

## Lubbock Youth Softball - USSSA League All-Star By-Laws

Only teams that meet the following guidelines will be eligible to submit All-Star selections from their team.

### TEAM FORMATION & DRAFT PROCEDURES:

- TEAMS IN 6U-14U MUST PARTICIPATE IN THE PLAYER TRYOUT AND DRAFT.
- COACHES/TEAMS MAY FREEZE UP TO THREE (3) PLAYERS FROM THE PREVIOUS SEASON. FROZEN PLAYERS MUST HAVE PLAYED FOR THE RETURNING COACH/TEAM FROM THE IMMEDIATE & PREVIOUS LYS SEASON.
- THE DRAFT SHALL FOLLOW A SNAKE FORMAT SELECTION ORDER. PLAYERS WHO MISS TRYOUTS WILL BE PLACED VIA BLIND DRAW.
- ROSTER LIMITS ARE SET AT A MAXIMUM OF 12 PLAYERS PER TEAM.

### Selection Process:

Coaches will submit their selections based upon the need for a 12-player All-Star roster.

Each team/coach will submit the set number of players (based upon teams per division) to fill a 12-player roster. LYS will use a 3-tier voting system to identify the player selections.

- Team players vote, must be a majority vote (Monitored vote by approved coach and team parent)
- Team Coaches vote, must be a majority vote
- 3rd tier vote will include the league board members vote. Should a tie breaker vote be needed in the case the tiers 1 & 2 vote is not able to submit the teams selections, the league board will hold all-star tryouts for the necessary age divisions and teams. The league board will assess those trying out and make a final decision on the selection nominees in question.

### Use Objective Criteria

Provide a rubric so "fairness" isn't just a feeling. Ask voters to rank players 1-5 on:

- Skill: Fielding ability, batting ability, and pitching ability.
- Versatility: Can they play multiple positions if needed?
- Availability: Ensure the player can attend the tournament dates before selecting them.
- Attitude: All-Star games are high-pressure; you want players who can handle a strikeout without a meltdown.

### Total Transparency with Parents

Most drama stems from a lack of information. Before the season even starts:

Selection dates and methodology will be posted on the league website and social media page.

Clearly state that regular season performance is the primary driver, not just the selection day.

Define the "playing time" expectations for All-Stars (which are often different than the recreational season).