
Bolton Youth Baseball Bolton Little League



Tournament Selection Guide

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Summer Tournament Selection League Structure (June-July)

Teams are generally comprised by the top half of players within an age group and are constructed through a combination of spring manager feedback and/or possible tryouts. For each age bracket there are generally one or two “select” teams competing against other towns through a series of tournaments. Generally BYB fields at least a U12, U11 and U10 All-Star team but others teams may also be assembled based on player, tournament and coach availability. The summer season generally runs from late June through mid July.

Bolton’s summer teams are selected based upon ability (as demonstrated through in-season performance and/or possible player tryouts). For summer play, Bolton Youth Baseball (BYB) is structured into the following play levels:

Summer District and Tournament Teams

| Team Name | Ages | Comments |
|--------------|--------|--|
| U15 | 15/-13 | Plays in one or more invitational tourneys (Northborough and/or Mansfield) |
| U14 | 14/13 | Plays in one or more invitational tourneys (Northborough and/or Mansfield) |
| U13 | 13 | Plays in one or more invitational tourneys (Northborough and/or Mansfield) |
| U12 All-Star | 12/11 | Bolton’s (District 4) entry in the national Little League tournament. May play in additional tournaments. |
| U12 | 12/11 | Additional U12 team depending upon the interest level. May play in one or more invitational tourneys (Northborough, Hopkinton, Holden, Chelmsford, Hudson or Bay State). |
| U11 All-Star | 11/10 | Competes in one or more invitational tourneys (Bay State, Mansfield, Hudson or Chelmsford) |
| U10 All-Star | 10/9 | U10 team competes in one or more invitational tourneys (Clinton, Hopkinton, Holden, Oxford, Auburn, Chelmsford, Hudson or Bay State) |
| U10 | 10/9 | Additional U10 team depending upon the interest level. May play in one or more invitational tourneys. |
| U9 | 9 | Competes in one or more invitational tourneys (Northborough, Shrewsbury, Chelmsford or Hudson) |

Summer Tournament Selection Process

Bolton Youth Baseball (BYB) offers Summer Tournament baseball for kids from 9 to 15 years of age in various age groups. Some or all of the summer tournament teams may be offered depending on player interest, player commitment, strength of program and available qualified coaches.

Teams and Rosters

Tournament Teams are generally comprised by the top half of players within an age group and are constructed through a combination of spring coach feedback and possible try-out. Players are selected based upon ability (as demonstrated through in-season performance). For each age bracket there are generally one or two “select” teams competing against other towns through a series of tournaments. The summer season generally runs from late June through mid July.

Tournament Teams are comprised of players from Bolton Youth Baseball (BYB) Senior, Junior, Majors and Minors Divisions. Teams will be organized **according to age, determined by the player’s age on April 30th**. Each team will endeavor to create a roster of a minimum of 12 players, with the possibility of expanding to a maximum of 14 players, based on the managers and leagues discretion. The coaching staff will consist of one manager and two assistant coaches. The manger will select two assistant coaches after the players have been selected for the respective tournament team.

Player Eligibility

A player is eligible for Bolton Youth Baseball (BYB) summer tournament team if he/she was an active member of Bolton Little League and was included on a roster of a Senior, Junior, Majors or Minors division team in the previous spring season. A player must have participated in 60% or more of his/her team’s games to be eligible for nomination by his/her coach. Tournaments have an age restriction based on their associated league age requirements (ASA, Babe Ruth and Little League) and a player must meet these age requirements to be eligible for that tournament team.

A player is only eligible for inclusion on one summer tournament team at a time.

U15-U13 Team Eligibility

A player must meet the age restrictions or requirements of the tournament. Players may not be older than the invitational tourneys upper age restriction but may be younger. For all U15-U13 year old tournaments players must have been an active member of Bolton Little League and included on a roster of a Senior or Junior division team in the previous spring season. No Major or Minor level players may play in a U13-15 tournament.

U12 Team Eligibility

A player must meet the age restrictions or requirements of the tournament. Players may not be older than Little League age 12 but may be younger. For all U12 year old tournaments players must have been an active member of Bolton Little League and included on a roster of a Majors division team in the previous spring season. No Minor level players may play in a U12 tournament.

