Coventry Youth Baseball Association

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The following describes Coventry Youth Baseball Association's current process for selecting players to teams to compete in the Little League[®] International Tournament.

First, the criteria for selection must be limited to the following:

- 1. Age
- 2. Participation in 60 percent of the regular season (as of the date the Tournament Teams are announced) in that division.
- 3. Residence, as defined in the Little League Official regulations, Playing Rules, and Policies (or a letter from Regional Headquarters, specifically noting the eligibility of that player for that division in that league and in that year.) Availability refers to whether the candidate will be able to practice and play with the team. Will the player be away on vacation during some or all practices/games? If so, the league may wish to disqualify the player from consideration.

Ability is solely in the opinion of the division coaches making the selections, and is NOT based primarily on statistical information. While statistical information could help form the basis for a voter's opinion, ultimately a voter can vote for any eligible player, for any reason(s).

Coventry Youth Baseball Association has adopted a democratic process that involves managers from the appropriate divisions to select the top 16 players across teams based on the Little League eligibility rules. Every person in every group gets one vote to mitigate charges of favoritism by managers. Although, a tournament team can only carry 15, allowing the top 16 to be chosen allows a pool to be available in the event one of the named players elects to decline to participate. See Figure 1 below.

The players with the most total votes comprise the Tournament Team. The manager has discretion on whether he/she will carry 12 or more up -to 15 max players permitted to participate on the team.

Those players who do not receive enough votes are placed into a pool, should there be a vacancy on the Tournament Team. If a vacancy arises, and the Manager elects to fill it, the player who received the next-most votes is automatically placed on the team after verification of eligibility. However, these players MUST NOT travel with the team and are not covered by Little League Accident Insurance when traveling to and from games.

The announcement of the Tournament Team cannot be before the date specified in the Tournament Rules and Guidelines of the divisions. Although Coventry Youth Baseball has not used tryouts in several years, if tryouts are conducted for the Tournament

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Team, they cannot begin before that date specified. Violation may result in revocation of Tournament privileges by the Tournament Committee in Williamsport.

Figure 1

Coventry Youth Baseball Association All Star Players																
Voters	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	16
	Player															
Manager A	Name															
	Player															
Manager B	Name															
	Player															
Manager C	Name															
	Player															
Manager D	Name															
	Player															
Manager E	Name															
Totals	5	5	5	4	4	4	4	4	3	3	3	3	2	2	1	1