**All-Star Game Guidelines**

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Each spring the league celebrates the skills of the girls in each division with it’s annual All-Star game. The All-Star game is played toward the end of the season with all-stars selected from each team.

The Executive Board determines the date of the All-Star game but typically it is the Saturday following Memorial Day Weekend (early June).

The Board recommends the number of All-Stars per team (dependent on the number of teams, etc.) Year to year it has been 3 or 4 All-Stars per team. There are no alternates.

Although it is ultimately up to the coach, the league provides the following guidelines to coaches regarding All-Star selections:

The league likes to suggest guidelines for coaches for the All-Star selection process, but it is up to the coaches to determine how they select their All-Stars.  The league suggests that the team votes for whom they believe should represent their team in the All-Star game, with the coachs’ guidance on what the All Star game is, and why we play it.  It may not always be the best all around athlete; it could be that girl that has been showing the best team spirit, or a good teammate.    
  
The league also would like teams to understand it's not a popularity contest, but what and how teammates add to their team to make them a good team.  After the votes are tallied, it is up to the coaches to handle the way they want to communicate the results.  This is important that you do not make it a ballot of who voted for whom.  The league suggests you evaluate your team and how it has performed and match that to your votes if you wish.  
   
Some of the nice things that have happened in the past by prior coaches is sending some or most of the 5th graders to represent the team, which may entail sending a player that some or most would not expect, but the coach knew this might be the only time in her fun sports career, she is an All-Star.  This coach knew his real all-stars would get their turn in 5th grade.  We like to leave it to the style of the coaches.

Coaches must provide their selections via an online form by the Wednesday prior to the All-Star Game.

For the purposes of naming coaches and dividing All-Stars onto two teams, the standings are frozen after the Wednesday night’s games that precede the All-Star Game. The coaches from the 1st place and 2nd place teams are the respective coaches for each All-Star Team.

* Coaches must make sure that every player gets at least one at-bat
* Coaches must make sure that each player plays in the field at least two innings.

Teams are assigned to the West All-Star Team or the East All-Star Team based on the frozen standings. The West All-Star Team consists of the odd placed teams (1st place, 3rd place, 5th place, 7th place, etc.). The East All-Star Team consists of the even placed teams (2nd place, 4th place, 6th place, 8th place, etc.).

* If there are an odd number of teams, the last place team is split for balance
* The Executive Board will review the rosters based on this formula and has the right to shift teams in the spirit of competitive balance