U11 Team Eligibility

A player must meet the age restrictions or requirements of the tournament. Players may not be older than Little League age 11 but may be younger. For all U11 year old

tournaments, players must have been an active member of Bolton Little League and included on a roster of a Majors or Minors division team in the previous spring season.

U10 Team Eligibility

A player must meet the age restrictions or requirements of the tournament. Players may not be older than Little League age 10 but may be younger. For all U10 year old tournaments, players must have been an active member of Bolton Little League and included on a roster of a Majors or Minors division team in the previous spring season.

U9 Team Eligibility

A player must meet the age restrictions or requirements of the tournament. Players may not be older than Little League age 9 but may be younger. For all U9 year old tournaments players must have been an active member of Bolton Little League and included on a roster of a Minors level division in the previous spring season. No Instructional level players may play in a U9 tournament.

Tournament Selection Timetable

Prior to the beginning of the season the league Tournament Director will search for tournaments which seem best suited to the players in the league. Options will be presented to the Board of Directors and selection and approval will be made.

Once the tournaments have been selected the Tournament Director will have the information about each tournament posted on the league web-site to alert parents of the timeframe and dates. The league will also send out an email to parents of registered age eligible players indicating that parents should alert coaches of their willingness to have their child considered as a nominee for placement on the tournament team. This email will contain dates of the selected tournaments so that parents can notify coaches of the child's availability to participate. It will also be stated that a full commitment to practice times and tournament game play is expected in order to be considered for placement on the team. Additional information will pertain to uniform costs, travel costs and tournament entry fees, which are carried by individual team members/families. Prior to the selection meeting, coaches should confirm child availability with the parents.

During the course of the regular season – approximately around the second week of May, the Tournament Director will inquire with coaches to compile a list of eligible qualified candidates for each team. The goal is to have teams selected prior to the Memorial Day weekend to allow families to plan summer vacations. This traditionally means the teams will be selected after the fifth or sixth week of the regular season (allowing for approximately 60-70% of the games to have taken place) – shifting the date as far as possible into the season in order to allow players to showcase their current skills level. In selecting the players, coaches should consider all abilities in hitting, fielding and throwing – at tournament execution speed - as well as player attitude. Specific skills in pitching and catching warrant special consideration.

Monitoring Player Selection

The selection process for all teams shall follow the described format. The selection process should be monitored and/or administered by a qualified individual(s) who has no “conflict or interest” in the process. A “conflict or interest” would include a child eligible for selection on the team under consideration. This person shall be the Tournament Selection Monitor. Outcome of the selection should have no bearing on the Tournament Selection Monitor or person related to him/her. Selection of each team may require that a different individual act as Tournament Selection Monitor (TSM) for that process.

A Tournament Director if appointed by the league shall perform the functions of the Tournament Selection Monitor (TSM) in the selection process of each tournament team. This shall be true unless there is a “conflict or interest” and in that case a Tournament Selection Monitor (TSM) will be selected from a qualified pool. The process may be monitored by multiple individuals as long as they meet the “conflict or interest” criteria. Board members are allowed to act as Tournament Selection Monitor (TSM) as long as they meet the “conflict or interest” criteria.

Tournament Player Selection Process (all Teams)

Player selection will be based on a combination of performance during the regular season and the judgment of BYB managers of the players’ ability to perform at “tournament level.” (Note: “tournament level” is meant to convey that players will be able to achieve a level of competitive success when being placed in a situation where there is advanced game speed and level of play typical of a tournament environment). The results of these selections are to be **CONFIDENTIAL** (Players cannot be notified and Birth Certificates obtained) until the designated Little League announcement date each year.

Player selection for each Summer Tournament Team will be done by the corresponding managers at the respective level. For these purposes the eligible voting managers for each team will be comprised of:

- 9U Team - voted on by Minor Division coaches
- 10U Team - voted on by Majors/Minor Division coaches*
- 11U Team - voted on by Major Division coaches
- 12U Team - voted on by Major Division coaches
- 13-15U Team(s) - voted on by Senior/Junior Division coaches

*NOTE: In the event that a 10-year-old is playing in Majors, then the coaching staff of the team that has the 10-year-old player on its roster will alert the 10U tournament head coach and Minor league coordinator and detail the qualifications of that child to be placed on the 10U tournament team.

The selection process begins with the managers of each division nominating a maximum of 7 eligible players from his/her team as he/she feels will best represent Bolton Little League in the Summer Season Tournament. Though not required, nominations should include substantiating rationale (statistics, etc.) to aid in the selection process.

