team into a cohesive unit, Evidence of commitment to make the team as competitive as possible over and above personal relationships, Evidence of respect from players, other managers, parents, umpires, etc., and previous All-Star Experience, if possible. Commissioners should generally be guided by and give preference to candidates in the following order: (1) Current General Managers (2) Current Coaches (3) Parents (4) Non-Parents.

2.3 Commissioners shall select their General Managers and present their selection to the Executive Board for approval no later than 48 hours after the Player Selection Voting Meeting is concluded.

3. ALL-STAR SEASON:

At the conclusion of the All-Star Player Selection and General Manager Selection Processes, the League shall publicly announce the All-Star Teams for each Division and their General Managers.

3.1 Team Notification:

All-Star General Managers will be notified by their Division's Commissioner. All-Star General Managers will contact and notify selected players and their families of the time and monetary commitment involved in the All-Star season. Each General Manager shall obtain a confirmation of commitment from the families of each player voted onto the All-Star team so it can be confirmed and finalized. All-Star General Managers shall have primary responsibility for managing, coordinating and running their teams as well as interfacing with the League's Commissioners and other officials as the All-Star season progresses.

3.2 Player Commitment:

Once announced, players selected to All-Star teams will be required to indicate their availability for the PONY District/Section/Region/Super Region Tournament and The Cheviot PONY Baseball All Star Tournament (or another Memorial Day Tournament - TBD). The Cheviot PONY Baseball All Star Tournament (or another Memorial Day Tournament - TBD) is played through Memorial Day Weekend. PONY District Tournament play usually begins in the middle of June for Shetland and Pinto and later in the month of June for Mustang and Bronco. NO Games will be played on July 4th, however games are usually played leading up to the 4th. Players must commit, prior to the team being publicly announced, to make every effort to attend all pre-Tournament practices (schedule TBD) as well as all games of the Tournament. Once confirmed, the League will post a notification on its website that the All-Star teams have been selected for each Division. **ALL dates for Pony All-Stars are tentative until PONY finalizes team counts and host fields.**

****At any time during the season the Board may make changes to the All Star Policy as it deems necessary, in consultation with the Rules Committee.*