

Northumberland Baseball Association (NBA)

House League Select Policy/Procedural Statement

A House-League Select Team (HSL) is a Team formed from House League and made up of players selected from teams in an affiliated House League. Players must participate in their Associations House League program to be eligible for House League Select. Select games are optional and in addition to House League requirements.

The coach that is chosen after interviews to be the Select coach must first be a coach of one of the House League teams. As well the select coach will convene the house league with the support of the Vice President (VP) of House League. Duties will include helping balance teams, trouble shoot issues, communicating with House League parents etc. Coaching both Select and House league will provide this person with the most contact with House League parents and players and therefore the logical choice to be the convenor. Scheduling will be the primary responsibility of VP of House League in conjunction with convenors.

House League Select is a bridge between House League and Rep baseball. The NBA does not have the player numbers to support a Dedicated Select program.

All House League players are invited to try out for HLS for a particular age group. Tryouts are generally in the Spring (April). Select tryouts will be linked with overall house league development. If a player is chosen and agrees to join HLS team the player still plays with their House League team as well as select. House League is a pre-requisite of HLS and as such takes precedence. All HLS players must attend all House League practices and games as well as HLS games and practices. If a HLS player begins to miss House League activities but continues to fully attend HLS activities they could face suspension from the Select team. This will be managed by the VP of House League in consultation with the convenor.

House League Teams should be formed with equal representation from HLS players. Therefore the House League teams will hopefully have some form of parity with each other. Assistant coaches from HLS should be spread out among House League teams to further support house league player development.

HLS gives players a chance to further develop their leadership skills by supporting the development of all House League players. It also gives them an opportunity to play a variety of positions on their House league team that they may not play in HLS. This furthers their own development and enhances the House League play for all players.

HLS baseball regular season typically starts last weekend in May and ends mid-August. There are typically nine or ten regular season games, and a few exhibition games. HLS teams typically play between one to three tournaments, and practice once or twice per week. HLS teams typically play their games on Saturdays and Sundays but not in all cases. No HLS activities will conflict with any House League activities.

Please note that while our objective is to supply the House League age group with the opportunities to engage in additional on field competition through the HSL program ; this availability is subject to having enough players to safely create and facilitate those teams. The decision to move forward with Select Teams will be at the discretion of the NBA executive.