

# EAST LONG BEACH PONY BASEBALL

Member of PONY Baseball, Inc.

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## **Operating Policy / Procedure – All Star Team & Manager Selection**

### **POLICY / PURPOSE STATEMENT**

The Board of Directors of East Long Beach Pony Baseball (ELBPB) has adopted the following policy and procedure for the selection of players and managers to All-Star teams for PONY tournament play.

The ELBPB Board of Directors is committed to ensure the best possible baseball experience for the members of our league. League Policies and Procedures have been established and agreed upon by a majority decision (vote), by the Board of Directors in accordance with the following:

- (1) The best interest of the majority of the league;
- (2) The best interest of an individual (when it does not conflict with #1);
- (3) The progressive direction and vision for the future of the league (when it does not conflict with #1 and #2).

*This policy / procedure may only be amended by a majority vote of the ELBPB Board of Directors prior to the start of the regular season.*

### **I. GENERAL REQUIREMENTS**

- A. There shall be a tryout sessions for All-Stars, based on the players on the All-Star ballot.
- B. Players must indicate their availability to play throughout the entire pre-All-Star and PONY All-Star sanctioned tournament, including practice times.
- C. Each division will select two (2) All-Star Teams (1 for Shetland) from the pool of regular season players, who have indicated that they are available for all-star play. These are the top 26 players in the division, regardless of age.
- D. Team rosters will consist of 13 players in Bronco, Mustang and Pinto divisions (12 or 14 players in Shetland; 2 players above the required number on defense).
- E. The Board and Division Directors may determine that enough talent is available to create a separate “younger age” or “select” All-Star team for development purposes. This team would consist of 13 players, and would participate in younger age specific tournaments with the intent of strengthening and improving the level of baseball in our league and in future post-season play.
- F. All-Star participants may be asked to contribute money towards the cost of uniforms and hats.
  - (1) The League will provide commemorative All-Star Pins for each player selected to an All-Star team.
- G. All player and manager voting will be done by secret ballot, with no ballot comparison among and between voting managers.
- H. All players, once selected to an All Star team, must sign an *All Star Commitment Letter* in order to be allowed to participate in All Star tournament play.
- I. Players who choose NOT to play on the team, for which they were selected, shall NOT be allowed to play on any other All Star team.
- J. Tournament fees set to a cap of \$525 per tournament.
- K. Any parent/guardian, who signs the league registration form agreeing they and their child are available to play All Stars and make themselves available to that process, or subsequently notify the league their child is available for All Star selection and are placed on the ballot and elected to All Stars; and subsequent to that election state they now cannot complete the commitment/obligation they have made, the player shall not be eligible for the All Star ballot the following year.
- L. All Star Contract available under league forms.

### **II. RATINGS**

- A. Rating sheets will be completed by each manager and turned in to the Player Agent.
- B. Rating sheets will include information to help the managers when selecting the All-Star teams.

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- (1) Fields include: Bats (R/L/S); Throws (R/L); Primary and Secondary Positions; Comments; and whether or not they are available for all-star play.
- C. A mandatory manager's meeting will be held at a site TBD, around the first Saturday in June.
  - (1) Managers may send a representative in their place.
  - (2) Only one representative per team is allowed to participate.
- D. The rating process will be explained to all managers in a consistent manner, and the audience will break up into divisions and complete the ratings forms.
  - (1) The division meetings will be facilitated by ELB Board and/or special committee members.
  - (2) Each division will review the different team ratings, adjusting as necessary.
  - (3) The resultant ratings should accurately identify the top players in the league.
  - (4) The ratings will be compiled and a master listing will be distributed to managers for final review.

