

All-Star Team Selection Guidance

1 Purpose of this Document

This document details the All-star team selection procedures to be followed by SYA Basketball House Leagues.

2 SYA All-Star Team Philosophy

At the end of the regular season, we select players for all-star games to recognize their achievements throughout the season. SYA Basketball participates in 3 distinct All-star events. No player may participate in more than one of these events.

1. **Turnpike Tourney** – This Invitational Tournament is hosted by the Turnpike Basketball Club, a club located near Little River Turnpike in Fairfax City. The tournament is designed for youth house league all-star teams only. Boys and girls teams will compete in teams “under” 14, 12 and 10. (Age as of October 1, 2002). Games start on Saturday, March 15th and end on Saturday March 22nd. For more information visit the site www.eteamz.com/TurnpikeBasketball/. SYA will enter 9 teams in the Turnpike tournament. Each team will have 10 players.
2. **House All-Stars** – In addition to the Turnpike All-Star teams, SYA offers in-house All-Star games. All Star teams will be formed for 5th grade through High School house leagues except for Girls 5th, Girls 7th, and Girls High School. 20 Teams will be formed in these leagues. Each team will have 10 players.
3. **4th Grade House All-Stars** – SYA runs a round-robin style tournament for 4th grade players. We created this tournament format to expand the number of teams, players, and games. The goal here is to recognize the achievement of the better players, as well as expose this group to a more competitive game – both in teammates and opponents. These players form the core of our 10 Year-old Select Teams in the summer and next fall – the sooner they experience a competitive environment the better it is for them and our program.

LEAGUE	Turnpike Tourney	House All-Stars
G4		4 teams
G5	2 teams	
G6		2 teams
G7	2 teams	
G8		2 teams
GHS		none
B4		4 teams (2N & 2S)
B5	2 teams (1N & 1S)	2 teams (1N & 1S)
B6		4 teams (2N & 2S)
B7	2 teams (1N & 1S)	2 teams (1N & 1S)
B8		4 teams (2N & 2S)
B9-10	1 team	2 teams
B11-12		2 teams

Summary of SYA All-Star Teams to be formed in 2003.

3 Coach Selection

Each league commissioner will select his or her All-Star coaches. The ideal All-Star coach will be a gifted teacher, passionate about basketball, and an upholder of the SYA code of conduct. The selection process is up to the league commissioner, but the following process is recommended:

1. League commissioner solicits volunteers from existing coaches in this league.
2. Candidate coaches are presented to the coaches for comment (via e-mail, voice, phone, or in-person).
3. The commissioner may remove candidates who have violated the SYA code of conduct or have not demonstrated proficiency in communicating basic basketball skills. Commissioners should provide an

explanation to any coach removed from consideration. The coach with the best record may or may not be the best All-Star coach.

4. Once all comments are collected, the commissioner should select a slate of coaches and present this recommendation back to the coaches in this league.
5. The league commissioner shall select the All-Star coaches and notify the league as soon as possible.

RULE: All Star-Coaches must be head coaches from this league.

Pragmatically – sometimes we have too many coaches, sometimes too few. It’s up to the commissioner to select the best possible coach, and if need-be, ask coaches to work together on a team.

4 All-Star Schedule and Player Commitment

All-Star games will be held in mid-March. We recognize that this is a busy time. With spring break, religious holidays, and other sports, many players may not be able to participate. We ask that coaches only nominate players who can commit to attending all All-Star games. The following table summarizes the time commitments needed for the 2002 All-Star games. In addition, the Turnpike All-Star teams will have one or more practices.

All-Star Event	Dates
4 th Grade Round Robin Tournament	Saturday March 16 th ; Tuesday, March 19 th ; and Thursday, March 21 st
House League All-Star Games	Sunday, March 17 th
Turnpike Tournaments	Saturday March 16 th through Saturday, March 23 rd . NOTE: Games are scheduled for Sunday, March 17 th .

5 Player Selection

The following process is to be used for the selection of players for all-star teams.

1. Every team coach (4th through HS) will nominate one to three players for All-Star consideration. Coaches should verify that nominated players can participate on the above dates.
2. League commissioners will pass the nominations to the All-Star coaches.
3. All-Star coaches will scout players at games.
In leagues with multiple teams, House All-Star coaches will be assigned a set of teams from which to scout. One All-Star coach will select from the “odds” - teams finishing 1st, 3rd, 5th, etc. The other coach will choose from the “evens” – teams finishing 2nd, 4th, 6th, etc.
4. If the league is fielding both a Turnpike and a House-league team, the Turnpike coaches will select first. Commissioners will track this information.
5. All teams must be 10 players (no more, no less).
6. Every House All-Star coach must select at least one player from each team they were assigned to scout.
It is recommended but not required that the 4th grade and Turnpike tourney coaches select at least one player from every team.

Players nominated but not selected by an All-Star coach should not discover this fact. Please be careful with this information.

Tryouts for TurnPike team. We may hold a combined tryout for Turnpike teams with the players not selected being left for the house league team.