



A Division of Hudson Youth Baseball
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Tournament Team Selection Process

1. **OBJECTIVE**

Our objective is to establish an equitable system for selecting Tournament teams that will best represent Hudson Youth Baseball in the 9U, 10U, 11U and 12U Cal Ripken divisions.

2. **GENERAL**

2.2 Tournament Teams - Will be comprised of players from both Minor and Major divisions. Each team will consist of no less than 12 players or no more than 15 players, a manager and two coaches.

2.3 Number of Teams - The number of tournament teams per division will be announced during the selection process each season. A general guide is one tournament team per division, identified as "A". Additional teams will be identified as B, C...etc.

2.4 Eligibility – Every player is eligible to be a tournament player within the division they are playing unless they are not age eligible for the division (i.e. an 11 year old playing in 10 and under). Before the player tryout process begins, each player must declare their availability and desire to meet all tournament season requirements. If a player declares they can not commit to the Ripken A team after being accepting the nomination they will not be eligible for the Sizzler team selection process, this is to ensure that Hudson is able to field competitive teams at the tournament level. Head Coaches of HYBS teams should discuss this with parents of potential players. A meeting will be held once the teams and Manager are selected to discuss the requirements with Parents and players.

One of the eligibility requirements is that a player's school grades must have a minimum GPA of "C" or better. If players do not receive school letter grades then grades of "Meeting Expectations" must be achieved.

Players who are age eligible to play in a younger division are not allowed to play up i.e. move-up's, unless a team at that level cannot be fielded and the child has been selected through the coaches voting process. The eligible child will be required to tryout for that team. If there are enough players at a particular age to field a team, no player of a younger age will be placed on that team.

Per regular season rules, any player who has played 1 year but also played for the Ripken "A" Tournament team may evaluate for the next league up regardless of their age. This only pertains to kids who played on the Ripken 9's tournament team. In the event any of these players are selected to play in the higher league and they were members of the previous seasons "A" Tournament team they will automatically be identified as being selected to that years 10's Ripken "A" Tournament team. In the event any of these players is selected to play in the higher league they will automatically be identified as eligible for tryout for their age appropriate tournament team. If there are more than 15 players identified by the coaches in the lower division (age group) combined with the age eligible players from the higher division, a tryout will be held as per section 3 of this document.

2.6 Basis For Player Selection- Player tryout and voting [by the head coaches of the appropriate age levels](#) at a specified time during the season will provide the pool of tournament players as further defined in section 3.

2.7 Basis For Manger Selection- Voting by head coaches [at the appropriate age levels](#) will provide the basis for the selection of a tournament manager as defined in Section 4. Then, tournament managers will select their staff.

2.8 Final Team Selection -The tournament teams will be finalized using the pool of players selected from the coaches votes and with selective input by the tournament manager as described in section 5.

2.9 Schedule of Events

Tournament Player Nomination Meeting	After game week (1)
Player Tryout if required	After game week (2)
<i>Coaches player voting meeting</i>	After tryout or Nomination meeting
Tournament Manager Selection Meeting	Same time as Coaches player voting meeting
Tournament Team meetings held	End of Week (3)

Note: If tryouts are not required the schedule for the balance of events should move in one week.

3. PLAYER TRYOUT PROCESS

3.1 General - The tryout process is predicated on each coach's evaluation of all prospective players for each division. Based on this tryout each coach will vote on tournament players as described below. The coach's evaluation of players will take place during the regular seasons scheduled games prior to the nomination process.

3.2 Player Nominations - Coaches will nominate players from their team or any other team for potential selection to a tournament team that the player is eligible for. The suggested number of players that should be nominated from each team and the number of tournament teams per division will be announced at the end of the 1st

week of games. In general, the number of players nominated should total to around 12 to 24 per tournament team. Coaches will nominate tournament candidates on their team whom they feel represent the highest skill. Coaches are nominating players to play "A" level baseball. In nominating the players, coaches should consider all abilities in hitting, fielding and throwing as well as player attitude. Specific skills in pitching and catching warrant special consideration and should be compared to players on other teams if possible. Coaches will also nominate players that have the ability to play at the "B" level division. "B" level divisions can be non-Cal Ripken tournaments and, in most cases are summer league programs in other towns.

