



GLENWOOD LITTLE LEAGUE

“All-Star Rules”

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Basic Information

What is All-Star's?

Every year Little League holds a tournament that extends into the last week of August, and the Major (Little League) level of this tournament is nationally televised. The teams that play in this tournament come from local Little Leagues all across the world. These teams are not regular season Little League teams, but rather All-Star teams that are made up of the best player and/or team that each league can field. The tournament starts out at the District level and progresses step-by-step through the tournament sequence from Districts, to State, to Divisional, to Regional, and then to the World Series, for the teams that have been fortunate enough to keep winning at every step.

NOTE: Only Majors Division and above continue beyond the State level of the Tournament.

What are the Requirements of All-Stars?

Little League has created a system to verify eligibility of each and every player within Tournament play. Each player is required to supply the following documentation which must be approved by the District Administrator on the League's All-Star Affidavit:

- Original state issued Birth Certificate,
- Three (3) pieces of recognized proof of residence, or a school enrollment affidavit indicating that the player is attending a school within the league's boundary, even though the player's physical address is outside the League's boundaries.

NOTE: These are requirements that the league does not have the authority to waive.

Beyond these Little League requirements, each coaching staff may also impose additional requirements for their team. These could include things such as attendance and availability (See SAMPLE LETTER at the end of these rules as a communication aid to parents and players). Players who cannot commit to being available for practices and games may be removed from an All-Star team. All-Star teams typically practice every day for the 2 weeks starting about mid June. Teams could then play at the district level for 2 weeks; if they continue to win they could continue to play continuously until the end of August!

All-Star Travel Funds:

This is a guideline of possible travel funds. It will be dependent upon the health of the finances of GWLL at the time of All Stars. The GWLL Board will make all final determinations in terms of funding.

District Tournament

No team will receive any funds for travel.

State/Regional Tournament

- 0 – 100 miles from GWLL – no funds available
- 101 – 150 miles from GWLL – \$1000 maximum available
- 151 – 250 miles from GWLL – \$1500 maximum available
- 251+ miles from GWLL – \$2500 maximum available

- a) This is a guide, specifics including cash advances and itinerary must be worked out with Executive board
- b) All money distributed must have receipts turned in. **NO** receipt means **NO** reimbursement.
- c) **NO** other Expenses will be reimbursed including entertainment.
- d) These are maximums, all cost savings measures should be taken in order to save the league as much money as possible.
- e) The board must approve all chaperones.



- f) The team must participate in district tournament in order to be considered to be eligible for State funds or beyond. If a team would like to have a fundraiser, it must be approved in advance by the board and the money will be placed in the GWLL treasury earmarked for that team use.
- g) **All Stars will pay a \$45 fee.** This will cover the cost of the uniform, plus a portion of the district assessment fees and national assessment fees. The league covers the remaining expenses for the all-star team
- h) There is a potential of an additional \$500 in funds available for each team for each level of tournament (State, Regional, etc)
 - a. Glenwood Little League may provide these additional funds based on the following criteria:
 - i. The funds are based on a dollar for dollar match up to \$500 based on any fundraising the team, if applicable, or the parents facilitate.
 - ii. All fundraising must be approved ahead of time by the GWLL Board. All monies must be submitted to GWLL treasurer and then will be distributed appropriately. This is done to abide by tax and accounting rules.
 - iii. The availability of the funds is up the discretion of the Glenwood Little League board based on its financial stability. The Glenwood Little League board will make its determination prior to the start of the All-Star tournament season.

Player Selection

Player and All-Star Eligibility

A player is eligible for the All-Star teams in the division in which they played through the season. Depending on the age of the player and the division they played, the player may also be eligible for multiple All-Star teams. See the All-Star Teams/Division rules below for the eligibility rules for each All-Star team. Note: Age requirements are based on the Little League Age definitions, not necessarily actual age of the player.

All-Star Team Eligibility Requirements

Players are eligible based on having played in 60% of the scheduled, legal games. 60% eligibility means that the player must have played in the division in which they wish to be considered for all star play in, not a combination of divisions.

Senior All-Star Team

Any player League Age 13 – 16 is eligible for the Senior All-Star team. Players of League Age for this division's All-Star team have to meet the 60 % game eligibility requirement but the games played have to be from the Senior, Junior, or Big League division.

