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

1. Purpose

This document outlines the procedures for forming All-Star Teams within the Westfield Rec Baseball 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 Baseball 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 8u, 9u, 10u, 11u, 12u. Additional ages and teams can be considered with approval from the Baseball Committee.

3. Head Coach Selection Process

- **Application Requirement:**
All interested candidates must complete and submit an All-Star Head Coach application to the Baseball Commissioner. Upon receipt of the above information a short interview with Baseball Committee members may be scheduled.
- **Selection Criteria:**
Head Coaches will be selected by the Baseball 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 Baseball season with up-to-date background check are eligible to apply.
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4. Coaching Staff Selection

- Head Coach Authority:
Selected Head Coaches may nominate Assistant Coaches for the All-Star Team and submit to Baseball Committee for final approval.
 - Assistant Coach Eligibility:
Assistant Coaches must be actively coaching in the current Rec Baseball 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 Baseball 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 Baseball season are eligible for consideration in All-Star activities, including practices and team events. A minimum of 10 players will be needed to form an All-Star team for any age.
- 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 one open team practice (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 Baseball Committee
- Practice Schedule:
One to Three practices per week will be permitted once the recreational season ends.

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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