

WEST VALLEY LITTLE LEAGUE ALL-STARS SELECTION PROCESS

The Little League All-Star tournament is a competitive post-season competition where All-Star teams from each league compete for a District Championship. Baseball and softball All-Star teams advance to the State tournament and, if they continue winning, Regionals and finally the Little League World Series in Williamsport, PA (for baseball – softball World Series are in a different city each year). The All-Star experience is Little League's most competitive program and quite different from the normal spring program because the goal is to be more competitive and advance to the next level. Although all-stars is more competitive, sportsmanship will always take precedence over winning!

GOVERNING RULES

The Little League All-Star program is governed by the official Little League Baseball *Tournament Rules and Guidelines*.

TEAMS

There are 3 teams to be selected in this particular order:

- 12 year old team (consists of 10/11/12)
- 10 year old team (consists of 8/9/10)
- 11 year old team (consists of 9/10/11)

MANAGER

The manager of each prospective all-star team will be selected in a public forum consisting of other managers and coaches from the current year. To be eligible to be the all-star coach or manager, the individual must have managed or coached in West Valley Little League (WVLL) for that current year. All managers and coaches will be notified of this meeting by email & the league website. The manager selection process will be done approximately halfway through the regular season. This will give the manager the opportunity to watch potential players and talk with other coaches for their opinion on prospective players. This is in no way a time for managers to recruit players to their prospective teams. If a manager is suspected of recruitment, West Valley Little League Board will conduct an investigation and may disqualify the manager from managing the team.

The process of selecting the manager will be as follows, a person may be nominated or may nominate themselves. Nominations will be collected at the coach's all-star selection meeting. An individual can also be nominated by texting or calling the player agent prior to the meeting.

Once all nominations are in, the manager will be selected by the manager and coaches of our division teams. Each manager and coach will be able to one vote for the person they feel is the most competent for the position of manager. For the 11 and 12 year old teams, votes will be taken from all managers and coaches in the major league division. For our 10 year old team, the votes will be cast by our minor league division.

One exception to this rule is if a 10 year old parent coaches in the major league division, they will be able to cast their vote for their child's age team.

The person that collects the most votes will be selected as the team manager for that year.

First Coach

Once the manager is selected, the first coach will then be voted in. We will use the same procedure for selecting first coach as was used to select our manager. Again, the first coach must have been a manager or coach of one our regular season teams to be eligible.

Second Coach

The second coach will be chosen by the manager of that age division. The second coach does not go through the voting process but still has to have been a manager or coach during the current year.

Exception

Beside for managing or coaching during the given year to be eligible for all-star managing or coaching, if a manager or coach is ejected during a WVLL game, they will have to go before the executive board and explain their actions. The board of WVLL will decide if they will be allowed to manage or coach an all-star team. A second ejection will be an automatic disqualification from coaching an all-star team.

Player Selection

To form the most highly skilled and competitive team possible, players will be nominated by division managers and coaches based upon the following criteria:

- Skills as evidenced by the players' performance during the season;
- Sportsmanship, conduct, personality and attitude as evidenced by the players' performance during the season;
- Availability of the players and his/her families to meet commitments required of All-Stars;
- Factors that may reflect upon a candidate's fitness and ability to play on an all-star team.

To be eligible all-star team candidates:

1. Must be nominated for their prospective age classification.
2. Must have played in at least 60% of their team's regular season games throughout the season.
3. Play for the age classification they are selected. If a player is chosen by a certain age classification, they will not be allowed to participate in other age classifications without WVLL executive board approval.

Roster Size

Teams will consist of 12-14 players unless a smaller/larger number is authorized by the League. It is the manager of the team's discretion on how many players are chosen for the team.

Selection Process

The players of each prospective all-star team will be nominated in a public forum consisting of executive board members, managers and coaches from the current year at the conclusion of the regular season. Players will be nominated by the managers and coaches of all the regular season teams. Players can be nominated by any manager or coach from any team. Players will be nominated at the meeting or by notifying the player agent prior to the meeting. During the nomination process, the person that is making the nomination can add information that they feel is pertinent to their player being selected. Once all the nominations are in, all other managers and coaches will leave the meeting. The manager, first and second coach from the 3 prospective age divisions will select the all-star teams. It is ultimately the final decision of the all-star manager to select the players. However it is highly recommended that the all-star manager and coaches get out and watch players during the season and talk with the regular season coaches about prospective players to get valuable insight.

PLAYER NOTIFICATION

Players will be notified by their Tournament Team Manager on the date indicated in the Little League Green Book.

For our 12 year old players that were nominated and not selected for the 12 year old team, they will receive an all-star hat for their efforts.

Juniors division

Our junior division will follow the same format as our 10, 11, and 12 year old teams.

Conclusion

All-stars is a privilege for managers, coaches and players to showcase their talents against other little leagues. It is however not a right and preserving the integrity of West Valley Little League is our primary objective. Please remember that sportsmanship and positive effort is our main objective. Please represent our league in a positive manner. Any situation that jeopardizes our leagues integrity will be evaluated by WVLL executive board and subject to change.