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Westfield Youth Sports, Inc. (WYSI) Rec Football All-Star Team Formation Policy

1. Purpose

This document outlines the procedures for forming All-Star Teams within the Westfield Rec Football Program. The goal is to highlight exceptional participation and talent within the league, while maintaining fairness, structure, and alignment with WYSI's core values of player development, sportsmanship, and community involvement.

2. Overview of All-Star Teams

All-Star Teams represent Westfield Rec Football in post-season play. These teams provide an opportunity for athletes to compete at a higher level and to be recognized for their commitment and performance throughout the season. WYSI supports All Star teams for Grades 3-6. A second grade team may form with approval from the Football Committee.

3. Head Coach Selection Process

- **Application Requirement:**
All interested candidates must complete and submit an All-Star Head Coach application to the Football Commissioner by Labor Day of that season. Answer the following questions in an email to the Football Commissioner:
 - 1. Highest level of football played or coached.
 - 2. How many years have you coached youth football and how many as head coach?
 - 3. Will you commit to running the Westfield offensive and defensive schemes?

- 4. Can you commit to 2-3 practices per week plus 1-2 tournaments at the conclusion of the recreational season?
 - Upon receipt of the above information a short interview with Football Committee members may be scheduled.
 - **Selection Criteria:**
Head Coaches will be selected by the Football Committee based on their coaching experience, leadership, player development focus, and conduct during the season.
 - **Eligibility:**
Only current Head Coaches or Assistant Coaches in the current Westfield Rec Football season are eligible to apply.
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4. Coaching Staff Selection

- **Head Coach Authority:**
Selected Head Coaches may nominate their own Assistant Coaches for the All-Star Team and submit to Football Committee for final approval.
 - **Assistant Coach Eligibility:**
Assistant Coaches must be actively coaching in the current Rec Football season with an up-to-date background check completed. Only current league coaches (Head or Assistant) are eligible for selection.
 - **Approval Process:**
All coaching staff selections must be submitted to and approved by the Football Committee to ensure compliance with league standards.
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5. Player Selection Process & Time Commitment

- **Participation Eligibility:**
All players who participated in the regular Westfield Recreational Football season are eligible for consideration in All-Star activities, including practices and team events. A minimum of 20 players will be needed to form an All-Star team for any grade.
- **Selection Process:**
Players may be nominated by their respective league head coaches or earn consideration through participation in open practices. Nominations are based on a combination of preseason evaluations, practice performance, game performance, attitude, and attendance. Head coaches will hold a minimum of two open team practices (with the option to schedule more) prior to finalizing rosters. Upon request, coaches will provide players and parents with transparency regarding the player's current depth chart position and the role they are projected to have on the team. Rosters will be finalized and players notified no later than the final week of the recreational regular season. At that time, players may either decline participation or accept their spot and submit payment for All-Star fees.
- **Playing Time Guidelines:**
Participation on an All-Star Team does **NOT** guarantee game playing time. Playing time

decisions are based on player performance, positional needs, team strategy, practice attendance, and coach evaluations. Depending on interest, two teams may be created at the discretion of the Football Committee

- **Practice Schedule:**

Two to Three practices per week will be permitted once the recreational season ends.

- **Game Participation:**

While game playing time is not guaranteed. Depending on the rules / roster size limitations of the tournaments that are entered, some players may not dress for games. Each grade (3-6) will participate in at least one tournament following the conclusion of the recreational season and are not to take place during Westfield Washington School District Fall Break. The dates and times will be shared as soon as they are published by the tournament organizer.

6. Code of Conduct & Expectations

- All coaches, players, and families involved in the All-Star Program are expected to uphold the highest standards of sportsmanship, respect, integrity, and must comply with the WYSI's code of conduct policy.
- Violations of conduct standards may result in removal from the team or disqualification from future All-Star participation.

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