### **III. PLAYER SELECTION / VOTING**

- A. A mandatory manager's meeting will be held once the ratings have been completed in order to vote for All-Star players and managers.
  - (1) Managers may send a representative in their place.
  - (2) Only one representative per team is allowed to participate.
  - (3) At least 2/3 of the managers or representatives for a division must be present in order to continue the meeting.
- B. Ballots will be made up that contain the top 40-50 players based on the final ratings
- C. Managers will vote for the top 40-50 players in the division.
  - (1) Managers may not select any players from their own team.
- D. The ballots will be tallied up, and the top 30 players will be selected as the all-star team pool.
  - a. The first 10 players will be selected based on the highest number of votes.
  - b. The elected All-Star team Manager will then select the remaining 3 players with final approval from President, Player Agent and Division Director.
    - (1) The top 10, 8 year old players (Pinto), 10 year old players (Mustang) and 12 year old players (Bronco) with the most votes will automatically be assigned to the First teams in their respected divisions.
    - (2) Mustang 9 year old select and Bronco 11 year old select all-star teams the top 10 children 9 and 11 year olds with votes will form that team (and will follow items 4 and 5 below in the event of a tie).
    - (3) The process will be repeated and the next 10 players in their respected divisions will make up the Second Team(s). 7 or 8 years in Pinto, 9 or 10 years in Mustang and 11 or 12 years in Bronco.
    - (4) If there is a tie to be broken, either for the first or second teams, the manager will be able to select the child based on All-Star needs.
- E. Once voting is complete, there will be no changes allowed to the teams, except as described in section **V. Exceptions**.

### **IV. MANAGER SELECTION / VOTING**

- A. All Division Managers must submit an application to manage the All-Star team prior to the selection meeting.
- B. After the players have been selected, a list of managers interested in managing the First Team is created.
- C. The managers then conduct a vote to determine the First Team manager.
  - (1) Important consideration should be placed on the candidates coaching ability and self-control, as well as their ability to represent East Long Beach PONY Baseball in a favorable light.
  - (2) When possible, final league standings should be used as another guideline.
- D. Once the First Team is complete, the same process is followed to select the Second Team manager, beginning with the creation of the interested manager listing.

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- E. If a “younger age” or “select” all-star team is to be formed, the same process is followed to select the “younger age” team manager, beginning with the creation of the interested manager listing.

### **V. EXCEPTIONS**

- A. Changes to the All Star teams shall only be allowed in the following cases:
- (1) A player decides to quit a team prior to the start of the first OFFICIAL PONY tournament.
  - (2) A player is found by the Official PONY Tournament Directors to be ineligible prior to the start of the first OFFICIAL PONY tournament.
  - (3) In any of the above cases, the following replacement procedures shall be used:
    - a. If the player is on the First Team, the All-Star manager may select the next child from the second team based on President, Division Director and Player Agent approval.
    - b. If the player is on the Second Team, the All-Star manager may select the next child from the approved All-Star list who received All-Star votes based on President, Division Director and Player Agent approval.

### **VI. SHETLAND ALL STAR SELECTION**

- A. Shetland All Star team and manager selection shall be as follows:
- (1) There shall be 1 Shetland All Star team created.
  - (2) Each Shetland Team Manager shall send up to 4 players to a tryout for All Stars.
    - a. Each Shetland Team Manager shall send up to 4 players to a tryout for All Stars, unless previously approved by the President, Player Agent, Division Director to send more than 4 players
  - (3) The Tryouts shall be conducted by the Player Agent, Division Director, the President and Shetland Managers (Shetland All Star Committee) at a time and place TBD. The Tryouts will be held over two (2) days with day 1 being a ratings day and day 2 being a scrimmage game. The top 24 to 28 players (depending on whether there are 12 or 14 players on the team) will be invited back to day 2.
  - (4) The Shetland All Star Committee shall select the 24 to 28 players to be invited back to day 2.
  - (5) The Shetland Managers shall meet together after tryout day 1 and select (by vote) the Manager for the Shetland All Stars.
  - (6) After Tryout Day 2, the Player Agent, Division Director, President or President designee and All Star Manager shall select the 12 to 14 players for placement on the Shetland All Star team.
  - (7) Once selected, the All Star Team Manager shall be allowed to select 3 coaches to assist him/her with the team.

### **I. TIMELINES**

- A. First Sunday in May will be the All Star workout or ratings day. All players must wear their respective team’s uniforms.
- B. Tryout sessions for All-Stars will be issued as follows:
- 1) 8-11am for Shetland
  - 2) 11-2pm for Pinto
- C. Over the next weeks’ time (one night for each division) all respective All-Stars will be selected.
- D. Completion of All-Star selection and notification shall be complete by the second Sunday in May.