Junior All-Star Team

Any player League Age 12 – 4 is eligible for the Junior All-Star team. Players of League Age for this division's All-Star team have to meet the 60 % game eligibility requirement but the games played have to be from the Senior or Junior division.

Intermediate (50/70) All-Star Team

Any player League Age 11 -13 in the Intermediate (50/70) division is eligible for the Intermediate All-Star team. Players must meet the 60% game eligibility requirement based on games played within the Intermediate division.

League Age 11-12 year old players playing in this division are not eligible for the Major or 10-11 year old All-Star teams unless they meet the 60% game eligibility requirement within the Major division.



Major All-Star Team

Any player League age 10 – 12 in the Major division is eligible for the Major All-Star team. The players must meet the 60% game eligibility requirement based on games within the Major division.

Any player League age 9 – 11 in the Major division is also eligible for the 10 -11 year old All-Star team. The players must meet the 60% game eligibility requirement based on games within the Major division.

10 and 11 Year Old All-Star Team

Any player League Age 9 – 11 is eligible for the 10 – 11 All-Star team. Players must meet the 60% game eligibility requirements based on games within the Major or Minor (AAA) division.

Minor All-Star Team

Any player League Age 8 – 10 is eligible for the Minor All-Star team. Players must meet the 60% game eligibility requirements based on games within the Minor (AAA) division.

In order that each player is given due consideration at the highest level of All-Star play, the 11 and 12 year old All-Star team will be selected before the 9 and 10 year old All-Star Team which in turn will be selected before the 10 and 11 year old All-Star team. .

NOTE: ALL eligible players should be listed on each and every ballot for both baseball and softball, by team and in alphabetical order by last name, unless the player requests not to be put on a particular ballot. For example:

- For Majors, ALL 10, 11 and 12 year olds in Majors should be on the ballot
- For the 11-year-old team, ALL 9-, 10- and 11-year-olds in Majors should be on the ballot.
- For the AAA team, ALL 8, 9 and 10 year olds should be on the ballot
- For Juniors, ALL 13 and 14 year olds, and any 12 year old in Juniors should be on the ballot
- For Seniors, ALL 15- and 16-year-olds and any 14-year-old playing in Seniors should be on the ballot.
- For 11 -13-year-olds playing 50/70 level are **ONLY** eligible for the 50/70 division.

Player Selection Process

Step 1 – Managers and Coaches Round Table

1. Each division's player agent will convene a "Managers and Coaches Round Table" meeting that includes (or invites) all managers and coaches within the division. This round table will be held the weekend before Memorial Day Weekend, or at another appropriate time agreed to by the managers and player agent. The player agent (or their designee) will facilitate this meeting, and the following business will be conducted:
 - a. Familiarization of the managers and coaches with the steps and processes involved in selecting the divisions "All-Star Team",
 - b. Familiarization of the managers and coaches with the steps and processes involved in selecting the divisions "All-Star Coaching Staff" and ultimately the manager
 - c. Serve as a kick-off meeting for the discussion of potential players for the "All-Star Team".

Note: This meeting will not create the player pool or limit any player from consideration as an All-Star. It will serve as an opening meeting for the managers and coaches to discuss skills and attributes that may be important for the makeup of the divisions' All-Star team. It can serve as a time to discuss players that should be watched because they are potential All-Star candidates. This meeting is purely meant to be a starting point and an educational meeting for the coaches, managers, and player agents.



Step 2 – Player Voting

1. Player agents will notify all managers and coaches and players to verify if there are any players who wish to NOT be considered for All Stars. When the written notification from the parent/legal guardian is obtained by the player agents, the player agent will then notify all the managers/coaches for that division of the names of the players who have opted out of being considered for All Stars.
2. All players in each division (AAA/Minors and above) shall vote for nine (9) candidates from a list of all eligible players, supplied by the player agent. This voting will take place prior to or at the conclusion of the team's regularly scheduled game on the 1st Saturday of June, or if this is inappropriate, at another time arranged between the team manager and the player agent!
 - a. Player Agent shall provide 1 additional opportunity for players to vote for All-Stars if they miss the scheduled voting time as noted above.
3. The top five (5) vote-receiving player's names will then be brought to the "Managers Round Table" scheduled on the Sunday before the 15th of June or as determined under Step 3 below.

