



Weirton Baseball Association, Inc.

2008 All-Star Selection Policy

Objective

Each year the Weirton Baseball Association will sponsor a competitive team consisting of the leagues "top players" selected to participate in the annual tournament hosted by the WBA in July, as well as the Pony Sanctioned National Tournament, for all applicable divisions. (Non-applicable divisions will receive a financial equivalent to apply to various local tournaments entries.)

Player Eligibility Requirements

- a. Players must have parental consent to participate.
- b. Players are eligible for All-Star teams corresponding to their age as of May 1st of the current year.
- c. Player must have attended in 70% of his/her regular season games. Managers will be responsible for reporting "ineligible" players prior to selection process.
- d. Preference should be given to the players that displayed an above average baseball/softball ability during the regular season. Also, good character and good sportsmanship should not be ignored, as team will represent the WBA.
- e. Players must agree to commit to attend all Games and Practices (see below).
- f. Practice: All Star practice shall not take priority over regular season games. The **WBA will not support** All Star practice at the expense of regular season activities or end of season division playoffs.
- g. Any player found not meeting eligibility requirements before or after the selection process will be considered ineligible for the team. Any player found ineligible will be removed from the team and replaced with an eligible alternate.

Player Selection Process

- a. The All Star player selection will be determined in a manager meeting held one (1) week prior to the regular season's end, and moderated by the Player Agent and a Board Member with no direct involvement in said division.
- b. **Managers are encouraged to make notes in their scorebooks during the season to provide some knowledge when it comes to the actual vote, as managers are expected to vote as if they are putting together the team they feel best represents the league's top players.**
- c. The intent is to put the top 12 players on the roster, thus it may be possible that teams are not represented. While the preference may be to have all teams represented, it is not mandatory and should not have an effect on your voting.

- d. The number of teams to be supported by the WBA in each division will be determined by the number of regular season teams in that each division. If the division has one to six (1-6) teams, there will be one (1) All-Star team selected, or if the division has seven to twelve (7-12) teams, there will be two (2) All-Star teams selected.
 - * The Pinto division will have 2 teams divided by age ; one 8 year old team and one 7 year old team. Each team manager will submit two separate ballots to vote for (12) 8 yr olds, and (12) 7 yr olds to each respective roster.
- e. Each Team Manager MUST submit a vote for 12 individuals who have shown the highest ability and good sportsmanship during the regular season.
 - * In Divisions with 3 or more regular season teams, individual managers can NOT cast more than 50% of his/her total vote for players from his/her own team.
 - * In Divisions with less than 3 teams, there is no limit on the number of votes a manager may cast for players from his/her own team.
- f. The 12 players receiving the most votes will be placed on the active all-star roster, with all details of individual vote counts remaining confidential.
- g. Ties: In the case of ties, the named All-Star Manager, Division Player Agent, and appointed independent board member will have a conversation and determine is chosen to the active roster.
- h. The names of all remaining players that received votes for All Star selection shall be placed in a pool, in order of highest to lowest vote counts, from which All-Star replacements will be selected. Should a replacement be necessary, the Player Agent, named manager and independent board member will select the player with the most initial votes in the alternate pool. Ties will be broken in the same manner as outlined above.

Manager Selection & Eligibility Requirements

- a. Team Manager duties will be offered to the team with the best overall record in each division for the regular season. If he/she declines, it will be offered to 2nd place manager will be offered the duty and so on. In the case where no WBA regular season manager accepts the position, The WBA Board will appoint a replacement to serve as manager of such team.
- b. The selected manager must have demonstrated good sportsmanship, the knowledge of the game, as well as the ability to work with the kids in the appropriate age group.
- c. The WBA Board will determine if the manager meets all requirements.

WBA & Parent Support

- a. The Weirton Baseball Association, Inc will provide financial assistance to All-Star team(s) per division. Each team will be provided with uniforms (Jersey & Cap), entry into the Annual WBA tournament held in July, and entry into the National Pony Sanctioned Tournament for each division. For Pinto and Girls Softball divisions a comparable allotment will be provided to any local tournament, as Pinto and Girls Softball are not Pony sanctioned leagues.
- b. Parents of selected players will be required to pay a nominal fee (\$25) to offset the costs of uniforms provided by the WBA.

Discipline

- a. Any manager, or group of coaches, who conspire to fix or attempt to fix the outcome of the All Star selections, will be subject to WBA Board disciplinary action.