3.3 Nomination Meeting - On the Saturday after the end of the first week of regular season games, a coach's nomination meeting for each division will be held. The Baseball Director(s) of Tournaments and VP of Baseball and/or President of HYBS will chair the meeting. In the event neither the VP nor the President is available another Board member may be used. At this meeting, coaches must bring their proposed tournament nominations from their team. Each Coach will announce their selections. This meeting will give an opportunity for other coaches to review and evaluate the selections. Based on this discussion, coaches may elect to change their selections. Coaches may request to nominate less or more players than specified number with an explanation of their reasoning. Also, a coach may request to nominate a player from another team whom they feel should have been nominated. A consensus (but not a majority) from all the coaches is needed for changing the nominations for this reason. From the list of candidates each Coach will record a list of their selections for the A tournament team. Coaches may not select players from their teams. These lists will be handed in to the Tournament Director. The names of the players will be compiled to determine the list of players in order of number of selections they received. If there are 16 more players identified a tryout will be held. In the event there are less than (16) players the coaches may select the team through a blind voting process as agreed upon by the Director(s) of Tournaments and the VP of Baseball. **The list of nominated players is confidential.**

3.4 Player Tryout - If a tryout is required the Director of Tournaments will provide a tryout format and select independent individuals to run each tryout. All prospective tournament players (from the list of nominated players) must attend the tryout as well as any prospective players who are age eligible but playing in an older division, i.e. "move-ups". All nominated players and player's parents are required to sign the Tournament Team Acceptance Form (TTAF) in order to attend tryouts. Evaluation tryout will be outlined to allow coaches to evaluate various skills such as hitting, fielding, throwing and running as well as pitching and catching. Any coach who does not attend the evaluation tryout will forfeit his/her vote. Coaches will be required to attend each tryout session and complete the required tryout form. After the tryouts are completed each coach must submit their tryout form to the tournament director for tallying. All forms will be returned prior to the coaches voting meeting. It is suggested the Coaches voting be done directly after the try-out is held.

3.5 Coaches Voting Meeting - A voting meeting will be held per the date structure specified above. Coaches should have their notes on the evaluation of the nominated players. Coaches cannot vote for players from their own team. The

voting process will take place as follows: A coach should rank the top three players with a numerical value of 4, the 4th -6th players would be given a numerical value of 3, the 7th-9th players would be given a numerical value of 2 and the 10th-11th players would be given a numerical value of 1. The top 11 ranked players would then be nominated to the Ripken A tournament team. The Tournament Manager of each age level would then have the final selection for player 12 to be chosen from the list of nominated players. The 12th player must be chosen see section 5.1. The Tournament Manager may also choose up to 15 players if they so desire but these remaining players must be from the nominated list.

The coach's votes and rankings are confidential.

3.6 Tournament Player Pool - The player votes will be tabulated and ranked by the Director of Tournaments using the point system described above at a meeting overseen by a minimum of two executive board members. The players will be ranked by the points they receive and the tournament players will be determined by the rankings. Tiebreakers for rankings will be first by the highest number of total selections and then highest number of top selections and third by board vote. The player list ranked by points as voted by the coaches [as defined in section 3.5](#) defines the "tournament player pool". From the "tournament player pool", the tournament qualifier and tournament teams are finalized as described in section 5.

4. TOURNAMENT MANAGER SELECTION

4.1 Tournament Manager Candidates - All head / Asst. coaches in each division who are interested in being a tournament manager must successfully complete the Cal Ripken Certification process should contact the Director of Tournaments and complete the necessary application form. From the list of interested candidates, the board will nominate qualified candidates. Factors which will be considered include the following: (1) Experience of the coach; (2) How the coach interacts with players, parents and other coaches or umpires; (3) Any problems the coach has had with other coaches or umpires during the season; (4) That the coach will positively represent the league in tournament play. A meeting with the board may be requested by any interested candidate or by the board to provide additional background information. At the managers nominating meeting about the third week of the season, all manager candidates will be announced.

4.2 Tournament Manager Voting - At the time the coaches rank the tournament players, the coaches will also submit their top 3 selections from the nominated candidates for tournament manager in their respective divisions (ranked 3 points for highest thru 1 point).

4.3 Tournament Manager Selection - The "A" tournament qualifier team manager in each division will be determined as the nominated head coach of the regular season that ranked highest from the coaches' voting. In the event of a tie the board will be vote for the Manager.

After the qualifier "A" team manager is selected and this manager has finalized the "A" qualifier team (per section 5) the "B" tournament manager will be considered as

the next highest ranking from coaches' voting. In the event there is not a candidate that meets these criteria, the board will select a coach from the remaining candidates or parents of the tournament players.

4.4 Tournament Coach Player Selections - The tournament manager will have input into the final selection of any additional players as described in section 5. The tournament manager will decide to utilize 12 or 15 players on the team. Based on this decision, the tournament manager may have 3 selections in finalizing the team.