Step 3 – Managers Round Table

1. Each division's player agent will convene a "Managers Round Table" meeting that is limited to managers or a designated rostered coach, for each team within the division (one person per team) in the specific division and any manager or coach from another division who has a player eligible for that "All-Star" (Note: The presence of the manager/coach at another division's All-Star selection is to represent and promote the eligible player only and will have no voting privileges.). This meeting will be held on the Sunday before the 15th of June, or at another time agreed upon by the managers and the player agent. The player agent (or their designee) will facilitate this meeting, and the following business will be conducted:
 - a. The top five (5) players from Step 2 –Player Voting will be placed in an "All-Star Pool". The managers then add another list of the top fifteen (15) remaining eligible players to the "All-Star Pool", bringing the total players in the "All-Star Pool" to 20 players.
 - b. The managers/rostered coach then review the "All-Star Pool" and select the top ten (10) players, and place them directly on the division's "All-Star Team".
 - c. Lastly, the player agent announces the "All-Star Coaching Staff", as determined by manager/coaches voting. (See "Coaching Staff Selection" section for the selection process)
 - d. The "All-Star Coaching Staff" will pick the remaining players to complete the roster of the team. See Step 4 below.

Note: No player selections may be announced until closing ceremonies. All discussions taking place during Managers Round Tables are confidential and shall not leave the meeting.

Note: The 10-11 year olds All-Star Team Managers Round Table will occur last and after completion of all other team player and manager/coach staffing. The 10-11 year old All-Star team will be filled from eligible 10 and 11 year old players from any division except 50/70 division. Managers and coaches for 10-11 year old All-Stars will be chosen from the remaining eligible Manager/Coaches from both AAA/Minors and Majors division using the 'Coaching Staff Selection' guidelines. Major Division and Minor division coaches shall stay help determine 10 and 11 year old All-Star team.

Step 4 – "All-Star Coaching Staff Player Selection"

1. Each division's player agent will meet with that division's "All-Star Coaching Staff" and give any additional instructions that are needed, and the following guidance;
 - a. That they will select a minimum of 2 and a maximum of 4 players from the player pool and place them on the "All-Star Team". (The team must have a minimum of 12 and a maximum of 14 players.)
 - Big League Team may have a maximum of 17 players.
 - Senior Team may have a maximum of 16 players.



- b. The names of those players selected must be turned in to the player agent, prior to closing ceremonies. If the coaching staff is set, the Manager may have, at their discretion, the other coaches involved in the additional player selection.
 - c. Notify the player agent with names of the Manager/Coaching staff prior to closing ceremonies.
 - d. That no player(s) can be announced or contacted prior to closing ceremonies if closing is after June 14.
 - i. Any manager or coach who violates this expectation and communicates player selection prior to closing ceremonies will put our All-Star team at risk and will be brought before the grievance committee.
2. The “All-Star Coaching Staff” shall then meet and select the balance of the team from the “All-Star Pool” pool created at the “Managers Round Table”.

Important Items to Consider During Player Selection Process

Following is a list of questions and items that both players and managers should be thinking about as they select the All-Star Teams:

- Is the player eligible to play All-Stars? Do they meet Little League requirements? (see page T-5 of the Official Little League Handbook.)
- Is the player one of the best in the age group? Does the player have a poor attitude? Will the player represent Glenwood Little League and the TEAM in a good light?
- Is the player athletic? Do they have the necessary skills and abilities? Is the player quick? Are they a team player? Or are they all about themselves?
- Are the parent's, of the player, team players or is it all about their child? Are the parents a disruption to the team, coaches, manager and other parents? Will the parents allow the coaches to coach the team, or do they feel or act-like they need to be the coach? Will those parents represent Glenwood Little League and the TEAM in a good light?
- Is the player willing to work hard, and give the team everything they have? Does the player take practices and games seriously or are they just there to play around, and slack off?
- Is the player focused on the game, or do they check out after 3 or 4 innings?
- Can the player help the team in multiple positions, or are they 1dimensional?
- Has the player been consistent over the majority of the season, or just for part?
- Is the player willing to “Come off of the Bench”? Will they “check out” if they have to sit on the bench? Will they sit the bench without complaining?
- Will the player complain and bring the team down if they are not playing the position they want to or if they are struggling?
- Is the player coachable? Can the coach ask the player to do something specific once, and they do it, or does it take multiple times?
- Is the player capable and willing to listening to the coaches?
- Is the player hot and cold, or are they a steady player?

