

LCYO BASEBALL TEAM FORMATION POLICIES:

This document combines a number of prior documents, including Manager Selection Criteria, Wait List Policy, Designated Player Slotting Grid, All-Star Rules, Tournament Team Formation Policy, and the recently approved Draft Process and All-Star Amendment (approved 11/19/02).

Significant departures from prior years are highlighted by italics throughout the document. Please be sure that as a Manager/Coach you are aware of all policies, especially those which may have changed over the past year. Ignorance of new rules will not be an acceptable reason for departures from said rules.

The document is divided into 3 sections according to type of team being considered.

- I) REGULAR SEASON TEAMS
- II) MEMORIAL DAY TOURNAMENT TEAMS
- III) ALL-STAR TEAMS

This document contains Sections II:

II) MEMORIAL DAY TOURNAMENT TEAMS: LCYO does not have an official draft or vote process to select Memorial Day teams. Instead, Coaches interested in taking a Memorial Tournament Team are encouraged to work with other interested Coaches from their division, and under the DIRECT supervision of their Division Directors, to form Memorial Tournament Teams. However, in the interests of upholding LCYO's mission as primarily a recreational league, we have found it necessary in the face of increasing travel-ball commitments to impose some rules to ensure that these highly skilled players maintain a minimum commitment to both their regular season and Memorial Tournament team:

1) In order to be eligible for a Memorial Tournament team, a player must meet the PONY Baseball rule that a player must have participated in 50% of all games he is eligible to play in before being allowed to participate on a post-season tournament (ie All-Star) team. For players not in High School, this means 50% of all games for which the player was not sick or injured or out due to family hardship (e.g. death/serious illness in family). Missing games due to participation in competitive travel ball is considered an eligible game not played for purposes of calculating the % games played. For players in High School, they must participate in 50% of all games remaining AFTER the High School season is concluded, since the player can be on no other team during the High School season. This applies primarily to Colt/Palomino players, which LCYO does not have, and on very RARE occasions to 2nd-yr PONY players who enter high school early.

In addition, LCYO hereby MODIFIES the PONY 50% rule with the following in mind:

- a) *Even if a player has met his 50% obligation, he may be excluded from Memorial Tournament and All-Star Tournament participation if the LCYO Board of Directors determines that participating in such a tournament would be inconsistent with the goals and Mission Statement of LCYO as primarily a recreational baseball league.*
- b) *Examples of reasons which would exclude a player from tournament team consideration include but are not limited to: leaving his team prior to conclusion of the season (including playoffs) due to frustration over a poor season, leaving a team to commit to a competitive team, leaving a team because the player's parent has been disciplined under the LCYO Code of Conduct.*