



## **Quaker Valley Softball & Baseball Baseball Tournament Team Selection Guidelines Policies & Procedures**

QVSB enters teams in summer tournaments including qualifying tournaments for the Little League World Series and other smaller tournaments, usually within driving range of Pittsburgh. The following sets forth the process to be followed in managing and selecting teams, coaches, players and tournaments:

- 1 **Player Selection:** The head coaches (HC) and named assistants (AC) from the regular season will participate in a tournament selection meeting that will be held no earlier than the week before Memorial Day and no later than June 1 of each year (or as otherwise approved by QVSB). The meeting will be organized and chaired by the league commissioner.

Approximately one week prior to the meeting, the commissioner will request “tournament player recommendations” from each of the head coaches. These are to be players from the respective HC’s team which the HC believes should be considered for the tournament team. The commissioner will compile a list of all HC “tournament player recommendations” and provide to all of the HC’s and named AC’s.

### **Tournament Selection Meeting**

- a. At the beginning of the meeting, the coaches and commissioners will review the list of “tournament player recommendations” to consider if any other player from any team who is not on the list should be included on the list. If any additional players are “recommended”, they will be included on the “recommendation list”.
- b. Each team will present the background and statistics for each of the players on the “recommendation list”. Discussions should focus solely on baseball skill level, baseball knowledge, positive sportsmanship behavior, and positions played.
- c. To be eligible for the post-season tournament team, a player must have participated in the league corresponding to the age of the tournament team and played in at least 75% of their team’s regular season games during the spring season. Any exceptions to the 75% requirement shall be approved by the commissioner & QVSB Operating committee (for reasons such as illness, injury ...)
- d. Each head coach, named assistant and the league commissioner will vote on the top 10 players for each age group. Each of these players will be given 2 pts for each coach and commissioner vote. Each head coach, named assistant and the league commissioner will also vote on 4 additional players for each age group. Each of these players will be assigned 1 pt for each coach and commissioner vote. The commissioner will collect the ballots and tally the total points for each player in each age group.

- e. The top 10 in each age group are "regulars". The remaining players in the top 14 are alternates. Ties at 10th and above rankings will be broken by a vote of Head Coaches (and Commissioner if even number of coaches).
  - f. Commissioners will submit the tournament team voting result to the Operating Committee with a recommendation to approve OR with any comments / concerns. The Commissioners will also nominate the Tournament Head Coach (THC) for each age group as per below and submit those names to the Operating Committee along with player vote results. Commissioners will work to obtain Operating Committee approval for the THC, Assistant Coaches (selected as per below) and final roster by June 5<sup>th</sup>.
  - g. The Tournament Head Coach (THC - selected in 2 below) will contact the families of selected regular players and confirm their willingness and availability to play, along with their acknowledgement of financial commitment to the self-funding team (see 3e below).
  - h. Alternates will then be contacted by THC in order of voting results to determine player availability, as needed, to complete rosters for each tournament. Roster size is required to be at least one more than the number of players allowed to play in the field for each tournament, unless availability of all 14 has been exhausted. THC may ask other players receiving votes as additional alternates, in ranked order beyond 14, if needed to field a team. *(It is recommended that the THC request detailed availability of each player contacted for the periods in which that player would be expected to play. This is to allow for specific roster planning).*
  - i. The THC should be the only person informing players of their Tournament Team selection, and such notification should not occur until authorized by Operating Committee and Little League rules.
- 2 Coach Selection: The THC will be nominated by the Commissioner at the conclusion of the player selection meeting.
- a. Coaches will be selected from their current leagues, and Tournament Head Coach (THC) must be a regular season coach or named assistant coach.
  - b. Nominated THC's child should be a regular tournament team player. If no THC is available from this group of players, another regular season coach may be selected, although it does not change their child's status (if applicable) for the tournament team.
  - c. THC will submit names of 2-3 Assistant Coaches to the QVSB Operating Committee for approval.
- 3 Funding: Tournament teams are self-funded, which means sufficient fees must be collected from the players to cover the cost of tournament entry fees and uniforms.
- a. THCs will review the available tournaments and prepare a budget based on entry fees of the expected tournaments, uniform and baseball costs.
  - b. THCs will get estimates of the cost of uniforms that will represent QVSB favorably, but are affordable for the players' families.
  - c. THCs will review the budget with the Commissioner, assistant coaches, and QVSB Treasurer to gain agreement on the total expense and cost per player
  - d. QVSB will pay tournament entry fees up front, but will be fully reimbursed by collections from the players.

- e. THC's will notify each player's family of the total tournament season cost during the initial notification of tournament team selection and will request that the Tournament Team Player & Parent Commitment Letter be signed and returned.
  - f. No players will be allowed to play in a tournament before paying their tournament fees. Also, no tournament player will be allowed to play in a tournament before all past due amounts have been paid to QVSB.
- 4 Tournament Selection: Commissioners (with input from "prospective" THC's) will identify the tournaments available to enter and prepare an initial schedule. THC's will confirm final tournament schedule and coordinate commitment and payment for each tournament fee with QVSB Treasurer. (If needed due to time constraint and/or limited tournament team slots, the Commissioner will make a final commitment & coordinate payment to any concerned tournament)
- a. The Little League World Series Qualifying Tournament may be entered for eligible age groups.
  - b. Tournaments will generally be in driving range of Pittsburgh
  - c. Tournaments where a QV team will be competitive are encouraged, typically "B" tournaments.
  - d. THC's and assistants will have some discretion in selecting tournaments, subject to player availability and funding.