Coaching Staff Selection

Coaching-Staff and Manager Selection Process

1. During the “Managers and Coaches Round Table” the play agents will verify with all managers and rostered coaches if they want to be placed on the “All-Star Coaching Staff Ballot”, for the appropriate division.
2. On the 1st Saturday of June, or another agreed upon date, the Manager and both (2) rostered Coaches from each team shall vote for the All-Star Manager from the Managers or Coaches out of their respective division, placing them in order of 1st choice, and 2nd choice. Both selections must be filled out or the ballot will be discarded as invalid!
3. The ballots will be counted giving the following values: Top choice on each ballot receiving 5 points, 2nd choice receiving 3 points. Any ballot without all both options filled in, will be discarded as invalid.



4. The top vote getting manager or coach, in each division, will be named as the “All-Star Manager”, pending approval from the Glenwood Little League Board.
 - a) If the vote ends up in a tie, another vote shall take place immediately, with all managers and rostered coaches eligible, with the division’s managers and rostered coaches.
 - b) If the 2nd vote results in another tie, the Glenwood Little League Board shall review the individuals who tied and determine if the manager or coaches are in good standing with the League. The managers and coaches who remain in good standing, shall have their name placed in a hat and one name is drawn to determine the “All-Star Manager”.
5. The “All-Star Manager” shall select up to 2 additional coaches from the division’s rostered managers and coaches.
 - a) The members of the “All-Star Coaching Staff” for each division will meet and fill the balance of the All-Star teams for that division. Each “All-Star Coaching Staff” will also determine the number of players to place on their respective team, but each team must consist of between twelve (12) and fourteen (14) players.
 - b) To determine Managers and Coaches for the 10-11 year old division, managers and rostered coaches from both the Major and Minor divisions shall vote, with votes will only be counted from all eligible ballots as follows:
 - a. Managers or Coaches not already assigned to the Major or AAA/Minor division team

NOTE: Board of Directors must approve all members of the All-Star Coaching Staff and the Manager.

Important Items to Consider During Coaching Staff Selection Process

Following is a list of questions and items that coaches and managers should be taking into account as they select the divisions All-Star Coaching Staff:

- Does the manager/coach want to be part of the coaching staff?
- Does the manager/coach understand the rules? Have they followed the rule throughout the year? Will they represent Glenwood Little League in a good light?
- Does the manager/coach have the required knowledge, skills and ability? Are they involved for the right reasons?
- Will the manager/coach teach the team the right things? Do the players respect the manager/coach? Do the parents in the division respect the manager/coach?
- Is the manager/coach respected in the local baseball community? Do the umpires in the district respect them? Will these relationships be harmful to the team before they even step onto the field?



Glenwood Little League (GWLL) All-Star Tournament Information
(SAMPLE LETTER)

Dear GWLL Parents and Players,

GWLL and other Little Leagues in the area participate in a post season tournament, commonly referred to as All Stars. In past years, we have had players get selected to the All-star team and the not be able to play or attend practice. This takes away a spot from another deserving player and is not fair to the other players. In order to make sure only players who are willing to make a commitment to their fellow players, please review and consider the information below and decide if your family and player can commit to participate as an All-star. Please return this signed form to the Manager.

“I have read the below requirements for the All-Star tournament and understand the time and cost commitment.”

Parent’s Signature _____

Child’s Signature _____

Child’s Name and age (print) _____

Commitment and Requirements:

Practice: Players will likely practice 5-6 times a week prior to the tournament start date

Length of Tournament: Tournament play will continue until the team is eliminated. Generally, plan on All-Stars lasting a week to 10 days following the start date. Due to scheduling, games may be scheduled during the July 4th weekend. If the team wins district they will go on to the State tournament the end of July.

Cost: Players will pay a \$50 fee, which will be used for the hat and jersey. Players are responsible for pants, belt, socks and under garments. Cost of these items new is approximately \$50-\$60

Other Requirements: Players must submit an original birth certificate, which we will keep for about a week. The birth certificate must have been filed within 1 year of the player’s birth. Parents must submit 3 pieces of proof of residency. Please bring the originals and copies for us to keep. These items must be brought to the all-star meeting (or returned by) xx/xx/xx. Proof of residency can include driver’s license, tax records, utility bills, school records, or local or federal records.

Question: Please contact John Doe (John.doe@aol.com) at 123-345-6789 with any questions.

Welcome to All Stars!