



**Lone Star  
Amateur Baseball  
Association**

**PLAYOFF CRITERIA - 2011**

**The following criteria are used by the Lone Star Amateur Baseball Association to allocate play-off slots:**

1. Teams must have played a minimum of 85% of the league schedule and must have played all of the scheduled games against the teams in contention for playoff spots. Teams must have a league record of above .500 to be considered for playoff spots.
2. Allocation of playoff slots is determined first by division then by your season record vis-à-vis the other teams in your division. Teams in the first division will be allocated choices based on their won-loss percentage. First choice goes to the team with the best won-loss percentage; second choice goes to the team with the second best won-loss percentage; etc. Teams in the second division will be allocated playoff spots based on their won-loss percentage as those spots are available. Teams in the third division will be allocated playoff slots based on their won-loss percentage as those spots are available. Younger age teams (15's and 17's) or high school teams will be allocated spots in age pure playoffs or high school playoffs based on their won-loss percentage versus teams in their own age group.
3. No team will be allowed to use a Lone Star seat if it has qualified for post season play through some other avenue (i.e., you will not be allocated a Lone Star seat if you have qualified through USSSA sanctioned play, or through some similar format outside league play).
4. For AABC play, any team wishing to advance to a state tournament may do so. Each team advancing will pay the entry fee for their respective tournament. For teams wishing to pursue AAU playoffs, we can provide the registration fees for those teams meeting the criteria above.

**16U –**

Unlimited number of AABC Mickey Mantle slots (each team will pay tournament fee for those meeting the criteria in #'s 1 and 2 above)

**18U –**

Unlimited number of AABC Connie Mack slots (each team will pay tournament fee for those meeting the criteria in #'s 1 and 2 above)

**All AABC state tournaments are July 14-17 at various locations in the state.**

As a general rule, the league provides playoff spots for all the teams who meet the criteria and want to go to post-season play. In the event two teams have the same won-loss percentage, then tie breakers will be head-to-head first, strength of schedule (to be determined by the executive committee), then coin flip if schedules are equal.

**Drafting for AABC play-off bound teams will occur at the conclusion of the league schedule.** The site for the draft will be published the preceding week. Drafting gets a little difficult with so many teams in playoffs. Lone Star rules prohibit you from drafting a player from a team in post-season play until that team has been eliminated. Drafting is done in order of finish: best record drafts first, second best record drafts second, etc.

AABC has added two national qualifying tournaments for the Connie Mack World in Farmington, NM. Information on Mickey Mantle and Connie Mack World Series Qualifiers is at [www.aabc.us](http://www.aabc.us) or [www.texasaabc.com](http://www.texasaabc.com).