

Saratoga Little League All Star Selection Process

Families,

It is once again time for the Baseball All Star Selections to take place. Below is the Process that is followed in order to select the teams for All Stars.

All Star candidates for the 8/9 year old team are by tryouts which will be scheduled June 5th 2011. This date will be posted to the Saratoga Little League website.

All Star candidates for 9/10, 10/11, and 11/12 is based on player votes (1/3 weighted) and coaches votes (2/3 weighted) as follows:

Player votes

- Player Agent makes a list of eligible players by age group. Eligible players to be those players who have signed the 2011 District Little League All-Stars Tournament Team Verification of Availability Form and submitted to the Player Agent.
- Player Agent and Division Commissioner will meet with each team and players will be able to vote for their age group and only their age group (10's vote for other 10's etc). They will be advised to vote for 12 players that they think best represent Saratoga Little League. They are allowed to vote for 12 players. They can vote for less than 12 players but no more than 12 players. If they vote for more than 12 players, their vote will not be counted and will be thrown away. They can vote for their friends and whoever they think will be the best representation of Saratoga Little league.
- Votes will be returned on the spot to the Player Agent or the Division Commissioner who will place the votes in a sealed envelope.
- Votes will be counted by the All Star committee at the time designated by Player Agent to count votes.

Managers' Votes

- Managers will meet with the Player Agent and the Division Commissioners to discuss All Star Candidates. Managers have the opportunity to speak on behalf of the players that they think will best represent Saratoga Little League. They will have the game statistics from the season at their disposal to aid in their decision making. They can also enter into discussion that will aid in their decision process. (Player Agent to moderate and ensure that communication is positive and appropriate)
- Managers will vote for the 12 players that they feel are the best players that best represent Saratoga Little League. Each Manager will have the opportunity to vote for 12 players (again, no more than 12 players)

- The votes will be placed in a sealed envelope by the Player Agent.
- Votes will be counted by the All Star committee at the time designated by Player Agent to count votes.

Committee Calculations

- At the designated meeting time, the All Star committee will meet to tally the votes. The All Star committee is comprised of the Player Agent, the All Star Tournament Director and Board Approved representatives
- The envelopes with votes for each team will be opened and tallied.
- Votes will be entered into spreadsheet and give 1/3 weight per vote
- Managers votes will be opened and tallied
- Managers votes will be entered into spreadsheet and given 2/3 weight per vote.
- Players will be ranked on scores from Highest to Lowest (Highest score being player ranked number 1)
- This process will be conducted for each age group
- The Player Agent will contact the Board approved Manager of each age bracket and provide the results of the votes.
- Manager will have the opportunity to analyze results. The players that are ranked 1 through 10 are deemed "untouchable" and cannot be swapped or removed unless by parent request. Players 11 and 12 can be swapped from those players listed as numbers 13, 14, 15 or 16 based solely on the Manager's discretion in building his team. Each manager must choose 12 players.
- Players eligible for moving up will include the top 3 ranked players from the lower age group. Only the top 3 players from the proceeding age can be used to fill the 11-12 spots. They are invited to move up but have the option to decline and stay within their age group. Players slated to move up should be recognized as an impact player that would have a positive impact on the older team. Manager of the older team will include a younger player being pulled up as part of his analysis of computation results. The player to be pulled up, along with his / her family, have the choice of remaining on the lower age team or moving to the older age team.
- Managers will notify families of the players, confirm commitments and availability and player's desire to be on the All Star team.
- Manager will notify Player Agent of final selections for his team.
- Player Agent will provide the team results to the Saratoga Little League Web Master to post on the website.
- All Star Manager will contact the selected players and their families to arrange schedules and practice times.