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Postseason Player Selection Rules



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OVERVIEW

The purpose of this document is to articulate the procedures for selecting postseason teams. This document is subject to change at any time with the approval of the Board of Directors. At the conclusion of the Eastlake Little League regular season and playoffs, the League intends to enter the following teams into postseason competition:

Tournament of Champions (ToC) Teams

- 6-Year-Old ToC
- 7-Year-Old ToC
- 8-Year-Old ToC
- Minors ToC (for players league-age 9 and 10)
- Majors ToC (for players league-age 11 and 12)

All-Star Teams

- 8- to 10-Year-Old Division
- 9- to 11-Year-Old Division
- Little League
- Intermediate Division
- Junior League
- Senior League

CONFIDENTIALITY

The entire Postseason Player Selection process shall remain confidential until the date League determines to release each set of information. Anyone breaching the processes' confidentiality without League approval is subject to penalty.

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PROCESS OUTLINE

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2. Selection of Managers
 - a. Formation of the Postseason Manager Selection Committee
 - b. Solicitation of Managers
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3. Team Rosters
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 - c. Alternate List & Manager's Pick(s)
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 - a. Recognition of Team Captains
 - b. Player Notifications & Commitment Process

WATCH LIST

Commencing March 16th, the player agents will solicit the division managers to recommend players they believe are worthy of making a postseason team (hereinafter Watch List). The purpose of the Watch List is to inform manager peers within each division to carefully observe and evaluate players for postseason consideration. Managers are to keep in mind how many players from each division will make each postseason team as to include enough nominations to ensure proper roster sizes, but not too many nominations to make the observation phase too difficult.

The Watch List, which will be a living document throughout the regular season and League playoffs, is subject to the addition and/or removal of players by the managers. The player agents will be responsible for maintaining the Watch List and will make the list available to all managers in each division. If the player agents believe the Watch List is too large, they may institute caps

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and/or request division managers to reduce the size of the list to make proper observation and evaluation more feasible.

SELECTION OF MANAGERS

Postseason Manager Selection Committee Composition

In accordance with the League's Constitution and Bylaws, the Board of Directors will appoint a chairperson for the Postseason Manager Selection Committee during the regular meeting of the Board of Directors for April. The chairperson will then solicit the Members of the League to find a minimum of four other participants for the committee. The chairperson should nominate the minimum number of Members to the Board of Directors by April 21st. The Board of Directors will hold a special meeting to confirm the nominees.

Solicitation for Managers

By April 21st, the chairperson of the committee should solicit the League for candidates to fill the various postseason team manager positions. Eligible candidates will have a minimum of two weeks from the date of solicitation to indicate their desire to serve as a postseason manager. The solicitation must close by 11:59PM on May 5th.

Candidate Interviews and Selections

The Postseason Manager Selection Committee will schedule and interview all eligible candidates by May 10th and recommend postseason managers to the Board of Directors by 5:00PM on May 11th. The Board of Directors will hold a special meeting to review the recommendations and make final manager selections.

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TEAM ROSTERS

Players' Choice

Commencing the week of April 29th and ending by May 5th, the player agents shall institute an in-person election of players at the League's facilities for each of the division's all-star teams (hereinafter Players' Choice). Prior to commencing the Players' Choice, the player agents must prepare an election plan with a script that they will read to all players participating in the election and must receive approval for that plan by the League president. All players participating in the Minor A through Senior divisions are eligible to vote for players within their respective division. Each player may vote for a maximum of 3 players per league-age. (*Exception: 15- and 16-year olds are considered the same league-age for Senior All-Stars*). Players may only receive votes for the all-star team corresponding to their age. For example, an 11-year-old may only be voted to the 9- to 11-year-old division all-star team. The player agents should make a reasonable attempt to receive a vote from every player in each voting division. ToC teams will not have a Players' Choice.

The three players with the most votes in each age group will automatically make the all-star roster. At the conclusion of the Players' Choice, the player agents will provide the results of the Players' Choice elections to the Board of Directors. The results will not be a matter of public record.

Selection of Players

Commencing the week of May 12th and ending no later than May 17th, the player agents, in conjunction with the League president or their delegate, will hold player selections with the managers of each division (hereinafter Selection of Players). The older divisions must hold their selections before advancing to a younger division. *Exception: Senior Division selections may occur after younger divisions*. Including the Players' Choice selections, the division managers will be collectively responsible for selecting up to the 11th player on all-star teams and 12th player on ToC teams. All managers must attend their division's Selection of Players unless otherwise prohibited by the Board of Directors. Only the division managers, player agent(s), and

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the League president or their delegate may attend the Selection of Players. If a division manager cannot attend a Selection of Players, they may prepare statements advocating for or against inclusion of players on the respective teams. The president or their delegate, will read this statement prior to any voting.

In the event that the manager of any postseason team is not a manager within the respective division during the regular season, then that postseason manager may attend the meeting for information purposes. They may not advocate for or against particular players, but may advocate for their vision and needs.

