

Dear NJB Parent:

As you are probably aware, NJB traditionally supports post-season “all-star” teams. In the past, the selection process of these teams has been somewhat unclear to many of the families of NJB. It is the intention of the NJB Board to clarify and bring into the open this process.

Every child on every team is eligible for consideration as an “all-star”. The only rule that must be adhered to, is that the child must play at least 50% of his/her regular season games (excluding injuries). This rule is set forth by Babe Ruth / Cal Ripken Baseball.

Playing for an NJB “all-star” team is very different than league play. The most important difference is that of playing time. There are no rules regarding minimum playing time during the post-season. It is entirely possible that YOUR child will receive NO playing time. You will also be expected to commit to every practice and every game during the post-season. If there are any conflicts please note them on the form so the coaches are aware of this and it may be worked out. Generally speaking, the post-season begins the third week of June and may extend into the beginning of August.

There are also multiple financial responsibilities during the post-season. In addition to the “all-star” fee, which pays for uniforms, etc., you may be expected to travel substantially. Transportation, lodging and meal costs can all add up to a significant amount. Financial hardship should not be a hindrance from being considered. Please communicate with your league president if this is an issue. NJB regular season play DOES NOT **financially** support “all-star” play. The “all-star” budget is separate from the regular season. In fact, over the last several years, the “all-stars” have made a profit for the league by hosting various tournaments, etc. During the hosting of these tournaments, “all-star” parents are **required** to work various tournament duties. These duties include, but are not limited to, concessions, gate, field maintenance, etc.

We would like to give **you** the opportunity to make your child eligible for consideration as an “all-star” by filling out the following form in the affirmative and **return by May 4. Only those players which have stated their intentions by this date will be eligible for an “all-star” team.** If a player is nominated, he is then available for selection for the team deemed appropriate. If you do not wish for your child to be considered this year, simply do nothing.

A list of all players to be considered for “all-stars” will be distributed to the managers of that particular league. The managers will then be asked to evaluate those players during the season. The NJB Board believes that evaluating a player over the course of a season is a better and fairer method of determining a player’s skills than a day or two of try-outs. As the end of the regular season approaches, each league president will hold a vote among league managers for each age group’s “all-star” team(s). Babe Ruth/Cal Ripken rules stipulate a roster consisting of at least 12 and not more than 15 players. NJB written guidelines spell out that the first nine “all-star” roster positions are voted on, with the last three to six being picked by the “all-star” manager. The nine players will be voted on first, and then the manager will be selected. The “all-star” manager will be voted on by that league’s managers. Finally, the “all-star” manager will make the remaining roster selections. When there is enough interest for a second team, the remaining nine highest vote receivers plus manager’s selections will form the second team.

If a post season player quits after being selected on an All Star team for reasons other than hardship, that player is not eligible for post season the following year.

The NJB Board wants you to understand all of the responsibilities regarding post-season teams. If you have any questions, **your primary contact would be your child's league president.** You may also contact any of the Board members. We would be happy to answer any of your questions. As always, we appreciate your support of Newburgh Junior Baseball.

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NJB Sponsored "All-Star" Teams

There will be two NJB sponsored teams from each age group on the condition that there is enough interest to field a second team.

“All-Star” Nomination Form

I / we have read the attached “all-star” nomination letter and would like our child to be considered for selection as a Newburgh Junior Baseball post-season “all-star” player. I / we understand all of the differences between regular season and post-season play, including but not limited to, playing time, financial obligations, work commitments, travel, etc.

I / we also agree that by signing this agreement in the affirmative, that there is no guarantee that our child will be selected on a post-season “all-star” team.

I / we understand if my child quits after being selected on an All Star team, for reasons other than hardship, that player is not eligible for post season the following year.

Child’s Name: _____ Playing Age: _____

Phone #'s: _____

Email Address: _____

League Team: _____

Parent/Guardian Signature: _____

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Only one parent/guardian signature is required.

Players selected to an “all-star” team will be notified following regular season play.

**** Please return this form to your team manager by May 4th.**

Please list any conflicts: