

William Whelan Award

In deciding who you believe deserves the award, you should consider the following guidelines:

- The award should go to the 12-year-old player who, in your opinion, represents all the best qualities about Little League,
- A player who is good leader,
- A player who is a good teammate,
- A player who displays the proper respect for teammates, opponents, coaches and umpires, **and the game of baseball**
- A player who loves to play baseball
- **A player who always displays good sportsmanship**
- A player, who may not necessarily be one of the best players in the league, but who is dedicated to improving as a baseball player and who always hustles, and
- A player you admire and look up to

Voting procedures

- All Major League Managers, with input from assistant coaches, will cast a vote (**50 percent of the vote?**)
- All players in the Major Leagues at the time of the vote may vote (**50 percent of the vote?**)
- If 2 individuals tie, 2 players shall receive the award
- If more than 2 individuals tie, the Hamilton Wenham Little League Board will vote to break a tie (preferably eliminating all but one recipient)
- The ballots will be anonymous as to individual name and as to team
- The Ballots will include the guidelines and the description provided by the Whelan family to provide the voters context and criteria
- The Ballots will include a space for the voter to write in the name of selected player, their team, and a brief description as to why they are being selected to allow the voter to convey a story or examples that represent why that player is being selected. This would also allow some concrete examples to be conveyed during the award ceremony.
- Each voter will select a player from their team and a player from another team
- No absentee balloting
- The ballots will be handed out and completed at the same time as the Williamsport player ballots
- Individual Managers, or coach in his absence, should ensure that each player only casts one ballot
- The Manager, or coach in his absence, shall collect the ballots and provide all ballots to HWLL Board
- The ballots will be counted by a HWLL Board member who was not eligible to cast a vote

Past Recipients

- 2013 - Billy Whelan
- 2014 - Connor O'Holleran
- 2015 – Marty Cooke
- 2016 - Kevin Murphy
- 2017 – Eli Labell