

Tournament Player and Family Commitment

Oxford Little League provides players the opportunity to participate in both Little League International Sanctioned Tournaments (i.e., Williamsport Tournaments) as well as District 5 Sanctioned Local Tournaments following the end of the regular season. Collectively the Williamsport and District 5 tournament players are referred to as “All-Stars”. These tournaments are comprised of teams from throughout the district. These highly competitive tournaments provide an extraordinary learning experience for each of the participants. It is considered an honor to represent Oxford Little League as a Player, Manager or Coach in these tournaments. The requirements for participation on a Tournament Team are as follows:

Eligibility Requirements

1. The player and parent/guardian must live within the boundaries of Oxford Little League for the 2014 season, or have a previously approved waiver stating that eligibility for the Tournament Team has been granted.
2. The player must have participated in at least 60% of the regular season games; excluding school related (Middle or High School) baseball teams.
3. The player must be available for practices, games, and activities and will continue until the Tournament Team either wins their final tournament championship or is eliminated.
4. If selected to a Tournament Team, the parent/guardian agrees to make available their child's official Birth Certificate and required residency documents needed by Little League International to verify residency within the boundaries of Oxford Little League.
5. The parent/guardian must also understand that there is a fee associated with playing on the Tournament Team to help cover the cost of uniforms and tournament entry fees. The fee will be established annually by the OLL Board of Directors.
6. Parents/guardians must also commit to assisting if necessary with all league activities during the Tournament period, including field maintenance, volunteering for concession duty, clean up activities, similar to the regular Little League season.
7. Eligibility for each specific team is as follows:

Tournament Teams Eligibility Table	
Tournament Team	Eligible Players
Senior League*	15 & 16 Y/O Players
Junior League*	13 & 14 Y/O Players
Major League*	11 & 12 Y/O Players who participated in the Major Division during the regular season
11 Year Old Tournament Team	11 Y/O Players who participated in the Major Division during the regular season**
10 Year Old Tournament Team	10 Y/O Players who participated in the Major Division and AAA Division during the regular season**
9 Year Old Tournament Team	8 & 9 Y/O Players who participated in the AAA Division during the regular season

*Little League International Tournament Teams (i.e., Williamsport)

** If there are not enough players at this age group in the Major Division then the Tournament Team Manager may select players from the AAA Division to complete this roster. It is Oxford Little League's policy to field the Major Division teams first and then the AAA Division teams. If only enough players exist to support 1 Tournament Team, the Board of Directors will make the final decision but preference will be given to the Major Division.

Qualities of a Tournament Player

The following criteria are utilized for selection. It is the expectation that players will continue to demonstrate these qualities throughout the tournament process.

1. Exemplifies the "Good Sport" attitudes and team spirit that Little League requires. Possesses and has consistently demonstrated a positive attitude, effort, and team commitment throughout the season.
2. Shows the highest and most consistent ability when executing baseball fundamentals.
3. Is skilled at playing more than one position.

Commitment to Participation

Tournament teams require a commitment from each player and their parents to ensure that everyone who is selected for consideration understands the level of participation required.

1. Players are required to attend scheduled practices.
2. Excused absences include medical, family emergency or school/education related functions. Other absences are unexcused unless approved by the Team Manager. Absences for family vacation this time of year are not considered excused.
3. Parents and Players should understand the Tournament Season will begin immediately after the regular season and may extend to the end of July or longer for teams in a Little League International Tournament.

Minimum Play

During tournament play Oxford Little League strives to put its best team forward to compete against similar teams within our district boundaries. At some levels the tournament champion has the opportunity to compete beyond the boundaries of our District and potentially to the Little League World Series. To that end, putting the "best team" on the field at all times is a priority and playing time may not be equal among all the players. **Players may only see the minimum playing time as defined by Little League International or local rules for tournament play and agree that this is acceptable.**

Player Selection Process

Each official Manager and Coach (as recognized by the OLL Board of Directors) will receive a ballot for the tournament teams in their respective division. The ballot will contain the names of all players that have met the player Eligibility Requirements and fall into the age group / division qualifications listed in the Tournament Teams Eligibility Table. Each voting Manager/Coach will confidentially select up to 12 players on each ballot they receive.

At the Major Division and above the players will also participate in the selection process. Players will receive a ballot for the tournament teams which they are eligible and can confidentially pick up to 12 players for that team. *The Players Ballots will be tallied and the top 12 selections will be circled on one ballot and placed in the Manager/Coach ballot box to count the same as 1 Manager/Coach ballot.*

Once all of the Manager/Coach ballots are cast the votes are tallied and the top 10 vote getters for each tournament team (provided they met eligibility requirements) will be placed on the team. The Tournament Team Manager will then select a minimum of 2 additional players for the team.

Manager Selection Process

Subject to Little League International rules, anyone who was a Manager or Coach during the regular season is eligible to manage a Tournament Team. Interested persons must submit a written request by May 31st to the

League President indicating their interest in being a manager along with a summary of why he / she is qualified. The OLL Board of Directors will vote on the nominees to make the selection.