



Lake Stevens Little League All-Star Eligibility & Selection Process for Baseball & Softball

Eligibility

Eligible players are any player who has participated as an eligible player in 8 regular season games as of May 15th and attended the tryout offered by each player's respective division at the beginning of the season. The tryout requirement may be waived for individual player(s) with approval of the Board.

Exception: A player who is unable to participate in a number of local league regular season games because of participation in a school baseball program will receive an adjustment on the minimum participation in games. (Example of the Exception: Team played 20 regular season games before June 15, and a player missed 10 games because of participation in a school baseball program, that player is required to have participated in only six regular season games.)

Players may indicate a personal preference for the team(s) they wish to be considered for. However, LSLL reserves the right to place players on the team that best serves the league's ability to field competitive teams.

Divisions that make up the All-Star team for Baseball and Softball:

- 8, 9 and 10-year-olds from Majors or Minors (commonly referred to as the 10-year-old All-Star team)
- 9, 10 and 11-year-olds from Majors or Minors* (commonly referred to as the 11-year-old All-Star team)
- 10, 11 and 12-year-olds from Majors only (commonly referred to as the 12-year-old All-Star team)
- 11, 12 and 13-year-olds from Intermediate (commonly referred to as the Intermediate All-Star team)
- 12, 13 and 14-year-olds from Juniors or Seniors (commonly referred to as the Juniors All-Star team)
- 14, 15,16-year-olds from Big League, Juniors or Seniors (commonly referred to as the Seniors All-Star team)
- 15, 16, 17 and 18-year-olds from Big League or Senior League (commonly referred to as the Big-League All-Star team)

Player Commitment

The All-Star commitment runs from early June to potentially mid-August. Players are expected to attend six practices a week (or as scheduled by the manager) before the start of tournaments and will attend all games. Any potential conflicts known in advance MUST be communicated to the the All-Star manager. Conflicts that occur after the teams are selected is submitted must be sent via e-mail to the manager and the league player agent. Players who miss All-Star games or practices may be removed from the team by the manager with approval from the President or Vice-President in charge of either baseball or softball operations.

Manager Selection

Managers and coaches must have been a manager or coach on the team roster of the division (as defined by Little League International) for which they are applying during the regular season. For example, the manager of the 11/12 All-Star baseball and softball teams and also the 10/11 baseball team must have been a manager or coach in

the Majors Division. For 9/10 baseball and softball and 10/11 softball, the manager must have been a manager or coach in the Majors or Minors divisions. Candidates will provide a letter of interest in managing an All-Star team to the All-Star manager selection committee by April 15th. The All-Star manager selection committee will be comprised of the Vice President of the corresponding program i.e. baseball or softball, the programs Player Agent and one other board members as designated by the President (unless one of the committee members has applied to be a team manager in which case they will be replaced by either the President or another board member or manager chosen by the President). After reviewing the letter of interest, the committee will interview interested candidates either in person or remotely during the first week of May. After interviews, evaluating the letters of interest and the candidates, the committee will recommend a manager by April 30th. After the All-Star teams managers are named, each manager will submit his or her request of two coaches to the committee who will then select and appoint two coaches to each All-Star team. The committee will take into consideration the managers request but can select the two coaches from any of the interested qualified managers.

Player Selection for the 12-year-old All-Star Team

1. By May 10th the Player Agent or Secretary will prepare ballots which contain the names of all eligible players for the 12-year-old All-Star team. The Player Agent will clearly communicate the voting process to the managers in the major division to be relayed to the players.
2. Major players and managers will vote for a maximum of 12 players on the ballot. The voting process, which will take place during the team's first major game on or directly after May 15th. The ballots will be placed in an envelope and sealed by the teams' managers and returned promptly. The manager of each team will sign across the seal of the envelope containing his or her team's ballots.
3. The votes will be counted as soon as all are received, as close to May 15th as possible, by 2 people who do not have a vested interest in this team (their child is not on the ballot and they are not a manager of the team). This may be the Player Agent, President or other Board members as needed.
4. The 3 players who received the most votes from the players and 3 players who received the most vote from the coaches are the first on the team.
5. The Allstar manager and coaches will choose the remaining players with input from coaches, the baseball VP and the player agent until the roster is complete, ideally 12 players.