Managers from the Senior division will make selections for the Senior, Junior, and Intermediate division teams. Managers from the Majors division will make selections for the Little League and 9- to 11-Year-Old division all-star teams, as well as the Majors ToC team. Managers from the Majors division may also place eligible players from the Majors division on the 8- to 10-Year-Old all-star team and/or the Minors ToC team. Managers from the Minor A division will make selections for the 8- to 10-Year-Old all-star team and the Minor ToC team. Managers from the Minor A division may also place eligible players from the Minor A division on the 8-Year-Old ToC team. Managers from the Minor B division will make selections for the 8-Year-Old and 7-Year-Old ToC teams. Managers from the Minor B division may also place eligible players from their division on the 6-Year-Old ToC team. Managers from the Single A division will make selections for the 6-Year-Old ToC teams.

The Selection of Players will occur as follows:

1. With approval from the president (or their representative), the Eastlake Little League player agents retain the right to temporarily amend the selection procedures, nullify player selections, and/or remove participants if they suspect corruption or manipulation of the process has occurred that would jeopardize the selection process and/or reputation of the League.
2. When applicable, the player agent(s) will inform the division managers of the automatic roster placement from the Players' Choice.
3. When applicable, the player agent(s) will inform the division managers of the roster placement of any players placed from a higher division. These players may be placed on a younger team's roster by a majority of the managers from the player's division. This

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placement may only be revoked by a unanimous vote from the managers from the younger division.

4. If roster positions remain available, the player agents will then ask the division managers to recommend players whose merits are so outstanding that their inclusion on the roster is unanimously supported by their manager peers without needing a discussed. Any player that receives unanimous approval from the division managers will then be placed on the roster.
5. If roster positions remain available after the conclusion of the unanimous approval segment, each manager may then discuss the merits of any player they have remaining on the Watch List who they feel could fill the final roster spot(s). At this point, managers may add or remove players from the watch list if necessary.
6. At any point following the unanimous approval segment, the corresponding postseason manager may communicate their roster needs, but may not endorse or oppose any particular player in their capacity as a postseason manager unless they are also a manager within that division.
7. At the conclusion of the Watch List discussion and at the direction of the player agent(s), the division managers will then be allotted one vote for each remaining roster spot to be filled during the Selection of Players and each manager may vote for that many players from the Watch List for inclusion on the roster. The player(s) receiving the most votes with at least a majority of the votes will be placed on the roster. This process will continue until the division managers fill the available roster slots. All votes will be in writing and will be shared with the group. *Exception: Players eligible to play on younger-level teams must receive at least 75% of the votes to be selected to an older-level team. For example, an 11-year-old must receive 75% of the votes to play on the Little League all-star team.*
8. To provide roster security, younger players selected to play at higher levels must automatically be included on the rosters for the highest level team for their respective age-level. For example, an 11-year-old player that is voted on the Little League all-star team, must automatically be included on the 9- to 11-Year-Old division's roster.

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Alternate List & Manager's Pick(s)

Immediately following the Selection of Players for ToC teams, the division managers will then elect four players to a pool of available players (hereinafter Alternate List) via the same process as the Selection of Players (must receive the most votes and a majority of the votes). For All-Star teams, the ToC teams in their entirety will serve as the Alternate Lists. Within 36 hours of the Selection of Players, the postseason managers must then select a minimum of one player from their respective Alternate List to fill their roster's final spot(s) (hereinafter Manager's Pick). In the event that a rostered player declines participating on a postseason roster, becomes injured, or is declared ineligible before each team's first game, then the postseason manager must complete their roster using the Alternate List. In the event that the Alternate List is exhausted, the manager may select any eligible player from the League to ensure a valid and complete roster. The selection must be approved by the president and a player agent. In the event that an all-star team is eliminated, players from those teams may also be considered as alternates for higher level all-star teams (example: The Little League Division manager may select a 10- or 11-year-old player if that player's team has already been eliminated).

PLAYER NOTIFICATIONS & COMMITMENT

Player Notification & Commitment Process

Postseason managers and their delegates may commence informing their players beginning at 7:00PM on championship night. The League will provide signs and commitment letters for each player. Prior to participating with their respective team, players and parents need to sign a letter of commitment guaranteeing 100% participation (excluding excusable absences) to officially accept a position on the roster. Any player that cannot commit to 100% of team activities will be dismissed from the team. Additionally, each player must pay a postseason fee to cover postseason expenses.

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Promotion

If a player is promoted to a higher-level team for any reason, that player may request to decline the promotion by providing the Board of Directors with a written request, which must be approved by a majority of the directors.

Excusable Absences

At their discretion, a manager may excuse a player from any practice(s). A player must request and receive approval in writing prior to missing any practice(s). If a player fails to receive approval and misses a practice, the president, with approval from at least one player agent, may retroactively approve the absence. The Board of Directors is entitled to rescind a manager's discretion to excuse absences via eVote at any time if the manager loses institution control of the process.

Only the president, with approval from at least one player agent, may excuse a player from missing a game. Requests must be submitted in writing to the president by the manager.

Dismissal from Team

Players, managers, and/or coaches may be dismissed from postseason teams under the following circumstances:

1. At any time, the Board of Directors reserves the right to remove any player, manager, or coach from a postseason team.
2. A manager must report to the president if a player fails to receive approval to miss a practice or game within 24 hours. Failure to report unexcused absences may result in removal of the player and/or manager.
3. A player that misses any games without approval from the League will be dismissed from all remaining postseason activity.

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Postseason Residency & Age Verification

Players have until May 22nd to provide their residency and age documentation to the player agents for certification. Players that fail to provide original and acceptable documentation to the player agents are prohibited from participating in practices and are subject to removal from the roster.