



Mid-Season All Star Bash Proposal

Goals:

- More Competitive opportunities for skilled players
- Opportunity for coaches to evaluate more kids for All-Stars
- Opportunity for marginal all-stars to demonstrate ability
- Test drive of competitive league ideas for future re scheduling, pitching, formats

Dates: Sunday, April 21 and/or 28th

Format:

2-4 “All Star” teams of 9-year-olds, 2-4 All-Star teams of 10-year-olds.

# of Teams	Format	Notes
2	Scrimmage game	1 game, 2 hours, 6 innings, etc.
3	Round Robin + Championship	4 games total: 3 games on 4/21, 1 game on 4/28
4	Bracket	3 games total, all on 4/21

Selection Priorities:

- All coaches kids (note: we want as many coaches around to use as part of all-star ranking evaluations)
- All returning all-star players
- All returning players ranked in top 24 previous year
- All returning players with 2+ votes last year (outside top 24)
- 1 nomination per team (9 or 10 or both?)
- Additional spots to fill the desired number of teams based on coach nominations in order of current standings.

Numbers:

Selection Method	<u>9u</u>	<u>10u</u>
Coaches Kids	9	7
Returning All Stars*	7	17
Returning Top 24*	3	5
Returning with 2+ votes*	4	5
Total:	23	34

*Note: Each line except ‘Total’ excludes any kids who qualified earlier

That would leave, before any opt-outs:

- ~17 spaces for 9u assuming 40 total, (each team could choose 1 player, with 2 remaining spots)
- ~6 spaces for 10u assuming 40 total. If opt-outs don't allow enough team selections, could go to 5 teams.
- Currently 5 frozen assistant coaches not covered (Bartonx2, Perkinsx1, Carbonex1, Rhodex1), how to handle (one could be covered under coach nomination)

Coaches:

In order of current standings as of April 15th or based on preseason tournament finish (or seniority, or league discretion?). Expand to include assistants if needed.

Team formation:

Teams will be formed by the league with the goal of competitive balance. No consideration will be given to players/coaches coming from the same team, although it may occur coincidentally. A coach's team will include his child, but no assistant coaches are guaranteed. One of the goals is for coaches (whether coaching or not) to see and evaluate more players, and for players to benefit from multiple coaches. (Coaches kids open to different teams?)

Rules (most of these are just for considering, can adjust or drop or add based on feedback):

- No one may pitch more than one inning in any game (*Possible alternatives below*):
 - *ALT: Can't go more than 35 pitches (based on rest rules)*
 - *ALT: 2 innings or <50 pitches (or only for final game, or only with permission of coach)*
 - *ALT: Can start second inning if <35 pitches in first inning (or another number like <20)*
- Rest rules must be followed; however, pitches in this event do not count towards a weekly limit. A pitcher's regular season coach cannot prohibit them from pitching if they qualify based on rest but can require they stay under 35 pitches if the team has a game the next day. (*ALT: Regular Season coach can protect 1 player from pitching in tournament if playing the following day/two days*). Any parent guidance or restrictions related to injury must be followed.
- Cannot catch more than 3 innings in day or in a game (or some other number or restriction)
- Same playing time rules as regular season

Possible rules to promote balance/competition/fairness given that it's a exhibition event:

- Cannot play same position more than 2 consecutive innings.
- Starting pitcher and shortstop bat last in lineup
- League will handle any pickup needs if it extends into second weekend

Awards/incentives if desired?

- If this became regular event, might be cool to get some uniforms with numbers but no names and provide for players to use during the event and then return. Think party animals, bananas, etc.
- Question: Prize for tournament MVP or trophy or name on wall at concession stand (offensive and/or pitching?) Trophy/rings?

Any other rules that are for safety/protection (e.g. pitching) or promote fairness/competitiveness (position/batting restrictions), or incentivize participation (trophies, uniforms, recognition, etc.)?

Could do as Nat Ball format also, depending on number of players/teams.