4.5 Tournament Coaches - Tournament manager will select two coaches and may select a scorekeeper to complete their staff. It is recommended that the parents of the tournament players be given special consideration during the selection process. Also note there are some Ripken Level tournaments where the scorekeeper can not be in the dugout.

5. **FINAL TEAM SELECTION**

5.1 Final Qualifier Team Selection- The top 11 ranked players from the tournament pool will be invited to play on the "A" tournament qualifier team in each division, the Manager will select the final player. Three additional players may be added for a total of 15 players at the managers discretion (There may be situations where a player elects not to play on the tournament qualifier team.) in both cases the tournament qualifier manager will select other players from the next 10 ranked players and from any unranked age eligible players who played in an older division, i.e." move-ups". If needed for tryout, the manager may hold a tryout for the move-up players. The purpose of the manager's selection is to balance the skills needed for the first team or to work with selected staff within the tournament pool. Consideration to the number of pitchers needed for the first team is suggested and opportunities for player input regarding pitching opportunities are encouraged.

5.2 Additional Tournament Team Selection - After the "A" tournament manager has selected the final players, the nine next highest ranking players will be invited to play on any additional tournament team within their respective age group. The manager of this team will then select the final 3-4 remaining players from the next 8 ranked players and from any unranked age eligible players who played in an older division, i.e." move-ups". This Team will be identified as the "B" Tournament Team.

5.3 Tournament Team Approval - The final tournament team selections must be approved by the executive board before announcement / posting. Managers and teams can be announced after Executive Board approval.

6. **MINIMUM PLAYING REQUIREMENT POLICY**

Each player is guaranteed a minimum of 3 consecutive defensive outs and one at bat per game.

7. TOURNAMENT TEAM ROSTER POLICY

Once tournament teams have been finalized, (A & B level groups) those teams roster are frozen with the number of players on that roster, typical roster is 12 players in accordance with the Ripken tournament rules. Any team may have up to 15 players on their roster and can choose to have three of the 15 players as substitutes as long as they were on the original roster. Once the roster is "frozen" then no changes can be made and those players can only play for one team during tournament play. Tournament play is defined at the point a tournament has started and has concluded for a participating tournament team. It is at the discretion of the coach to select substitute player(s). A player can be added to the roster permanently if that team loses a player on their roster for any reason. The added player(s) must be approved by the Tournament Director(s), the VP of Baseball, and President of Hudson Youth Baseball/Softball.

8. TOURNAMENT TEAM FUNDRAISING POLICY

Tournament teams incur a variety of expense during their tournament season. Teams can offset those expenses by fundraising and soliciting sponsorships. The ability of fundraising and solicit sponsorship is being done on behalf of HYBS which means this is the result of being a recognized and organized team under the HYBS organization.

All fundraising activity must be informed and reported to the Tournament Director, Treasurer, VP of Baseball, and President of HYBS. Failure to report money collected can result in team, player, or coach removal from tournament participation.

All money raised must be handed over to the Tournament Director for bank deposit. All money deposited will be noted on the team balance spreadsheet so it will be accounted for that team. Reimbursement of the money is based on the reimbursement policy.

It is understood that tournament teams may need small amounts of cash to pay umpires for scrimmages that may take place while preparing for their tournaments. For this reason a team may keep no more than \$200 in petty cash for those expenses but must report the usage of that money on their expense spreadsheet.

9. **TOURNAMENT TEAM REIMBURSEMENT POLICY**

Each year Hudson Youth Baseball allocates monies to help support the Ripken tournament teams. These monies are to be used accordingly.

If monies to support the tournament team have been received through donations and or raised those monies will be used in the following order:

- 1) Reimburse for team party / recognition (Jackets, warm-ups, T-Shirts...etc).
- 2) Reimburse league for monies allocated.
- 3) Reimburse parents for uniforms (* if paid by parents).
- 4) Reimburse parents tournament team fees / deposit
- 5) At the end of the session any balance left over reverts back to league.

Please note that allocations of monies left over from an individual sponsorship are at the sole discretion of the parent and or guardian of the child being sponsored and are not subject to the conditions above. Meaning, a child that has been sponsored will not receive reimbursement.

* Total parent reimbursement not to exceed actual parent out-of-pocket expense.

No money is reimbursed with out receipts and expense report filled out by the head coach and/or one of the assigned coaches for the team who has been deemed responsible for administrative work. Deadline for reimbursement is September 1 of the current season. Any money left over at the end of the summer season will be transferred back to the HYBS operations account for the HYBS organization.