

Gilford Cal Ripken Baseball All Star Player Selection Policy

U12

The purpose of the U12 team is to represent Gilford Cal Ripken Baseball (GCRB) with the most competitive team possible that demonstrates the values of GCRB and provide the young men and women a positive experience.

Any 11 and 12 year who signs a commitment sheet shall be eligible for selection. In the rare event that coaches and/or parents believe that an exceptional 10 year old has the ability and maturity to earn a spot on that team, then the parent/player may petition the board for his/her inclusion in the pool. The board's decision shall be final and reasons for the decision shall not be made public.

In the event that there are more candidates than the head coach of the All Star Team desires to carry (normally 12-15 are carried), a workout shall be held by boardmember(s) not coaching or having a player at that level prior to the voting process. All voting coaches are strongly encouraged to attend. After the workout, two coaches per Major League team will vote by ranking the candidates. In the event that a coach cannot vote, a boardmember with no conflict of interest shall be selected to take his place. To avoid bias, the top and bottom votes received by each player shall be tossed out. The top 12 players receiving the highest rankings shall be selected. To ensure balanced positions (ie sufficient pitchers and catchers for example), the head coach may expand to 15. The 3 potential additional slots shall be at the head coach's discretion.

U10

The purpose of the U10 team is to represent Gilford Cal Ripken Baseball (GCRB) with the most competitive team possible that demonstrates the values of GCRB and provide the young men and women a positive experience. A secondary purpose is to prepare them for the U12 experience.

Depending on demographics and ability that varies year to year, a number of 10 year old players may be playing in Majors. These players see a higher level of baseball prior to All Stars and are typically stronger players than 10 year olds playing at the minor league level. Unlike years past, however, there will be no automatic selection for 10 year old players in majors. .

In the event that there are more candidates than the head coach of the All Star Team desires to carry (normally 12-15 are carried), a workout shall be held by boardmember(s) not coaching or having a player at that level prior to the voting process. The voting pool will be the head coaches (assistant coaches may be substituted) of each major and minor league team for a total of 8. All voting coaches are strongly encouraged to attend. To

avoid bias, the top and bottom votes received by each player shall be tossed out. The 12 players receiving the highest rankings shall be selected. To ensure balanced positions (ie sufficient pitchers and catchers) for example, the head coach may expand to 15. The 3 potential additional slots shall be at the head coach's discretion.

U9

The purpose of the U9 team is to demonstrate the values of GCRB and provide the young men and women a memorable experience. A secondary purpose is to prepare them for the U10 and U12 experience.

Given that the selection of this team is governed by tournament rules, the team is typically composed of 9 year olds with a minimum number of 8 year olds required.

In the event that there are more candidates than the head coach of the All Star Team desires to carry (normally 12-15 are carried), a vote shall be conducted. Two coaches per Minor League team will vote by ranking the candidates. The voting form will clearly show how many voted slots are available for 9 and 8 year olds respectively. To avoid bias, the top and bottom votes received by each player shall be tossed out. The 12 players receiving the highest rankings shall be selected. To ensure balanced positions (ie sufficient pitchers and catchers for example), the head coach may expand to 15. The 3 potential additional slots shall be at the head coach's discretion. In the event that the minimum number of 8 years olds is not obtained from the minor league level, 8 year old players from farm may be selected at the head coach's discretion.

General Notes

Players shall be eligible for one All Star Team only. In the event of injuries or absences, players meeting the other eligibility requirements, may be substituted at Board Discretion.