Player Selection for the 11-year-old All-Star Team

1. By May 10th the Player Agent or Secretary will prepare ballots which contain the names of all eligible players for the 11-year-old All-Star team. The Player Agent will clearly communicate the voting process to the managers in the major division to be relayed to the players.
2. Major players and managers will vote for a maximum of 12 players on the ballot. The voting process, which will take place during the team's first major game on or directly after May 15th. The ballots will be placed in an envelope and sealed by the team managers and returned promptly. The manager of each team will sign across the seal of the envelope containing his or her team's ballots.
3. The votes will be counted as soon as all are received, as close to May 15th as possible, by 2 people who do not have a vested interest in this team (their child is not on the ballot, and they are not a manager of the team). This may be the Player Agent, President or other Board members as needed.
4. The 3 players who received the most votes from the players and 3 players who received the most vote from the coaches are the first on the team.
5. A pool of potential All Stars will be created from the teams within the AAA Divisions and all 11-year-olds who were in the major league division. Potentially each AAA team could nominate three players selected by the managers and coaches, but it is encouraged to only nominate players that have demonstrated the ability to be competitive at the All-Star level

6. All nominees will go through tryout either on or as soon after May 15th as possible. By limiting the total number of potential nominees, it will enable a more thorough tryout. Volunteers from within the League and from the Board will run the tryouts so the All-Star manager can observe and evaluate.
7. The All-Star manager will select a team from the eligible player pool with input from coaches, the baseball VP and the player agent. All the 11's in the major get an automatic invite to try out for the All-Star team but are not guaranteed a roster spot. The suggested roster size would be 12 players.

Player Selection for the 10-year-old All-Star Team

1. A pool of potential All Stars will be created from the teams within the AAA Divisions and all 10-year-old who were in the major league division. The target number of players should be between 25-30 AAA players plus the 10s in the majors.
2. The number of nominees per team will be determined by the number of teams in AAA but potentially each team will nominate three players. One of the nominees from each AAA team must be voted in by the players on their team via vote taken by May 10th. This vote will be conducted by the team manager. The remaining nominees will be selected by the team's managers and their staff. This process will be clearly presented by the player agent to the managers.
3. All nominees will go through a tryout to be held in the middle of May, no sooner than May 15th but as close to that date as possible. Volunteers from within the League and from the Board will run the tryouts so the All-Star manager can observe and evaluate.
4. The All-Star manager and coaches will select a team from the eligible player pool with input from coaches, the baseball VP and the player agent. While all the 10's in the major get an automatic invite to try out for the All-Star team they are not guaranteed a roster spot. The suggested roster limit would be 12 players.

Player Selection for Softball All-Star Teams

1. Majors coaches will each get to choose 3 players for the team
2. Coaches will meet with the VP of Softball to decide the remaining players for the team.
3. Girls interested in participating in All-Star softball 11/10/9 and 10/9/8 division will be required to try out after no earlier than May 15th but as close to that date as possible.
4. The All-Star manager will select their team based on the tryout. They will have input from all minors coaches, softball VP and the player agent.

Exception to the All-Star Selection Process

It is the intent of Lake Stevens Little League to field competitive All-Star teams for every age group. However, the President, Vice President of the corresponding division and the Player Agent may combine one or more age groups when it is deemed necessary, for the 10 and 11-year-old All-Star teams. Information will be provided to all parents of tryout participants explaining that tryouts are only one part of the All-Star selection process, and tryout results are not likely to supersede an entire regular-season's body of work.

