



2026 Northern Lights Little League All-Star Selection Policy and Process

I. Definitions

Selection Committee

A Selection Committee is a group of no more than five individuals responsible for assisting in the unbiased selection of an All-Star team.

The Committee must include two members independent of the division they are evaluating. Eligible members may include:

- NLLL community members
- Independent external members (e.g., high school coaches or players)
- NLLL Board members
- Team managers or assistant coaches

The following individuals are not eligible to serve on a Selection Committee for a given division:

- Any manager or coach with a conflict within that division
- Any parent with a child participating in that division
- Any selected All-Star team managers

The board may establish a Selection Committee for each division with at least two teams and for which it intends to establish an all-star team.

Assessment Form

Each Selection Committee will generate an Assessment Form as a standardized evaluation document. The form may be used by the committee to collect feedback from team

managers regarding, and for use during the tryout process. At a minimum, the form should include:

- Player name and jersey number
- Overall player ability
- Positional strengths and weaknesses
- Pitching/Catching assessment (if applicable)
- Attitude and sportsmanship
- Coachability

Parent Availability Form

A Parent Availability Form must be completed by the parent or guardian of each nominated player for All-Star selection. The form must be submitted in order for the player to attend all-star tryouts:

- The player and family will be fully available for all District and State tournament games, if selected.
- All-Star teams are competitive teams. While every player will bat in each game, defensive playing time will not necessarily be equal, and some players may have limited field time.

Note: All-Star team managers will be formally selected on or as soon as practicable after May 15, 2026.

II. All Star Selection Process

Phase 1 – Formation and Duties of Selection Committees

The **League President** shall designate a Chair for each Selection Committee. Board members may submit nominations prior to this date.

Selection Committee members should collaborate on the process design tailored to their specific division, including revision of the Assessment Form, collection of coach feedback on nominated players, and format of the targeted tryout for the division. Committee members are encouraged to actively observe nominated players in game situations to enable more holistic decisions following tryouts. The selection committee members will evaluate players on:

Phase 2 – Initial Player Identification

1. Each team will nominate **up to six players** through a collaborative discussion involving:
 - a. Team managers
 - b. Assistant coaches
 - c. Players
2. The team manager will submit the six nominated players to the Chair of the appropriate Selection Committee along with:
 - a. A completed **Assessment Form** for each player
 - b. A completed **Parent Availability Form** for each player
3. If a form has not been submitted, the player will be rendered ineligible to tryout and be removed from consideration.
4. Players will then be distributed to the appropriate Selection Committee based on age eligibility.

Phase 3 – Selection Committee Review of Initial Information

Each Selection Committee will review:

- Assessment Forms
- Observations gathered from in-person game evaluations

The Committee will determine whether sufficient information exists to select a balanced All-Star roster capable of fielding all necessary positions.

The goal is to assemble the **best overall team composition (e.g. a balanced team and not a team full of great shortstops)**, rather than simply selecting the top individual players at a single position.

Phase 4 – Targeted Tryout

The Selection Committee will organize and conduct a **targeted tryout** involving all nominated players. The purpose of the tryout is to gather additional information needed to make informed roster decisions. The tryout length and format may vary across divisions.

In cases where **age eligibility overlaps**, multiple Selection Committees may conduct **joint evaluations**. This is most likely to occur with **11-year-old players and the Major Division**.

Phase 5 – Final All-Star Team Selection

The **Selection Committee** and the **appointed All-Star Team Manager** will meet to jointly select the All-Star roster based on all information received.

Where age eligibility overlaps, multiple Selection Committees may meet together to ensure appropriate roster decisions.

The **Chair of the Selection Committee** will establish the specific voting or decision-making procedures for the final selection meeting.

If the Selection Committee and selected All-Star team manager are **unable to reach a final decision**, the **League President will make the final determination**.

III. Mandatory Requirements for Each All-Star Team

The following requirements must be met for any NLLL All-Star team in accordance with Little League, local league, and District policies:

1. Minimum Roster Size

- Each All-Star team must include a minimum of twelve (12) players on the official roster, in accordance with Little League and District policy.

2. Selection Timeline

- All-Star teams may not be formally selected prior to May 15, 2026, in accordance with Little League policy.

3. Player Participation Requirements

- Each selected player must have participated in at least eight (8) Little League regular-season games prior to the completion of All-Star documentation.
- Each team represented by selected players must have played a minimum of twelve (12) Little League regular-season games before All-Star paperwork is finalized (typically in early June).
- Participation waivers may be granted in cases of verified injury, consistent with Little League rules and District policies.

4. 10U Team Limitation

- Based on a vote of the District Presidents, leagues are not permitted to field two (2) 10U All-Star teams. This limitation is due to scheduling constraints at the Boulder tournament complex.

5. Weekend Tournament Team Participation Limit

- In accordance with District policy, an All-Star roster may not include more than nine (9) players who participated on the same weekend tournament team if that participation occurred after the May 15, 2026, formal announcement of All-Star teams.