A list of nominated players shall be compiled, listed alphabetically and redistributed to the managers of all division teams on a ballot. Each manager will independently rank the players for inclusion on the team (i.e. 1, 2, 3 thru 15). Ballots will be returned to the individual selected to monitor the process. Players will receive points equal to the ranking received on each manager's ballot (i.e. 1 point for 1st place vote, 2 points for 2nd place vote, etc). The rankings of each manager will be tallied and based on the collective votes of the managers, the players with the lowest ranking will be selected to the team until the roster has 10 players with the ten lowest scores.

The manager together with the President, Player's Agent and Tournament Selection Monitor (TSM) will determine the size of the roster. The rosters must have a minimum of 12 players and a maximum of 14 players. The tournament team manager with assistance from division managers, the Player's Agent, the Tournament Selection Monitor (TSM), and President, will select the last two, three or four players to be added to the roster and will consider evaluations of players by managers, age, attendance, character of the player and skills at specific positions which might be necessary for the team as well as any attributes of a player that will best represent Bolton Little League

A list of "alternates" (if applicable per that tournament) may be chosen from the remaining players in the event that a substitution is required BEFORE the final rosters are submitted to and approved. A substitution may be required in the event that a player will not be able to fulfill his obligation to commit for the duration of the tournament. Notwithstanding the above, the manager with the approval of the Player Agent, Tournament Director, Vice-President and President has the option of adding or removing a player or players under exceptional circumstances. The final roster will be submitted to and approved by the President, Player Agent and Tournament Selection Monitor (TSM).

Player Selection Process (Level Specific Considerations)

U15-U13 Team Selection

Selection of any U15-U13 Tournament team(s) will follow the ***Tournament Player Selection Process***.

U12 Team Selection

Selection of the U12 Tournament team will follow the ***Tournament Player Selection Process***. In the event that the team manager is either the President or Player Agent of the League, the Vice President of the League will be perform as the Player Agent or President for purposes of the selection process.

It is the position of Bolton Little League to give the first opportunity to 12 year old players over 11 year old players if two players are of equal skills since the 11 year old player will have the opportunity to participate in the 11 year old tournament as well as an additional year to make this team.

U11 Team Selection

Selection of the U11 tournament team will take place after the selection of the U12 team. Selection of the U11 Tournament team will follow the ***Tournament Player Selection Process***. All players meeting the eligibility requirements of the U11 Tournament Team will be nominated for placement on the team.

In the event that the team manager is either the President or Player Agent of the League, the Vice President of the League will be perform as the Player Agent or President for purposes of the selection process.

U10 Team Selection

Selection of the U10 tournament team will take place after the selection of the U12 and U11 teams. Selection of the U10 Tournament team will follow the ***Tournament Player Selection Process***. All players meeting the eligibility requirements of the U10 Tournament Team will be nominated for placement on the team.

In the event that the team manager is either the President or Player Agent of the League, the Vice President of the League will be perform as the Player Agent or President for purposes of the selection process.

U9 Team Selection

Selection of the U9 tournament team will take place after the selection of the U12, U11 and U10 teams. Selection of the U9 Tournament team will follow the ***Tournament Player Selection Process***. All players meeting the eligibility requirements of the U9 Tournament Team will be nomination for placement on the team.

In the event that the team manager is either the President or Player Agent of the League, the Vice President of the League will be perform as the Player Agent or President for purposes of the selection process.

Coach Selection Format

Managers for all summer tournament teams will be selected by the President, Vice-President, Player's Agent and Summer Tournament Director (if one is appointed by the board).

In order for managers or coaches to be considered for tournament coaching staffs they must have been coaches during the regular season. Managers and coaches who are interested in being selected by the tournament team must make this known as part of the regular season coaching selection process. Interested candidates should contact the respective league coordinators and make their interest known, as regular season coaching staffs are projected to be finalized by the first week in March.

Factors which will be considered when selecting managers include the following:

(1) Experience of the coach; (2) Parental feedback based upon previous experiences with the coach; (3) How the coach interacts with players, parents and other coaches or umpires; (4) Any negative experiences or encounters the coach has had with other coaches or umpires during the season; (5) That the coach will positively represent the league in tournament play.

